

St. John of the Cross



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Roman Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this note finds you well! I have to say the summer weather has allowed me to deal with the pandemic better than I did when we were in the dreariness of March & April. I love being able to be outside and enjoy the warmth and sun; so good for not only the body, but the soul as well.

At Ss. Robert & William School we will begin welcoming our students back this week. Our belief is these children need to be in school! However, there is just too much risk and uncertainty. In working with the Task Force of teachers, we decided these children need stability and until we can offer that, we have decided to go remote (distance). Our plan right now is to resume in person learning October 1. In the meantime, this week each student and his or her parents will meet with their teacher in person and receive their books, Chromebook, and review how the online learning will work. It will give the parents and teacher an opportunity to partner together for the good of the student. The actual online learning begins September 8. All lessons will be live, and the student will be expected to log in at 8 am and log off at 2 pm. The actual "screen time" will be about 3 hours as there will be lessons. The student will then work on assignments, etc. They will be able to have one-on-one time and small group work virtually as well. We recognize the reality that some of the students have parents who work outside the home or from home but cannot "help" their students. We are offering supervised childcare for this reality. This will also help any of our families that do not have reliable internet.

This is not the least bit ideal, but we want to err on the side of caution and make sure we help these students to be the best they can be and be the young people Christ calls them to be. I have every confidence in the SRW Staff and our families. We will work together, and great things will happen!

Our Guardian Angels Early Learning Center (GAELC) will open for in-person learning. It is the home of our infants through Pre-K students. We have been open since June 1 for childcare and will continue that, as well as open our Pre School Academic programs. We can reduce our ratios at GAELC and keep the children in smaller groups. We have added several new sinks for handwashing. This age group just cannot do remote learning/childcare and I believe our GAELC staff can and will provide an excellent environment. It will be great to have so much young life that brings hope on campus.

Please keep the SRW Catholic School and the Guardian Angels Early Learning Center communities in your prayers as they begin this new school year. It will be a year like no other, but through the grace of God we can and will get through it and come out very strong! **Keep our eyes fixed on Christ!**

Fr. Andrew Morkunas who has been serving as a part time parochial vicar at St. John of the Cross has received a new assignment. He will be the full-time chaplain at University Hospitals downtown campus. He is a very good hospital chaplain and I know will do so well as chaplain at UH. His last day at St. John of the Cross will be September 7. We wish him well!

Make it a great week! See you in church or online.

Peace,

Fr. John

From Our Pastor



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am to 4 pm

August 23, 2020

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 4 pm.

Sunday, 7:45 am. (in the shrine weather permitting); & 10:15 am

Monday, 8:30 am

Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 8:30 am

Thursday, 6:30 pm

Morning Prayer:

Friday, 8:30 am

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.

Masses At Ss. Robert & William:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 11:30 am

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am

*All six SRW Masses will be
LIVESTREAMED

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 4 pm



Remember: every Friday in the Church, there is Adoration from 9 am to 2 pm.

It is a time of untold graces that may give you unexpected clarity if you let it be.

“As I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration saying the rosary, I walked by the Stations of the Cross. I was praying my last Hail Mary, when I looked up at the 14th station and saw Mary helping to lay her son, Jesus, in the tomb. I looked beyond towards the altar, and saw the statue of Mary holding her baby. What an impact it was slowly saying: *Hail Mary Full of Grace the Lord is with you.*”



We will once again acknowledge one another with a sign of peace during the celebration of the Mass. This sign of peace can be a wave, nod of head, the peace sign. Please maintain physical distancing when offering a sign of peace. Please refrain from shaking hands, fist bump, elbow touch, hugging etc.

Thank you.

Euclid Hunger Center-

You may drop off your donations at the Church.

