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Father Julio Bedoya Arias

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Father Julio Bedoya Arias. I was born in Colombia, in a town called Abejorral, which is in the State of Antioquia. I am currently living in St. Augustine, Florida, where I live with two other priests.

I am part of a religious community called The Community of The Immaculate Conception, which started in Colombia. My religious community is part of a Marian spirituality called The Children of the Mother of God. Our spirituality branches off into three groups: The religious community of men called the Immaculate Conception, the religious community of women called The Daughters of the Mother of God, and The Association of Lay Archives.

I am very happy to be part of this parish. I hope that with God's grace we can grow together in faith, helped and assisted by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God bless you.



Mi nombre es Padre Julio Bedoya Arias. Nací en Colombia, en un pueblo llamado Abejorral, que está en el Estado de Antioquia. Actualmente vivo en St. Augustine, Florida, donde vivo con otros dos sacerdotes.

Soy parte de una comunidad religiosa llamada La Comunidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, que comenzó en Colombia. Mi comunidad religiosa es parte de una espiritualidad mariana llamada "Los Hijos de la Madre de Dios". Nuestra espiritualidad se divide en tres grupos: la comunidad religiosa de hombres llamada Inmaculada Concepción, la comunidad religiosa de mujeres llamada Las Hijas de la Madre de Dios y la Asociación de Fieles Laicos.

Estoy muy feliz de ser parte de esta parroquia. Espero que con la gracia de Dios podamos crecer juntos en la fe, ayudados y asistidos por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María.

Dios los bendiga.



Squires Circle # 2121 Food Drive

by Jose Praxedes - Counselor

With the participation of parishioners from both Christ The King Catholic Church and Resurrection Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Squires were able to collect 604 pounds of canned goods and donate them to Arlington Community Services, which is primarily a food pantry serving Arlington area residents.

Miss Mary Weber wishes to thank the parishioners for giving from their hearts to help people in need.



A Little Something to think about....Mary and the Holy Spirit

by Sandy Hill

God sent His Son to us.... Mary is Jesus' mother.... Mary suffered with her Son, knowing throughout His life that she would have to give Him up for the sake of our redemption. Before His death, Jesus said to his disciple, "Behold, your mother" (John 19:27). Jesus himself gave us the gift of His mother so she could be our mother too. We are the adopted children of God the Father and Mary, our Mother.

Just as Mary nourished her Son, she nourishes us with her motherly love and guides us to her Son, the Redeemer.

The Holy Spirit was the "giver of life" at the creation of the world. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ was conceived in the heart of Mary before His conception, her Immaculate Conception. Mary had such faith and trust in God, that God enveloped her in the Holy Spirit so she could play her part in the redemption of the world.

The Holy Spirit was the "giver of life" at the New Creation, Jesus in the womb

of Mary. (1) Mary, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, played a role in Jesus' first miracle, the Wedding at Cana, which led to the conversion of many people.

Mary is considered our Queen Mother. In the time of David, the Queen was actually the mother of the King, not the wife. The mother was considered the advocate and advisor for her son, the king. Mary is our Queen Mother, given to us by her Son, to be our advocate and advisor. In turn, she will lead us to eternal salvation through her Son, Jesus Christ.

So, don't be afraid to ask our Blessed Mother to listen, advise, and intercede for you in your life. She was given to us just for that purpose.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

(1) (Apostoli, Andrew. Following Mary to Jesus: Our Lady as Mother, Teacher, and Advocate. Word Among Us Press, 2009.)



Pondering a Pandemic

by Lucille Guzzone

For a few days, I considered naming this essay, "Living with Lockdown." Although that alliterative phrase would probably apply to these following words as well, I chose the one which implies careful thinking and constant consideration. And to be truthful, this virus is always on our collective minds.

The phrase, "be careful" now takes on additional meanings. It not only refers to our being alert as we drive or being aware of our surroundings, it now cautions us to be sure that we wear our masks, wash our hands constantly, and stay away from others, preventing their sharing of possible germs.

The connotation of our vocabulary has adapted to this situation. For example, a "super spreader" no longer implies a crunch-free peanut butter spread across soft white bread. We no longer conjure up the thought of wild bison roaming across the Western Plains by the phrase, "herd immunity" because it now means the possibility of the lessening of the virus's potential due to a large number of the population having antibodies.

