Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 4, 2020
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
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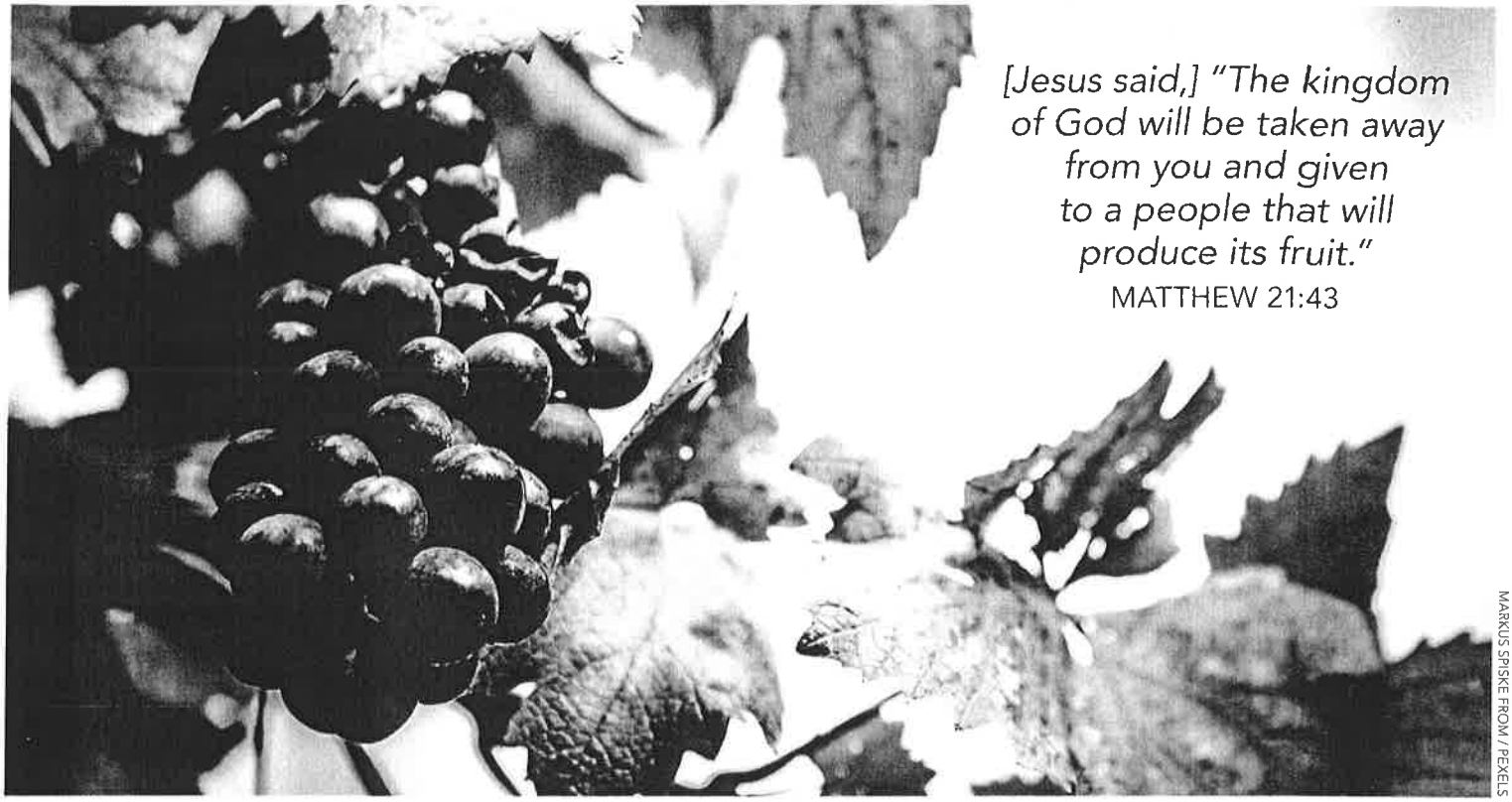

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Caring for God's Vineyard

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?*
- *We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.*

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times
October 4, 2020

Brothers and sisters,

Each year, the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month and Rosary Month. The first Sunday of the month, and this year it is October 4th, feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, is especially designated as Respect Life Sunday.

The purpose of this annual celebration is to give us Catholics the opportunity to reflect on the precious gift of life; to cherish and uphold life in all stages of its existence. During this month, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

It is heartening to note that here at our parish the CCW, among other things, witnesses to life through a spiritual adoption of a pregnant mother to support them through the exciting and anxious process of bringing to birth. They truly teach us how we can work out ways to together protect life, especially life in its most vulnerable stages, the life of the unborn, the poor and the elderly.

This Sunday, October 4th is also the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love and care of animals and the environment. Today, we bless our pets who share the planet with us, reminding us of God's own love and care for all His creation. Psalm 147.7 says of God: He "gives food to the cattle and to the young ravens when they cry to him." Proverb 12.10 speaks to us of what we should be: "The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the heart of the wicked is merciless." Today we bless our pets because we love them and because they are God's beloved creatures.

God bless us, our parish family, in these uncertain times and keep us all safe. Together let us radiate the joy of the Gospel as we "live the Gospel of Life!"

Fr. Daniel Ter Melaba

Domingo Veintisiete en el Tiempo Ordinario
4 de Octubre, 2020

Hermanos y hermanas,

Cada año, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos celebra octubre como Mes del Respeto a la Vida y Mes del Rosario. El primer domingo del mes, y este año es el 4 de octubre, día de la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, está especialmente designado como Domingo de Respeto a la Vida.

