



July 3, 2022

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of the July weekend! I hope you are having a great weekend celebrating the blessing of the United States. While these are difficult times in which we are living, politically and socially, I still believe we are so blessed to be living in the United States. On July 30, 1956, two years after pushing to have the phrase “under God” inserted into the pledge of allegiance, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law officially declaring “In God We Trust” to be the nation's official motto. While I am sure there are many who would challenge this motto, it is still our motto, and I believe the tone we have to take in our fight that we are seeing between good and evil. The only way out of the current political and social upheaval is through God. My sincere belief is that the first politician/leader to acknowledge this, publicly campaign for this and live it out in his or her daily life, will truly be the one that can set us on a good path again. This is my fervent prayer each day that the Lord sends us someone who can fulfill this role. This will require putting ego and self to the side and focusing on serving Jesus Christ, the *way, truth & life*. I do believe that each of us through our prayer and personal commitment to living this out in our lives can help plant the seeds to bring this about in our world. So on this of 4<sup>th</sup> of July as you celebrate our country, consider renewing your own commitment to *trusting in God* and put God first in all you do!



With summer sometimes comes a more casual dress. I am one of the first ones to love “casual dress.” You rarely see me “dressed” up beyond my clerical shirt. I would just offer a gentle reminder to be “conservative” in casual dress. By that I mean for both men and women, make sure you have sleeves on your shirts. Make sure if there “t-shirts” there is nothing offensive on them. If you wear shorts please make sure they are not “tight or too short.” In general, just ask yourself; “Would what I am wearing be acceptable on the day I meet Jesus?” Because you do meet him at every Mass. Just use common sense and be as respectful as you can. I have heard the old adage Jesus is just happy I am there. And that is very, very true, He is. However, out of respect for one another I make this gentle plea.

On Monday, July 4, we have Mass at SJC in Shrine at 8:30 am and at SRW at 9:00 am in the church. It is a great way to start your holiday! So, plan on joining us.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John



O, Dear St. Jude, in our country's time of need, help to bring protection to our homeland and peace to our world.

St. Jude, St. of Hope  
Pray for Us!



## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed after the 8:30 a.m. mass on Monday, July 4, 2022, at the outdoor Shrine (weather permitting)

Please join us as we practice our freedom of religion publicly and pray for the United States of America and its leaders.



## **SISTERS OF St. Francis**

Sr. Edna, A Sister of St. Francis (Tiffin, OH) will be speaking at the Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17, Masses on behalf of their missions. The

Sisters serve those who are poor, with foreign missions in Mexico and home missions in Appalachia. They share the Catholic faith and give children and families living in extreme poverty the opportunity to obtain an education plus emergency needs of food and medicine.

Please help make a difference in the lives of people suffering from poverty with your prayers and financial support.

## *Honor first responders at Lake County Captains Game*

St. John of the Cross Catholic Parish invites the community to join in honoring local first responders at a special “Blue Mass” at Classic Park on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Sunday, September 11, 2022

All are welcome, especially uniformed police officers, firefighters and EMS responders. Gates open at 9:45 a.m., with the Mass beginning at 10:30. A picnic lunch will be available from noon to 1:30 p.m. The St. John of the Cross Music Ministry will perform the National Anthem before the ballgame gets underway at 1:00 pm

**For tickets & more information, visit  
<https://sjceulid.com/mass-at-lake-county-captains>**



### *14th Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” - Lk 10:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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### **Our Parish Mission**

We are the Catholic Community of St. John of the Cross, established in 2009. Uniting the people of God as one family, we are rooted in, and empowered by, our sacramental life and Eucharistic celebrations.

Living as disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize our God given potential and challenge one another to share our giftedness, embrace our diversity, and engage in social outreach, service and education. In doing so, we seek to extend the reign of God in Euclid and the wider community.

# THEFEST

The FEST  
needs your help!

It takes over 1,000 volunteers from across our Diocese to bring The FEST to life on Sunday, August 7, 2022. We are about a month away and need YOUR help to create an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – The FEST. If you need, service hours, The FEST can help you as you help The FEST. Check out all the volunteer needs and opportunities by going to: [www.theFEST.us/volunteer](http://www.theFEST.us/volunteer)

**Join Bishop Malesic for Mass at The FEST**, on Sunday, August 7, 2022. Bishop will preside at Mass at 8 pm. All are welcome for the inspiring outdoor Mass on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

## **Luke Brown's Reflection**

*Last week, we discussed The Looking Glass Self. Reading that column will give you the proper intro to this week's. In short, it is the concept that we primarily understand ourselves through what we think others think of us. Now the issue with believing what others think about us is that humans are so flawed and our love is imperfect. It's great to want your son to grow up happy and successful, but it's not great to have your own rigid plan and agenda for how that will happen. For example, wanting your son to be a doctor and then being unhappy and considering him a failure when he becomes an engineer or a carpenter. Should the son care or believe what his parents think of him in this situation? No, at least not this part of it. Discerning what to believe about ourselves is very difficult work. If we do it poorly, it will lead to some deep spiritual and mental health problems. A priest told me once that the saints became saints because they were the only ones who truly knew what they looked like in the eyes of God, which brings me to my final point. When it comes to what we should believe about ourselves, we should learn from God most of all. We should pray for self-knowledge and wisdom to truly know what we look like in His eyes- lovable, full of potential, and beautiful, but also sinful, wounded, broken, and in need of His love and Sacraments. How do we discover how we look in His eyes? We spend time with Him in the form of the Eucharist at Mass and Adoration. As St. John Vianney once said when asked why he sat in front of the tabernacle all day, "Nothing. I just look at him, and he looks at me."*

(All parts of this reflection available at [www.sacredheartcleveland.com](http://www.sacredheartcleveland.com))

## 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
- Faith by Fire: every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, by the outdoor firepit .

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Fire on the Hill: every 3rd Saturday of the Month, 9:00 am, Room 8

## *EUCHARISTIC ADORATION*

Join us on Friday mornings at 8:30 am for Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE  
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY**

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, July 4**

8:30 AM † For the Nation (JB/TS)

**Tuesday, July 5**

6:30 PM † Lisa Abood (JB)

**Wednesday, July 6**

8:30 AM † Hellen and John Yakubik (JL)

**Thursday, July 7**

6:30 PM † Frances and Jan (JL/TS)

**Friday, July 8**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, July 9**

4:00 PM † Colette Suhy (GB)

**Sunday, July 10**

7:45 AM † Nancy Suhy (JB/TS-P)

10:15 AM † Marilyn Wagner (JL/TS-P)

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

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench & Helen Herman*

**Our Financial Stewardship**

06/26/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$3,161.50  
06/26/2022 Maintenance.....\$ 655.00  
Faith Direct\* 1st of June Giving.....\$3,987.50  
Faith Direct\* 1st of June Maintenance.....\$ 384.00

**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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Parish Office Hours:

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.