If we are fortunate to attend Mass, we are well aware of guidelines. In the church, every other pew is off limits to allow for ample space between parishioners. People must listen even more carefully to the Gospel and the Readings since there are no available missals to follow along. The hymns are usually



familiar and easily recognizable, so the congregation can join in without the help of written lyrics.

Most of us go to the grocery store now and then since it is necessary to have food in the house. I am pretty sure that the ladies agree that putting on make-up before going out on these errands is no longer needed because the coverings pretty much hide one's face. Revlon sales must be in the "red" because lipstick is practically useless. Our eyes have now become our mode of expression. We have learned to smile at each other with them.

We can approach this coronavirus with a light attitude to make us feel better. We can moan and complain about the pounds we are putting on by staying home, and about getting lazy by watching endless hours of Netflix. But there is also a very serious side to all of this.

Many of our family members and dear friends have been affected by this mysterious and possibly deadly illness. The unfortunate fact is that even though we now have vaccines to help alleviate the problem, it is still with us. The end of the pandemic cannot yet be defined. Continued caution, along with hope and prayer, is our only defense.

We have overcome many obstacles in the past, and with God's blessings and our own steadfast nature to survive, hopefully we shall see the silver lining in those dark clouds very soon.



Boy Scout Troop 5 at Christ the King

by Thomas Orf (Senior Patrol Leader)

As the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) of the Troop, myself, the current, and past youth leadership have gone through many challenges to keep the scouting program running at CTK. We had to run meetings while being on Zoom calls, but luckily, we were able to keep participation on a stable level while keeping Scouts engaged.

Camping Trips

The recent trips have been very diverse. And with that, we have been going over new topics during the weekly meetings, such as Wilderness Survival and Fishing. During Dutton Island, a handful of scouts made a shelter and slept in it for the night to fulfill the requirements of that Merit Badge.

"One of the trips was at a farm where there were horses, pigs, and fish. We were able to get the fishing Merit Badge there." - Sean Rose (Assistant Patrol Leader)

The Troop does not only do camping trips, there are activities we do as day events and during our weekly meetings. Since we are a youth-led organization the youth get to choose and plan the activities and trips we do throughout the year.



Michael Orf's Eagle Scout Project Work day - Volunteers helped build a new and improved staircase for three Tigers at the Catty Shack. Part of his project also included 50 wooden tags to number cages.



Dutton Island Trip



Princess Place Trip



Fundraising presentation done by an Eagle Scout of Troop 5. "Since doing Camp Cards we haven't paid out of pocket for a single trip" - David Hoyt



Flag retirement ceremony during the weekly meeting in which scouts learned how to properly retire and care for the U.S. flag.



Boy Scout Troop 5 at Christ the King

by Thomas Orf (Senior Patrol Leader)

"This year, I believe that we have conquered many obstacles that have been presented to us. Once COVID hit we went to having virtual meetings that included SPL elections as well as scavenger hunts around our houses. After a few months, we were able to get back to meeting in person. We were able to finally camp again.

On one of the first trips back, the troop went to Camp Echokotee. There we were gifted with the great tool of a fire straw, a straw that helped to channel your air into a tight tube. This invention has helped on numerous occasions. Dutton Island is another amazing trip that we go on.

The Dutch oven cook-off is normally one of the highlights of the weekend. Wasabi Warriors almost never lose this. Overall, we have conquered many challenges and prevailed through this pandemic."

- Zachery Joiner (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader)

"Over winter break I went to Winter Blast (four-day-long camp) at Camp Shands as a provisional camper (I was with other campers who didn't have a troop). I earned the whole trip by selling camp cards. After breakfast each day we went to our first station and worked on whatever our merit badge was for that station. After our first station we had free time and lunch. After lunch we went to our second station and worked on whatever merit badge we had signed up to work on.

One of the seven merit badges I worked on was woodworking. I created a box and a hammer, both are wooden.

Somehow on the first day I tripped and cut my chin but that's a part of the camp experience. Despite this I still enjoyed my camp experience. So, all in all, it's a 10 out of 10 experience that I would recommend." - Aaron Resch (Scribe)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

"NYLT is a week-long leadership course to help current and upcoming youth leaders learn how to properly lead in their troop and throughout their lives. I took this course in the winter and learned other ways to; properly plan a meeting, resolve conflicts, lead sovereignly, and how to adapt the way you teach based on the needs of the individual." - Thomas Orf (Senior Patrol Leader)



Neckerchiefs are earned to show completion of the program (2018 and 2020)

March for Life, Federal Courthouse, Jacksonville, Friday, January 22, 2021