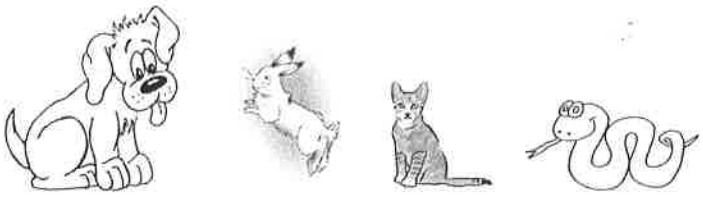
El propósito de esta celebración anual es darnos a los católicos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre el precioso don de la vida; apreciar y defender la vida en todas las etapas de su existencia. Durante este mes, la Iglesia nos invita a reflexionar profundamente sobre la dignidad de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Es alentador notar que aquí en nuestra parroquia, la CCW, entre otras cosas, da testimonio de la vida a través de la adopción espiritual de una madre embarazada para apoyarlas en el emocionante y ansioso proceso de dar a luz. Realmente nos enseñan cómo podemos encontrar formas de proteger juntos la vida, especialmente la vida en sus etapas más vulnerables, la vida de los no nacidos, los pobres y los ancianos.

Este domingo 4 de octubre es también la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, conocido por su amor y cuidado por los animales y el medio ambiente. Hoy, bendecimos a nuestras mascotas que comparten el planeta con nosotros, recordándonos el amor y el cuidado de Dios por toda Su creación. El Salmo 147.7 dice de Dios: Él "da de comer al ganado y a los cuervos cuando le claman." El Proverbio 12.10 nos habla de lo que deberíamos ser: "Los justos se preocupan por las necesidades de sus animales, pero el corazón de los impíos es despiadado." Hoy bendecimos a nuestras mascotas porque las amamos y porque son las criaturas amadas de Dios.

Dios nos bendiga a nuestra familia parroquial en estos tiempos inciertos y nos mantenga a todos a salvo. ¡Juntos irradiemos el gozo del Evangelio mientras "vivimos el Evangelio de la vida!"

P. Daniel Ter Melaba



Fr. Dan will bless our pets on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 3:00 pm in front of the Marian Shrine! Bring your furry friends to get their Catholic blessing.

¡El P. Dan bendecirá a nuestras mascotas el domingo 4 de octubre de 2020 a las 3:00 pm frente al Santuario Mariano! Trae a tus amigos peludos para obtener su bendición católica.

Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus himself is the bread of life, and he makes it clear that our relationship with the Father depends on the way we respond to the hunger and thirst of our brothers and sisters."

Palabra del Papa Francisco

"Jesús mismo es el pan de vida, y deja claro que nuestra relación con el Padre depende de la forma en que respondamos al hambre y la sed de nuestros hermanos y hermanas."

Live the Gospel of Life

October: Respect Life Month

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, with October 4, 2020 designated as *Respect Life Sunday.*
As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception through natural death. Let us spend the month of October reflecting more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Vive el Evangelio de la Vida

Octubre: Mes de Respeto a la vida

Cada Octubre, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos celebra el mes de Respeto a la Vida, designado el 4 de Octubre, 2020 como *Domingo de Respeto a la Vida.*
Como Católicos, estamos llamados a valorar, defender, y proteger a los más vulnerables, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Dediquemos este mes de Octubre para reflexionar más profundamente en la dignidad de cada vida humana.

Council of Catholic Women
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Spirituality, Leadership, Service
Our Adopted Babies Spiritual Adoption Program

Day 1 Our Developing Baby "I'm here!"

At the moment of conception, a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence complete with his own unique set of DNA. Although he is **only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: Color of his eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, the color of his hair -everything! Nothing is added after conception to make him a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe warm environment, and most of all- love. Currently his parents do not even know he exists yet. Let us pray for his parents to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.**

Come and join our Council of Catholic Women! We hold meetings once month to plan a variety of functions for our church and our community. We also offer sisterhood, friendship, and fun with many flexible volunteer opportunities within our group. Come out and give CCW a try.

We would like to thank those members who came to our first meeting Tuesday September 15th at 7:00PM.

CCW's next meeting is Thursday October 22nd at 7:00PM. This is an especially important meeting because we install our new officers.

Ladies our Christmas Festival for this year has been cancelled. However, the weekend of November 20th, 21st 2020 CCW will be selling items and baked goods after the Masses in the front of the Church. We ask that the items to be sold be new and related to Thanksgiving and Christmas. All baked goods welcome!

CCW thanks you for your continued support!

During this time of social distancing, most people have been physically unable to receive the body and blood of Christ. How, then, can we celebrate this feast that is so tangible in nature? Pope Francis has suggested a prayer for spiritual Communion that acknowledges this challenge:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself holy to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Durante este tiempo de distanciamiento social, la mayoría de las personas han sido físicamente incapaces de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo. Hao, entonces, ¿podemos celebrar esta fiesta que es tan tangible en la naturaleza? El Papa Francisco ha sugerido una oración por la Comunión espiritual que reconoce este desafío:

ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.

Como en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente,

entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón.

Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno a mí mismo santamente a ti.

Nunca permitas que me separe de ti. Amen.

Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530

Oficina para la Protección de los Niños y Jóvenes, línea directa gratuita de informes: (888) 357-5530

Birthright hotline#1-800-550-4900

The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church at 10 am on Wednesday mornings. Come pray with us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

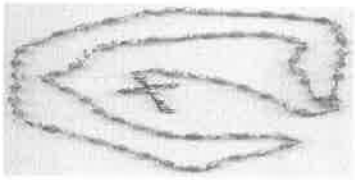
Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Kay Kovach, Judy Cazel, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, and Jerry & Debbie Wilkerson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto , Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Amy Brandon, and Mark Parker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.

