



June 19, 2022

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers, and men who play that fatherly role in someone's life. Be assured of our love, admiration and appreciation for all you do for us. I know I am very blessed with a great dad who is a major source of support for me every day! I always lift up in prayer those people who may not have had a great birth father. I pray that someone stepped into that role for them. I also pray that ALL of us know God our Father's unconditional love and grace.



As I think about the role of "Father" today, it is certainly a role that is being threatened and for sure is being demasculinized. Masculinity in the sense that God created it to be a beautiful and very necessary thing in our world and society. God created them *Male* and *Female*. In His magnificent creation, the two genders complement each other so well. It must be noted that since the "fall" of Adam and Eve, some men have used their masculinity to dominate, control, manipulate, etc. This is a result of sin and evil, but at the heart of masculinity is good, grace and God. Christ is the greatest example of masculinity. In Him, you can find the most authentic representation of what it means to be a man. You will notice that Christ's manliness is not wrapped up in awards, fame, popularity or his physical appearance. Through Christ's example, we can see that authentic masculinity calls men to make sacrifices, humble themselves for the benefit of others, and stand up for the right things. We can see that highest virtues of masculinity are not comfort, accolades or fame. We can see that men should be responsible and accountable to those that depend on them most. We can see that honest, hard work is sanctifying and good. We can see that men, when they are at their best and striving to imitate Christ, can reveal God's heart to the entire world in beautiful, unique and loving ways. As we celebrate Father's Day, I pray that we may return to a healthy understanding and appreciation of what authentic masculinity can and should be.

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

Rita OtisMaureen Beauregard & Lloyd & Colleen Rositano

Louis Otis.....Maureen Beauregard & Lloyd & Colleen Rositano

Joan Raddell.....The Bocce League

**Marija Obreza.....Mirko & Ann Zudic; Anthony & Anna Berkopec; Matt Simicak;
.....Tereziva & Vlado Sugar; Frank & Marcie Obreza; Stanley & Lori
.....Snidarsic; Debbie Testa; Clare & Bill Vertocnik; & Joze & Tonica
.....Simicak-**

Albert GrossmanRalph & Joanne Plavac



The Spirit of Our Ministry Lives

June, 2022



As many of you know, the past year has been very difficult as we mourn the passing of our dear Marie to cancer. Beyond the obvious personal loss, Marie was the spirit of our ministry. However, I am sure that she is smiling down on us as that spirit inspires us to continue to help the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua.

My family and I are deeply humbled and want to extend a special thanksgiving to the many parishioners and friends who donated to the ministry in Marie's memory. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send Padre Tomás \$5,000, to be used by Caritas León (the local equivalent of Catholic Charities) wherever it is needed most.

I am also very grateful for your support of our ministry's ongoing efforts. Your donations late last year totaled \$2,400, which allowed for updates to the electrical system at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Chacraseca. More recently, Lenten Almsgiving raised \$757 to provide food, clothing and basic needs to the people of Chacraseca and León as they continue to feel the effects of the pandemic.

Until mission trips can resume, we will work closely with Padre Tomás to determine how best we can help him and his fellow priests serve their parishioners' many needs. We ask that you join us in continued prayers for the people of Nicaragua, most especially for:

Padre Tomás, who serves many roles – pastor of Our Lord of Miracles in Malpaisillo; head of Caritas León; and now as administrator of the Divine Child, Jesus parish and school in El Viejo-Chinandega, succeeding Padre Roger.

Padre Roger as he begins a new assignment at another parish.

Padre Adrian as he shepherds the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish and Chacraseca, truly the "heart" of our ministry.

In Marie's memory and on behalf of our ministry, *muchas gracias* for your prayers and support.

Dale George

Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for August 26 - 28, 2022. The Retrouvaille program is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help you rediscover each other again.

RETRouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$200.00 is required to confirm your reservation.