- cereal, canned fruits/vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, soup;
- toiletry items (deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene items)



Monday, August 24

8:30 AM (JB//TS) † People of St. John of the Cross

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 PM (JB) † Ferdinand & Francis Krecic

Wednesday, August 26

8:30 AM (AM) † St. John of the Cross Parish

Thursday, August 27

6:30 PM (AM/TS-P) † Anna Pepock

Friday, August 28

No Mass (8:30 am Morning Prayer)

Saturday, August 29

4 PM (AM/TS) † Joseph & Mary Radachy

Sunday, August 30

7:45 AM (AM/TS) † The Perko Family

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † St. John of the Cross Parish Family

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR NICARAGUA— REFLECTS SPIRIT OF ‘LOAVES AND FISHES’

A few weekends ago, we heard once again the familiar story of how a compassionate Jesus served thousands of people with a mere five loaves of bread and two fish. At the same time, the compassion of the St. John of the Cross family was serving those in need thousands of miles away.

It is with tremendous thanks that we report that SJC responded to our recent Nicaragua Covid Emergency Fund with more than \$7,500 in support. These critically needed funds are already being put to use to help more than 500 Nicaraguan families!

Padre Tomás texted us during a recent meeting where his diocese’s *Cáritas* (similar to our Catholic Charities) decided how best to use the funds we raised. Its members send their deepest gratitude and praises for our humanitarian efforts during this devastating global crisis.

People in Nicaragua are hungry, sick, out of work and suffering. Your donations will provide food and care for their families during this pandemic.

The compassion of our parishioners has always amazed us. But your response to this emergency appeal redefines “overwhelming.”

Never did we imagine that we would raise anywhere near \$7,500 from SJC alone! These are such stressful, uncertain times here at home, yet you heard Nicaragua’s cry for help and responded generously.

On a bright note, Padre Tomás has recovered fully from Covid-19 and is back ministering to his people. Meanwhile, his grandmother was finally weaned from oxygen and is starting to show signs of improvement. Sadly, however, we learned that Padre Harold’s father passed away recently but we do not know if his death was related to the pandemic.

Just as Jesus demonstrated his great love for mankind by feeding the multitudes, so too you have demonstrated your great love for our friends in Christ in Nicaragua. *Muchas gracias* once again.

Dale and Marie George
HANDS UNITED IN HOPE & LOVE MINISTRY



LUKE BROWN’S REFLECTION \

When I see people struggling with mental health issues, they understandably want to feel better. People do not like to be in pain, myself included. I sometimes hear people doubting God’s presence because they are asking for pain and suffering to be removed and they perceive that nothing is happening when things do not get better. In their minds they might think that God has forgotten about them, the door is not open, and they have been handed the scorpion (Matthew 7: 7-12). As humans, we enjoy instant gratification and we want God to relieve our suffering in our time and on our terms. However, our mental health will only suffer if we view God as a vending machine where we offer up prayers as currency and expect sadness, anger, or anxiety to disappear as fast as it takes the bag of Cheetos to fall from the top row. When our pain and suffering does not abruptly end, it is not because God does not love us or care about us anymore. Most of us can think of a time when we were upset with God because we did not get what we wanted only to discover that he had something better in store for us. This is especially true for those struggling with ongoing mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. Healing is a beautiful journey of insight, discovery, and self-actualization, but change takes time. Ask and you shall receive, but maybe in a way you have not considered.

Views *From* The Pews

A Note to Self

Small children on a playground run, laugh and play together, without regard to race. Do you remember when someone told you that you were better than someone of another race or ethnicity? Do you remember when someone told you that you were not equal to a person of a difference race or ethnicity? If your answer is YES, did you ask why? If so, what reason was given? Did you question the answer or just accept it? We believe that "All people are created in God's image." How could anyone be more or less than another person?

What do you think would happen if every time you approached a person who was different from you, you made eye contact and waved HELLO! How would you feel if that person waived back? How would you feel if that person did not respond positively? Please try this little experiment and discuss your experiences with your family.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION



Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH. The procession will be less than one mile, as we walk, pray and sing in honor of our Eucharist Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Opening prayers and remarks by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, the Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director. A return to the Cathedral for recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required. For further information email: contact@legionofmarynorthernohio or on Facebook: [legionofmarynorthernohio](https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio).

ALL are welcome.

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Noella Burrows	Larry O'Donnell
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Constance Durrah	Joan Raddell
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SJC Prayer Hotline

216-289-0770, Ext. 120

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.....	\$3,965.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$ 648.00
Faith Direct* - half Month Giving	\$
Faith Direct* -- 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!