New Webmaster needed!
Our parish needs someone who can post our bulletin on our parish website each week and keep the website updated. Can you help us? Contact our parish secretary, Barbara Albert at 912-283-7700 or at sjcwaycross@att.net



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY OCT. 10. 11:30 a.m. ST JOSEPH CHURCH GROUNDS

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL "PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE"

DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD THIS WONDERFUL EVENT RIGHT HERE AT ST JOSEPH'S! NORMALLY HELD AT THE TRAIN STATION AT PHOENIX PARK, DOWNTOWN WAYCROSS WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA TO HAVE IT RIGHT HERE, WITH NO TRAINS, AND 18-WHEELERS TO DROWN OUT OUR VOICES! SO, PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY OCT. 10. WE WILL BEGIN THE ROSARY AT 12 NOON. SO, COME A LITTLE EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOUR INTENTIONS ARE SUBMITTED AND TO VISIT WITH YOUR PARISH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. FOLLOWING THE ROSARY WE WILL BE HAVING SOME LIGHT SNACKS TO SHARE. LETS ALL COME OUT AND PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IMPORTANT ISSUES WE HOLD DEAR TO OUR HEARTS. HOPE WE HAVE A GREAT TURN OUT FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, TO LET HEAVEN KNOW WE ARE HERE AND HUMBLY ASKING FOR OUR LORD'S INTERCESSION IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT AND TROUBLING TIME.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFO OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT, PLEASE CONTACT MARLANE BARKER @ 912)674-8767 THANKS!

¡AHORRA LA FECHA!

SÁBADO 10 DE OCTUBRE. 11:30 a.m. ST JOSEPH CHURCH GROUNDS

ES HORA UNA VEZ MÁS PARA LA "CRUZADA DE ROSARIO DE LA PLAZA PÚBLICA" ANUAL

DEBIDO A LAS PREOCUPACIONES DE COVID-19 HEMOS DECIDIDO CELEBRAR ESTE MARAVILLOSO ¡EVENTO AQUÍ EN ST JOSEPH'S! NORMALMENTE SE LLEVA A CABO EN LA ESTACIÓN DE TREN EN PHOENIX PARK, EN EL CENTRO DE WAYCROSS PENSAMOS QUE SERÍA UNA GRAN IDEA TENERLO AQUÍ, SIN TRENES, Y 18 RUEDAS PARA AHOGAR NUESTRAS VOCES! POR LO TANTO, POR FAVOR, ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EL SÁBADO 10 DE OCTUBRE. COMENZAREMOS EL ROSARIO A LAS 12 DEL MEDIODÍA. POR LO TANTO, VENGA UN POCO TEMPRANO PARA ASEGURARSE DE QUE SUS INTENCIONES SE ENVÍAN Y PARA VISITAR CON SUS AMIGOS Y FAMILIARES PARROQUIALES. SIGUIENDO EL ROSARIO TENDREMOS ALGUNOS BOCADILLOS LIGEROS PARA COMPARTIR. QUE TODOS SALGAN Y OREN POR TODOS ESOS TEMAS IMPORTANTES QUE APRECIAMOS A NUESTROS CORAZONES. ESPERO QUE TENGAMOS UN GRAN RESULTADO PARA ESTE IMPORTANTE ACONTECIMIENTO, PARA HACER SABER AL CIELO QUE ESTAMOS AQUÍ Y HUMILDEMENTE PIDIENDO LA INTERCESIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR EN ESTE MOMENTO TAN DIFÍCIL Y PREOCUPANTE.

SI NECESITAS MÁS INFORMACIÓN O QUIERES AYUDAR, POR FAVOR CONTACTA CON MARLANE BARKER 912) 674-8767 GRACIAS!

The Bible and the Church Fathers

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology:12 week DVD series

Where: St. Joseph's Social Hall
When: Starting August 19th, 2020
Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:00– 2:15 pm

Embrace the Faith of Our Fathers : Learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This study examines the earliest interpretations of the texts of Scripture, the origins of Catholic dogma and the foundations of Church. ***Please join us.*** *Presenter: Tammy Theologus. Sign up for the Bible Study reminders be emailing tammytheologus@gmail.com.*

RCIA
Inquiring minds want to know

During this time of quarantine, many of you have had some time to reflect on what your priorities are. Some have deep cleaned their homes. Some have deep cleaned their lives, coming to the conclusion that God is missing. If you have questions about Catholicism because you are curious or just want to dig deeper, come and join us.

We have new format in that we will be meeting, physically, bi weekly at St Joseph's Catholic Church beginning in September on Sunday afternoons.

Please come and join us. Bring a friend. We all need to re-center our lives around God.

If you have any questions, please email us at Tammy Theologus@gmail.com or mommac48@gmail.com or call Fran McElroy 912-283-4382 and leave a message.

Queridos amigos y feligreses:

Continuamos con los Protocolos de Covid [abajo], tendremos que desbordar en el salón parroquial para la misa. Cuando el P. Dan llegue al "Cordero de Dios" (Agnus Dei o Cordero de Dios) si está en el pasillo y quiere ir a la Santa Comunión, entonces COMIENCE A CAMINAR al santuario y llegará a tiempo. Recuerde 6 pies de espacio entre usted y la siguiente persona!

Para aquellos de ustedes en casa, tenga en cuenta que hemos descontinuado Live-Streaming the Masses a las 5 PM del sábado y 12 del mediodía del domingo. Por favor, mire este EWTN o compruebe https://catholicmasslive.com/.

Nuestros asientos en la iglesia son limitados, así que por favor siga las instrucciones y sugerencias de los ujieres. POR FAVOR, con corazones amorosos y pacientes, siga estos protocolos Covid-19 para ayudarnos a mantenernos saludables:

1-Use una máscara facial en la iglesia o ERP para proteger a los demás.

2-Normalmente, un recibidor / acomodador le tomará la temperatura antes de ingresar a la iglesia y registrará su nombre.

3-El distanciamiento físico limitará la disponibilidad de asientos para la misa. Siga las instrucciones de los ujieres. Solo se permitirán 60 personas debido al estándar diocesano de 25% de capacidad.

4-Las bancas están grabadas y marcadas para asegurar una distancia de 6 pies en todas las direcciones entre grupos de hogares o individuos.

5-Por favor traiga desinfectante para manos y úselo. Hay mucho disponible en la iglesia también para su uso.

6-Los libros de himnos / misales se han guardado con fines sanitarios; pero puedes traer el tuyo. Los boletines están disponibles DESPUÉS de la misa solamente.

