

St. John of the Cross



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Roman Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy mid-July! July has certainly brought us some incredible weather. I think this good weather is really helping to improve my outlook even amidst the chaos we find ourselves living. Sunshine and God's creation in all its glory is a great medicine for the mind and soul.

I am going to take a few days off this week with some friends to relax and reflect on life since mid-March. I will be away Monday – Friday. I know Fr. Thom, Fr. Andrew, Deacon Tom, Renee, and the staff will take great care of you. I hope to reflect on a few things that I would ask you to consider reflecting on as well:

What is my appreciation of the Eucharist, both celebrating Mass and adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament? Do I sometimes take these for granted? Do I recognize the corporate dimension of worship and sharing the Eucharist with my fellow Catholics? Is the Eucharist the source and summit of my faith?

How do I respond to inconveniences in life? Places I want to go being closed, modified hours, requiring or not requiring masks and other "safety" measures? Do I first look through the lens of how this inconveniences me, or do I seek to see how these inconveniences might be helping my sisters and brothers?

How do I treat other people who are different than me? In physical appearance and/or different beliefs and ideas? Am I willing to listen and at least come to recognize their experiences might be different than mine and lead to other ideas, thoughts, perspectives, etc.? Am I willing to truly dialogue and accompany them and me along the path to discovering Truth and God's Will.

How can I let true joy rooted in my belief in Jesus Christ permeate my daily life even amid chaos? This is a hard one, but such an important one. Joy is a not a feeling but a way of living that is rooted in our belief in Christ and that he is our Lord and Savior! We need nothing else.

One of the blessings and curses of the shutdown was that it gave us more time to think and reflect (sometimes too much). However, for me I need that time to reflect and contemplate so I can use each and every experience to grow in my relationship with Jesus and my sisters and brothers in Christ. As life slowly begins to return to a faster pace, I encourage us to soak in every moment that summer can offer us to relax, reflect and rejuvenate.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

From Our Pastor



St. John of the Cross (140 Richmond Road):

Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 4 pm. Mass is open to the public.

Sunday, 7:45 am. Mass will be held outside in the shrine weather permitting, and is open to the public.; and **10:15 am** open to the public

Masses LIVESTREAMED Monday through Friday at 11 am—Intentions will be offered for both SJC & SRW.

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** from **9 am to 2 pm.**

You can just come in and pray. In addition, we will offer First Friday adoration from 9 am to 2 pm. All are welcome and this is open to SJC & SRW parishioners.

Confessions:

St. John of the Cross **Saturday 3 pm.**; and Ss. Robert & William **Saturday 2:30 pm**

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday — 8 am to 1 pm

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Parish Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceuclyd.com

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.



Mourning to Morning

Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross
Bereavement Support

An informative and prayerful program
to help people move
through the grieving process
and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins

Saturday, July 11, 2020

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Room

Ss. Robert and William Parish Office
Bldg.

There is no fee but registration is
requested.

Call Renée Barber at 216-731-1515, Ext.
262.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN

In early April we were fortunate and blessed that the money made available by the government to support small businesses and not-for-profits was available to us during this time of great uncertainty and need. The program was called the Pay Protection Program and allowed us to keep our staff all on payroll during this uncertain time financially from April through early June. We received \$54,700 which is two and half months of payroll and benefits for our parish. We have been blessed with generous donors/ households as well, and all of these funds will assist us in being able to maintain our parish operations through this time of the pandemic crisis.



CONCERTS OF HOPE Open to the Public

St. John of the Cross
Outdoor Shrine
(Weather Permitting)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In case of rain will be held at Ss.
Robert & William & LIVESTREAMED
(srweuclid.cc)

Book Change!



Summer Good Book Good Discussion

The Book: Traits of a Healthy Spirituality

The Author: Sr. Melannie Svoboda

When: July 28th, August 4th, August 11th
11:45 am or 6:30 pm

Where: Ss. Robert and William in am, and
St John of the Cross in pm will be
Outside!

Many were inspired last year by Sr Melannie's talk, "Hanging onto Hope in Today's World". She cannot be with us, but her words are sure to encourage us in our life's journey, especially with these more challenging times.

Please bring your own lawn chair and refreshment!

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

MASS INTENTIONS

All scheduled Mass Intentions will be celebrated at Ss. Robert and William LIVESTREAMED Mass at 11am everyday—Monday through Friday.

Monday, July 13

11:00 AM (TK) † Annie Kaluza

Tuesday, July 14

11:00 AM (TK/TS) † Kay McMahon

Wednesday, July 15

11:00 AM (AM) † Deceased Members of Kaplan & Dejak Families

Thursday, July 16

11:00 AM (AM/TK/TSP) † Tom O'Toole

Friday, July 17

11:00 AM (TK/AM/TS) † Jim Proctor

Saturday, July 18

4 PM (AM/TS) † Anna Pepock

Sunday, July 19

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Denise Yezza

10:15 AM (AM/TS) † Marcy Kaluza

PRAYERS FOR

Evelyn Adamczak
John Ballard
Noella Burrows
Barbara Contorno
Constance Durrah
Mary Frain
John Hocevar
Andrew Jarm
Anna Jalovec
Nick Kaluza
Joe Matejka
Ronald Maxey
Sheila Moore-Baka

Rudy Myeress
Larry O'Donnell
Linda Palko
Joan Raddell
Pat Rossoll
Jerry Scarniench
Judy Schmidt
Rose Simek
John Tarmann
Abbie Vernon

*Please notify us
when a name can be
taken off this list.*

LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

In this week's second reading, St. Paul is writing to the Romans about how he considers the sufferings of the present moment as nothing. When we experience suffering, it is an incredibly unique experience. I often hear people say that other forms of suffering would be easier than the one they are currently struggling with and how much they wish they could carry a different cross than the one that has been laid upon them. While this is a natural and common response to suffering, it is not a desire that I would recommend. While some seem to have greater suffering than others, St. Paul reminds us that it will all be redeemed and that the time of glory will soon come. God promises us that, in the end, all will be made clear to us. In our fallen nature, we are never able to fully understand suffering and we are often left wondering why people experience suffering. For example, the current pandemic has raised many questions. Where is God in all of this? Why is this happening? Is God listening to our cries for help? While we will likely not receive the answer in this lifetime, or at least not the full answer, we have to trust that all will be revealed when the time comes and that there is no such thing as needless suffering. God always works through suffering. Instead of asking *why* in the midst of suffering, consider praying about *how* you can use this suffering to become more virtuous, holy, and closer to Christ. As a counselor, I can promise that asking the *how* instead of the *why* will be better for your mental health and spiritual life.

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SJC Prayer Hotline

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Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving:.....\$4,266.00

Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$1,103.00

Faith Direct 2nd Half Month Giving\$

Faith Direct 2nd Half Month Maintenance....\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!