For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Luke Brown's Reflection

This week's Gospel reminds us of what God can truly do with the gifts that we bring to Him. When I reflect on this Gospel, I like to think of the person that brought the loaves and fish to share. With such a large number of people, his gift could have been perceived as insignificant and dismissed as a useless contribution. However, Christ took what the person brought to Him and performed miracles with it. I think the lesson here is that Christ works with what we bring to Him. We may view ourselves as insignificant or our talents as unimportant. We can see needs in our community and dismiss the impact that our talents and skills will have on improving anything. It is easy to think that we need a significant amount of money, a degree in theology, or some saintly level of holiness to make a difference, but this is a lie. We have many saints who serve as an example of how small and silent acts have an incredibly far-reaching impact. No matter how small or insignificant we think we are, or our talents are, God will take them and make great things happen because they are offered. He will take our offering and change, develop, and perfect it. We always have something important to contribute to the Body of Christ and no offering is too small, unimportant, or insignificant. If we continue to offer ourselves and our gifts to Christ, we will continue to be like the person in today's Gospel who's offering was loved by God and used to feed five thousand.

Luke Brown, LPCC



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ACTIVITIES AT SJOC CAMPUS

Monday:

- Sacred Scripture Study: 6:30 pm, Room 8
- Men of Praise: 8:00 pm, Room 8
- Calls of Love Ministry: Every 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, Parish Office

Tuesday:

- Lectio Divina Bible Study: 9:30 am, Room 8
- Legion of Mary: 5:15 pm, Room 8

Wednesday:

- Community Meal: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:00 pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm

Thursday:

- Family in Christ Jesus: Every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:00 pm, Gym
- Spiritual Life & Evangelization Ministry: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm, Room 8

Friday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm, Room 8
- Young Adult Ministry, Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7:00 pm

Saturday:

- Men's Prayer Group, every 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, 7:30 am, Room 10

THEFEST GIVE YOUR DAD
AN AMAZING
GIFT!!!

Invite your dad to join you at The FEST on Sunday, August 7, 2022. The FEST is a day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. This year, more than ever, it will be a real 'homecoming' as we return to an amazing in-person event back 'home' at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Come and hear your favorite Christian artists: Crowder, Phil Wickham, We the Kingdom, Micah Tyler and Rhett Walker. There will also be amazing displays and activities to encourage you and your family to strengthen the bonds of faith and family. There will be a special 'Man Cave' for all the men (along with a Mom's Area and Kid's Activities). Special thanks to our friends at Marcs, Dole, Sherwood Food, and Barons Bus for their support to keep The FEST alive and strong and a great family day for you and your dad. Check out all the details at: www.theFEST.us.



Spring is Here, Alleluia!

Do you stand in awe of God's creation? Do you wonder how you can embrace God's magnificent works?

Come join us, adopt a garden, and create or maintain your own little wonder on our church property. We have several gardens in need of your loving care.

Call Bernie Solpa (216) 261-6866 with inquiries or leave your name, phone number, and e-mail address at the parish office. Don't wait; spring planting starts now

MASS Intentions

Monday, June 20

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † Terri Herbert

Tuesday, June 21

6:30 PM (JB) † Anne Schmidt

Wednesday, June 22

8:30 AM (JL) † Jack Barni

Thursday, June 23

6:30 PM (JL/TS) † Ferdinand & Francis Krecic

Friday, June 24

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, June 25

4:00 PM 4:00 PM (JL) † Sam Corea

Sunday, June 26

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Vinko & Angela Kaplan

10:15 AM (TK/TS-P) † Jon Nych

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish
and Their Caregivers*

Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench & Helen Herman,

Our Financial Stewardship

06/12/2022 Sunday Giving.....	\$2,929.00
06/12/2022 Maintenance.....	\$1,746.00
Faith Direct* 1st of May Giving.....	\$4,638.00
Faith Direct* 1st of May Maintenance.....	\$ 85.00

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

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays.....8:30 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays.....6:30 pm

Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with

Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 am to 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays.....4:00 pm

Sundays.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

Confessions

Saturdays.....3:00 - 3:30 pm

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm

Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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.