7-¡INTENTE llegar a la iglesia ANTES! Una vez que la iglesia está llena, hay espacio para 6 personas en el desván del coro y luego el desbordamiento va a los asientos de TV en el Salón Parroquial. Y solo UNA familia con BEBÉ está permitida en la sala de llorar.

8-Debido a que la obligación de la misa dominical se ha levantado, es posible que desee asistir a una misa de la semana en la Iglesia con más disponibilidad de asientos.

9-Recibir la Santa Comunión en la mano es preferible, aunque no se negará recibir la Santa Comunión en la lengua. Por la salud y la seguridad de los demás pedimos que cualquiera que prefiera la lengua reciba el último. La preciosa sangre no se ofrece actualmente.

10-Los ujieres ayudarán a las líneas para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor párese a 6 pies de la persona que está enfrente.

11-No usaremos servidores de altar y solo un cantor sin coro hasta que sea seguro.

12-Las colecciones se recogerán con las cestas de mango largo para desinfectar el proceso.

13-Reserve los extremos de las bancas para los padres con niños pequeños que pueden necesitar levantarse por su agitación.

14-Al final de la misa, quédese y ore un poco para permitir que otros vayan primero; puertas laterales se abrirán también. Estamos tratando de NO embotellarnos o reunirnos para visitar frente a la iglesia; Puede ser más útil visitar cuando esté cerca de sus automóviles. El p. Dan estará disponible para preguntas y citas, no para visitas.

15-Por favor permita solo una persona en los baños a la vez! ¡Lávese las manos con jabón! ¡Baje la tapa y jale la cadena!

16-Las fuentes de agua están CERRADAS. Las pocas botellas de agua pequeñas que hay allí NO son para todos, sino solo para aquellos que realmente las necesitan.

¡Muchas gracias por ayudarnos a mantenernos a todos a salvo!

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

We continue with the Covid Protocols [below], we will need to overflow into the parish hall for Mass. When Fr. Dan gets to the "Lamb of God" (*Agnus Dei or Cordero de Dios*) if you are in the hall and want to go to Holy Communion then START WALKING to the sanctuary and you will get there on time. Remember 6 feet of spacing between you and the next person!

For those of you at home, please note that we have discontinued Live-Streaming the Masses at 5 PM on Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday. Please watch on EWTN or check https://catholicmasslive.com/.

Our church seating is limited so please follow the directions and suggestions of the ushers. PLEASE, with loving and patient hearts, follow these Covid-19 protocols to help us stay healthy:

1-Wear a face mask in church or PRE to protect others.

2-Normally a greeter/usher will take your temperature before you enter the church and log in your name.

3-Physical distancing will limit seating availability for Mass. Please follow the direction of the Ushers. Only 60 people will be allowed in because of the diocesan standard of 25% capacity.

4-Pews are taped and marked to ensure 6 feet of distance in all directions between household groups or individuals. Choir upstairs is open and the Hall.

5-Please bring hand sanitizer and use it. Plenty is available in church also for your use.

6-Hymnals/missalettes have been put away for sanitary purposes; but you may bring your own. Bulletins are available AFTER Mass only.

7-TRY to get to church EARLIER! Once the church is full there is room for 6 people in the choir loft and then the overflow goes to the TV seating in the Parish Hall. And only ONE family with BABY is allowed in the cry-room.

8-Because the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted, you may wish to attend a weekday Mass in Church with more seating availability.

9- Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is preferable, although receiving Holy Communion on the tongue will not be denied. For the health and safety of others we ask that anyone preferring the tongue receive last. The precious blood is presently not offered.

10-Ushers will assist the lines for receiving Holy Communion, please stand 6 feet behind the person in front.

11-We will not be using altar servers and only **one cantor** with no choir until it is safe.

12-Collections will be taken up with the long handled baskets to sanitize the process.

13-Please reserve the ends of the pews for parents with small children who may need to get up for their agitation.

14-At the conclusion of Mass, please stay and pray a bit to allow others to go first; sides doors will be opened as well. We are trying NOT to bottleneck or gather to visit in front of the church; it may be more helpful to visit when you are by your cars. Fr. Dan will be available for questions and appointment-making, not visitation.

15-Please allow only one person in the bathrooms at a time! Wash your hands with SOAP! Put the lid down and flush!

16-The water fountains are CLOSED. The few small water bottles that are there are NOT for everybody but only for those who truly need them.

Thanks so much for helping keep us all safe!

St. Joseph Offertory
September 27, 2020

Offertory Total	$3,971.00
Mission Cooperative Appeal	$216.00

Thanks so much for your contributions to the 2020 **Mission Cooperative Appeal last weekend.**

Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones a la Apelación Cooperativa de ***Misión 2020 el fin de semana pasado.***

Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not been able to make a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider a one-time gift. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 09/25/2020, our parish has given $18,602.43 which is 82.54% of our target of $22,538. Out of 209 families only 64 made a donation or pledge, which is 30.62% of the parish families.

Apelación Católica Anual. *Si usted no ha sido capaz de hacer una promesa a la Apelación Católica Anual 2020, por favor considere un regalo de una sola vez. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo para todos los que nos encontramos. A partir del 09/25/2020 nuestra parroquia ha dado $18,602.43 que es 82.54% de nuestro objetivo $22,538. De 209 familias, sólo 64 hicieron una donación o promesa que el 30.62% de las familias parroquiales.*

Loaves and Fishes Report
September, 2020

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" Phiippians 4:6

37 families were helped, some in many ways
22 families were given food
6 families were helped with rent
12 families were helped with utilities
8 people were helped with clothing
3 people were helped with medications
2 families were helped with motel rooms
4 families were helped with gas cards
1 person was helped with a mattress and box springs

Individual parishioners contributed $1,625. The CCW contributed $600. Thank you, St. Joseph parishioners.

Lector Schedule

October 3, 2020 Mass in English
English Lector–Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm
October 4, 2020 Mass in English
English Lector–Dan Booker 9 am Sunday
October 4, 2020 Mass in Spanish
Spanish Lector-Luci Diaz 12 Noon Sunday

October 10, 2020 Mass in English
English Lector-Tammy Theologus 5:00 pm Saturday
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm
October 11, 2020 Mass in English
English Lector–Casey Brennan 9 am Sunday
October 11, 2020 Mass in Spanish
Spanish Lector–Lucy Rios 12 Noon Sunday

Mass Intentions for Week of October 5, 2020 –October 11, 2020 (RIP) + Health H

Saturday, October 3, 2020-5:00 pm Mass **+ James Acker, Jr.**

Sunday, October 4, 2020-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, October 4, 2020-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

Monday, October 5, 2020-No Mass

Tuesday, October 6 2020-6 pm Mass **+ Joachim & Anne**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020-6 pm Mass **+ Rainera Melvin and Ernie & Rose Lopez 59th Wedding Anniversary**

Thursday, October 8, 2020-9:00 am Mass **+ Raymond Johnson**

Friday, October 9, 2020-9:00 am Mass (**Thanksgiving for blessings received)**

Saturday, October 10, 2020 5:00 pm Mass **+ Wanda Hand**

Sunday, October 11 2020 9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, October11, 2020-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

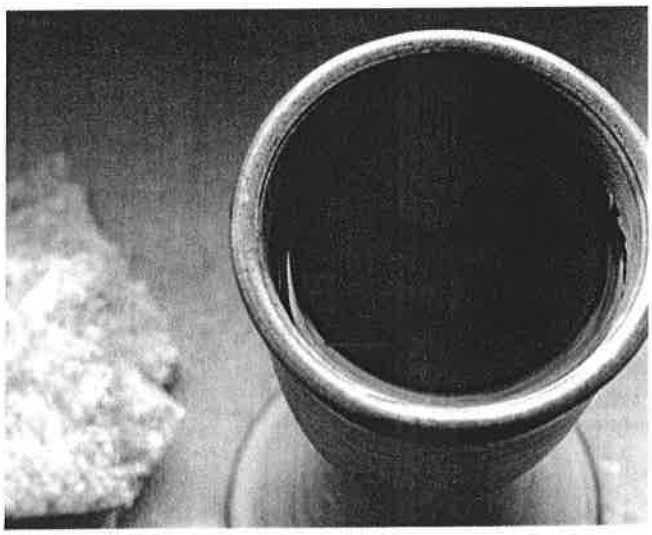
Adoration Wednesday
5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Dear Padre,

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.



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In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (*GRC*).

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table....We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION, OCTOBER 31, 2016

Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
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Lk 10:38–42

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Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
OCTOBER 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
OCTOBER 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday
OCTOBER 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14
or 22:1–10

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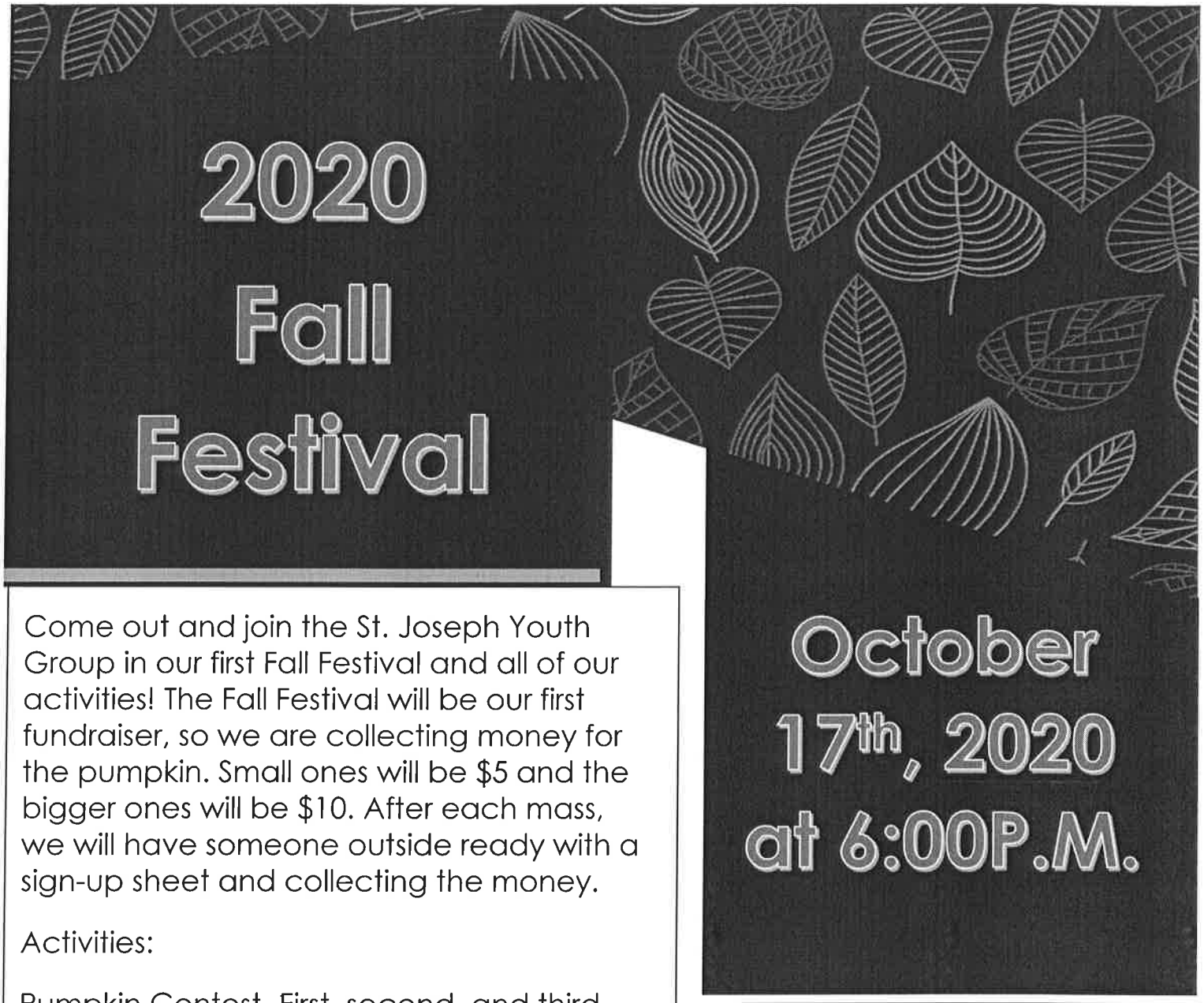

Come out and join the St. Joseph Youth Group in our first Fall Festival and all of our activities! The Fall Festival will be our first fundraiser, so we are collecting money for the pumpkin. Small ones will be $5 and the bigger ones will be $10. After each mass, we will have someone outside ready with a sign-up sheet and collecting the money.

Activities:

Pumpkin Contest- First, second, and third prize will be announced. (All supplies for craving and painting will be provided).

Family Fall Pictures: a 4x6 will be provided after Mass, but if you prefer it emailed just let Maggie know. (Just taking donations for this)

We will have fun stations for the children to visit and be able to receive free candy.

If you are currently not attending mass but would like to still have a pumpkin for the fall festival, call Maggie at 912-590-7051 and you can pay the day of the event. We are only trying to purchase the amount of pumpkins needed. See you guys October 17th!

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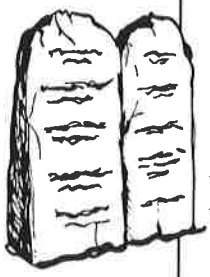
One Minute Meditations

True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

The Commandment imbalance



Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.

Silence of the heart

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge. Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9) – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is grace?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit –help us to live out our Christian vocation.

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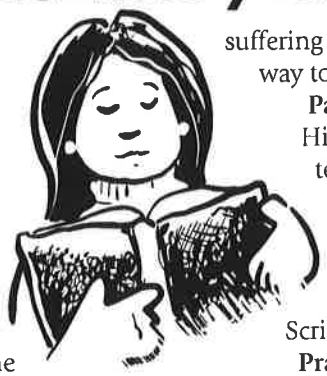
Make holiness your goal



All people are called to be holy, *"Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

Look for Jesus' presence. Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

Don't avoid suffering. Jesus experienced extreme suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

Pay attention to His voice. Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

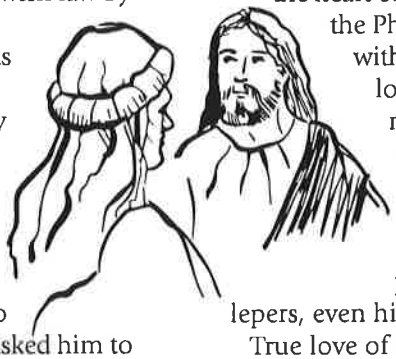
Nurture your faith. Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

Practice patience. It's the first step toward holiness.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.



Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

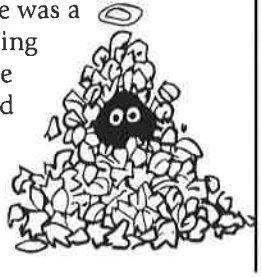
Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct.15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch (1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



Q & A How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for his son cried out, *"I do believe, help my unbelief"* (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be *"living and effective"*(Hebrews 4:12).

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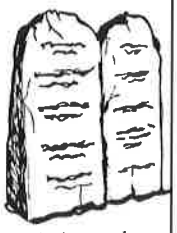
Meditaciones breves

La verdadera felicidad

El popular teólogo C.S. Lewis escribió: "Apunta al Cielo y por añadidura recibirás la Tierra. Apunta a la Tierra y no conseguirás nada". Estamos hechos para Dios y no podemos ser verdaderamente felices hasta que nos unamos a él. Si nos concentramos en asuntos terrenales nunca conoceremos el significado de la auténtica felicidad. Si nos concentramos en Dios, conoceremos la felicidad también en la Tierra.

El desequilibrio de los Mandamientos



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"Vivan en armonía unos con otros"

En tiempos de incertidumbre o estrés, se nos pone mal genio, disminuye la perspectiva y se resiente la paz. Es importante recordar que Jesús vino para traer amor y unidad. A sus seguidores se les pide que hagan lo mismo.

"El rico y el pobre tienen esto en común: el Señor los hizo a los dos." (Proverbios 22:2): acojan con brazos abiertos la diversidad, en vez de meramente tolerarla. A pesar de nuestras diferencias, todos estamos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Hay gran diversidad en la comunión de los santos.

"Queridos, si Dios nos amó de esta manera, también nosotros debemos amarnos mutuamente" (1 Juan 4:11): como hijos de Dios, todos los seres humanos fuimos creados con dignidad inherente que debemos reconocer. La mejor forma de entender el efecto que nuestros actos tienen sobre los demás es procurar entender su punto de vista.

"Felices los que trabajan por la paz, porque serán reconocidos como hijos de Dios" (Mateo 5:9): una dieta constante de violencia en las diversiones y los medios de comunicación contribuye a que nos sintamos cómodos con la violencia y a que veamos a las personas no como seres humanos, sino como personajes. Vivan, por el contrario, con paz y recen por las víctimas de la violencia.

"Que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones" (Colosenses 3:15): Esto significa que tenemos que elegir entre confiar en las promesas de Dios (permitiendo que reine su paz) o depender de nosotros mismos y rechazar la paz que él nos ofrece.

¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Qué es la gracia?

Dios nos da un don gratuito para que compartamos su vida, un don que no podemos ganarnos y no nos merecemos. Este don llamado "gracia" nos ayuda a convertirnos en sus hijos adoptados. Cuando Dios comparte con nosotros su vida divina con la gracia santificante, recibimos fuerzas para actuar en su amor. Mediante la gracia, Dios nos fortalece para que vivamos en armonía con su voluntad. Las gracias sacramentales y especiales—los dones del Espíritu Santo—nos ayudan a vivir nuestra vocación cristiana.

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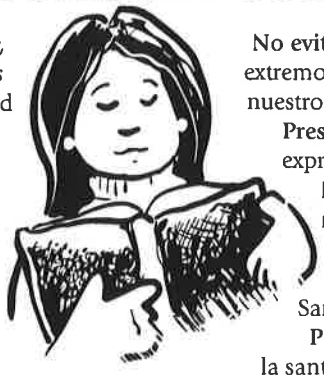
Que la santidad sea su meta



Todos estamos llamados a la santidad: "*Por su parte, sean ustedes perfectos como es perfecto el Padre de ustedes que está en el Cielo*" (Mateo 5:48). Alcanzar la santidad requiere esfuerzo constante, como para escalar una montaña. Si dejamos de intentarlo, aunque sea poco tiempo, perdemos terreno. El esfuerzo diario dará resultados.

Busque la presencia de Jesús. Búsquelo cada día. Ser consciente de su presencia le ayudará no sólo a crecer en amor y bondad para todos, sino que además le resultará más fácil controlar los defectos que usted tenga.

No evite el sufrimiento. Jesús experimentó sufrimientos extremos durante su tiempo en la Tierra y lo usó para allanar nuestro camino hasta el cielo.

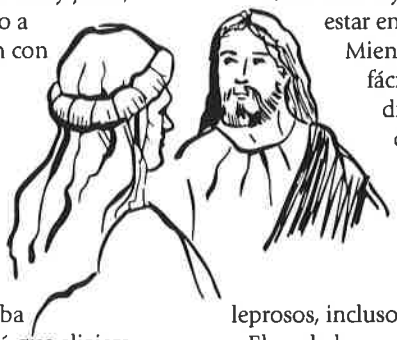
Preste atención a su voz. Hable con él, pídale ayuda, exprese pena por sus errores, dígale que lo ama.

Nutra su fe. Lo mismo que los alimentos nutren nuestros cuerpos, la fe alimenta nuestras almas. La Sagrada Escritura es un alimento básico de nuestra dieta espiritual. Pida la inspiración del Espíritu Santo para meditar cada día sobre la Sagrada Escritura.

Practique la paciencia. Es el primer paso hacia la santidad.

de las Escrituras

Mateo 22:34-40, Jesús tiene las respuestas correctas.



En su primer encuentro con Jesús, los fariseos intentaron tenderle una trampa para que contradijera en público la ley judía, enviando a un hábil letrado a que entablara conversación con él. Así Jesús podría ser arrestado y silenciado. El letrado que enviaron sabía que, durante generaciones, los judíos habían debatido en vano qué ley era la más importante. Haciendo como que buscaba la opinión de Jesús, le pidió que eligiera cuál de los 613 mandamientos de la ley judía era el más importante.

Jesús los calló diciéndoles que todo empieza y termina con el amor, el amor a Dios y el amor a los demás. Amar a Dios es amar a los demás. El amor está en el centro mismo de las otras leyes. Ni los fariseos podían estar en desacuerdo con eso.

Mientras que amar a Dios es fácil, amar a los demás es más difícil. Significa que debemos incluir a personas que por inclinación natural excluiríamos o evitaríamos. Jesús amaba a las prostitutas, a los ladrones, a los leprosos, incluso a sus enemigos políticos.

El verdadero amor al prójimo se mide por la forma en que tratamos a los pobres, a los vulnerables y a nuestros enemigos. Es así como Dios nos ama y nos pide que hagamos lo mismo.

Fiestas y celebraciones

El mes de octubre celebramos el Rosario con la fiesta de **Nuestra Señora del Rosario el 7 de octubre**. El Rosario nos ayuda a meditar en los misterios de nuestra salvación: el nacimiento, la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.

15 de octubre- Santa Teresa de Ávila (1583). Teresa fundó una estricta orden religiosa cuyas monjas vestían hábitos pardos y sandalias en lugar de zapatos. Santa Teresa estableció más de 17 conventos de Carmelitas Descalzas y ayudó a reformar a los frailes carmelitas.

17 de octubre – San Ignacio de Antioquía (siglo I). Sucesor de san Pedro como segundo obispo de Antioquía, san Ignacio exhortaba a obedecer a los obispos de todo el mundo y recordaba a la gente que Jesús está presente en la Iglesia y en cada persona.

28 de octubre – San Simón y san Judas (siglo I). San Simón pertenecía a los zelotes, judíos que creían que el Mesías los liberaría de la opresión política. San Judas era pescador. Jesús los llamó a que fueran apóstoles y terminaron en Persia, donde predicaron el evangelio hasta su martirio.

P & R ¿Cómo puedo desarrollar más fe?

La fe no es un acontecimiento aislado o una habilidad que se domina. Es un viaje que se desarrolla y crece con el tiempo. Un padre que le pedía a Jesús una cura milagrosa para su hijo exclamó: "*Creo, ayúdame porque tengo poca fe*" (Marcos 9:24). Tenemos que pedirle ayuda a Dios para que nuestra fe crezca y se desarrolle.

La mejor forma de desarrollar una fe fuerte es rezar. La oración es una conversación con Dios. La mayoría de nosotros usa la oración para hablarle a Dios, pero también es importante escuchar.

Una buena manera de escuchar a Dios es leer su palabra en la Biblia. Empiece por leer un pasaje de la Sagrada Escritura, en particular los Evangelios. Luego pregúntese qué le dice a usted, personalmente, ese pasaje.

Por ejemplo, pregúntese "¿Qué me dice a mí Dios mediante esta lectura?" O "¿Cómo puedo poner en práctica este mensaje en mi vida?" Debemos meditar en el mensaje y ponerlo en acción en nuestras vidas. Sólo así puede ser "*viva y eficaz*" la palabra (Hebreos 4:12).

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24 de septiembre de 2020

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas de la diócesis de Savannah:

Quiero agradecerles por sus buenos deseos y oraciones en los días previos a mi Ordenación e Instalación como el decimoquinto Obispo de Savannah. Les escribo, ahora que asumo mis nuevas responsabilidades, para actualizarlos sobre cómo nuestra diócesis avanza en medio la pandemia.

Aun cuando desde principios de agosto el número de casos nuevos de COVID-19 en Georgia ha disminuido en más de un 50% (la media de siete días reportada el 1 de agosto fue de 3,551 casos y de 1,724 el 20 de septiembre), nosotros seguimos cautelosos y preocupados por la salud de todos. Por consiguiente, he decidido extender la dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical hasta el final del año litúrgico que coincide con la solemnidad de Cristo Rey que se celebrará el 22 de noviembre de 2020.

Quiero agradecer a las parroquias de nuestra diócesis por los esfuerzos adicionales que han realizado para garantizar la seguridad de nuestros fieles y simultáneamente ofrecer sus servicios durante estos últimos meses. Desde su reapertura a principios de junio, no se han reportado brotes de COVID-19 que se hayan originado en nuestras parroquias. Felicito a los párrocos por su liderazgo en el establecimiento de medidas que proporcionan ambientes saludables para el culto, y les pido a todos que permanezcan vigilantes mientras continuamos este camino juntos. Muchísimas gracias a todos aquellos que no solo han vuelto a las iglesias a adorar al Señor, sino que también siguen las directrices y protocolos establecidos por sus párrocos. Durante el poco tiempo que tengo de estar aquí, me ha impresionado ver el interés que existe por amar a Dios y al prójimo.

Les pido que nos unamos en oración por todos aquellos que han sido afectados por esta pandemia y por los encargados de cuidar a los enfermos. También pedimos por los funcionarios de salud pública y dirigentes civiles para que siempre busquen el bien común. Oramos por aquellos que anhelan regresar a la santa Misa y a los sacramentos, pero que no pueden hacerlo debido a su edad o problemas de salud. Que su anhelo sea recompensado por Dios Todopoderoso, que él derrame sobre ellos su gracia y los llene de esperanza. Al mismo tiempo, quiero animar a aquellos que no tienen ningún impedimento a que vuelvan a la Misa en persona cuando se sientan listos y cómodos. Su familia parroquial los necesita y los extraña.

A los que están renuentes o que por algún motivo no pueden asistir a la Misa o a eventos parroquiales, les pido que ¡continúen alimentando su fe! Ver la transmisión de la Misa en vivo es solo una parte de la ecuación. Consideren profundizar su relación con nuestra Madre Santísima rezando un rosario diario o visitando su iglesia parroquial en horas de poco tráfico para orar en privado. Otra opción es participar en programas de formación o estudios bíblicos ofrecidos en español por la oficina del Ministerio Hispano de nuestra diócesis, www.radiomisioncatolica.com www.formed.org y www.ascensionpress.com. Recordemos que sin importar si nos quedamos en casa o no, tenemos que continuar cuidando nuestra vida espiritual y nuestra relación con Jesucristo y la Iglesia.
Como lo hemos hecho desde el comienzo de la pandemia, pidámosle a nuestra Madre María que cuide e interceda por nosotros para que podamos estar sanos de cuerpo y alma. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, ¡ruega por nosotros! Quiero que sepan que estaré orando todos los días por ustedes, por sus seres queridos y por sus intenciones. Aprecio sus oraciones por mí y por todas las personas en la Diócesis de Savannah. Unámonos en oración todos los días y ¡alegrémonos siempre en el Señor!

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

+Stephen D. Parkes

Reverendísimo Monseñor Stephen D. Parkes, D.D.
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September 24, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Savannah,

I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers this week upon my Ordination and Installation as the Fifteenth Bishop of Savannah. As I settle in to my new responsibilities I write to you today to provide you with an update on how we as a Diocese are moving forward in the midst of the pandemic.

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Georgia has declined by more than 50% since the beginning of August – from a seven-day moving average of 3,551 on August 1 to 1,724 on September 20 – we remain cautious and concerned for the health of everyone. Therefore, I am extending the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass through the end of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King which is celebrated on November 22, 2020.

I would like to thank our parishes for their extra efforts to ensure the safety of our faithful while also providing daily activities during these past months. Since reopening at the beginning of June, we have had no COVID-19 outbreaks traced specifically to any of our parishes. I commend our Pastors for their leadership in providing healthy places to worship and I urge everyone to remain vigilant as we continue this journey together. I would also like to thank those who have returned to in-person worship for following the guidelines and protocols put into place by your Pastor. In my short time here I am impressed with the beautiful care that I have witness in loving God and neighbor.

I ask you to join with me in continuing to pray for all of those who have been stricken by this pandemic, and for the caregivers, public health officials, and civic leaders persevering in service to the common good. We pray for those who long to return to Mass and to the Sacraments but are unable due to age or health issues. May their longing be rewarded by Almighty God with an outpouring of grace and hope. For those who are able, I encourage you to return to Mass when you are ready and comfortable. Your parish family needs you and misses you.

To those who are reluctant or unable to come to Mass or parish events, I ask you to continue to nurture your faith! Watching a live-streamed Mass is only part of the equation. Perhaps you could also deepen your relationship with our Blessed Mother by praying a daily rosary or visiting your parish church to pray privately during the day when few are present. Would you consider participating in a formative program or Bible studies at *www.formed.org* and *www.ascensionpress.com*? Even if we stay home, our spiritual lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church must be tended to.

As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, we ask our Mother Mary to watch over and intercede for us so that we may be healthy in soul and body. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! Please know that I make a commit to lift you, your loved ones and your intentions in my prayers daily. I appreciate your prayers for me and for all in the Diocese of Savannah. May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Stephen D. Parkes

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

A father had two sons. He told them, "Go out and work in my vineyard today." The first son said, "No, I won't, I don't feel like it." But, when he saw he had upset his father, he changed his mind and went out and worked. The second son replied, "Sure, Dad! I'm on my way!" But he didn't go.

Jesus asked those listening to this story, "In your opinion, which one did the will of his father?"

Based on Matthew 21:28-32

My Promise to Jesus

This week, I will do what my parents ask me to do with a cheerful heart.