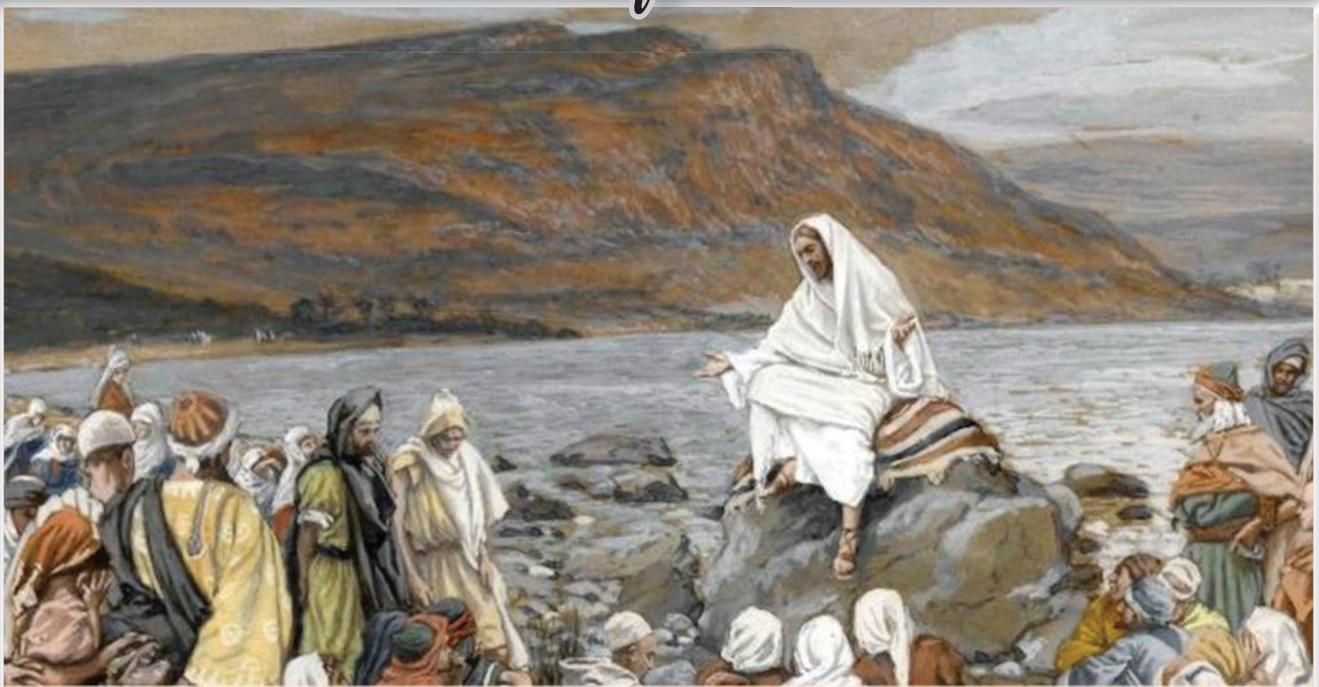


30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



'Love the Lord your God'...'love your neighbor as yourself.'
The law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

– Matthew 22:35-40

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH
October 25, 2020

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Parishes,

Grace and Peace be with you all as we strive to follow the Two Great Commandments given to us by Jesus in today's Gospel.

All we must do to merit heaven is found in the words of Jesus: Love God with your whole heart, mind, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Sounds so simple, but it is the work of a lifetime. These words from Jesus must not only be known but through constant effort must also be lived in our daily lives. We cannot be satisfied with the lives we are now living. No matter what stage of holiness, or lack thereof, that we find ourselves living -- Jesus calls us to a deeper experience of love for Him expressed in our prayer life and in our love, care, and concern for our neighbor. Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

How often do we fail when we do not give God priority in our lives? How often do we fail when we speak and treat others in ways that we would not want them to treat us?

Our words and actions can either be uplifting for ourselves and others, or they can be hurtful. These words and actions can either be a source of grace for us and our neighbor, or they can be an offense against our God and our neighbor.

Today, let's reflect upon our speech. St. Paul tells us in Chapter 4 of his Letter to the Ephesians: "**Say only the good things people need to hear; things that will really help them.**" Paul's words are an excellent criterion for our spoken and written words.

One area, which many consider trivial, is the area of gossip. Going to an online dictionary, I found the following definitions of gossip:

1. The private information about others shared in conversation and print.
2. To tell secret information to another person.
3. A person who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors, especially about the private affairs of others.
4. Rumor or talk of a personal, sensational or intimate nature.

Gossip may pass the time of day – but does it really help us and the people we are gossiping about?

Everyone is entitled to his/her privacy, good name and reputation. Gossiping which does harm in these areas is a sin of injustice. With a proportionately grave reason, one may reveal what we know is true about a person.

The focus of the 8th Commandment is falsehood that does injury to one's neighbor. Harm to another person's reputation is the special prohibition of this divine mandate (*The Catholic Catechism* by Fr. John Hardon).

Detraction and **calumny** or **slander** are sins against one's neighbor and against God's 8th Commandment.

Detraction: the unjust violation of the good reputation of another by revealing something true about that person. **Calumny** or **slander** is an unjust violation in that what is said about a person is not true.

Lord, help us to follow the admonition of St. Paul to the Ephesians: "**Say only the good things people need to hear; things that will really help them.**"

God loves you! *Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB*

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Current Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am

Current Confession Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm (*before Vigil Mass*)

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions:

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm



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September 28, 2020

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each October Catholics throughout the United States come together to celebrate Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called each and every day to work for a Culture of Life that respects the dignity of all human life and in a particular way those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life in the womb to natural death. During the month of October, we are asked in a special way to pray and reflect more deeply and take action to support the dignity of every human life.

This year's Respect Life Month theme is inspired by the 25th Anniversary of St. John Paul II's encyclical, *[The Gospel of Life](#)*. The theme 'Live the Gospel of Life,' is a call to action for us to heed St. John Paul II's call to defend the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, those who are sick and close to death, persons with disabilities, the marginalized, and all those treated unjustly because of race. This call is as relevant today as it was when written over two decades ago.

Let us pray that during this Respect Life Month we will be strengthened in our efforts to cherish and protect the gift of every human life from conception to natural death.

Thank you for joining me in your promotion of life and wishing you God's blessings, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

The Two Great Commandments

DR. DAVID E. BROWN Thursday Pulpit
Apr 21, 2020 Updated Jul 28, 2020

In Matthew 22:37-39, we read, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

To me, it has always been clear that we love Him primarily by keeping His commandments and by following His example. Obviously, we’re all imperfect sons and daughters of Him, and a result of our imperfections is that keeping His commandments becomes an objective which too often escapes us. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to repent and try again.

The second commandment is sometimes even more difficult to keep because it requires us to put off the natural man, meaning our tendencies to be of the world, where we’re overwhelmed by petty jealousies, comparisons with others, and a general absence of kindness and decency in our behaviors.

How often do we reach out to the homeless and others in need whose challenges are in front of our eyes on a daily basis? The story of the good Samaritan teaches us that everyone is our neighbor, and the Savior told us “that which ye do unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me.” We can all be better citizens and better followers by making conscious efforts to lift up the downtrodden with food, shelter, and financial support.

I would also like to address with these comments another aspect of “loving our neighbor” that has become a significant challenge for virtually all of us. The concern which I sometimes reflect poorly in my own behavior involves the notion of basic civility. How can we find ways to more consistently display basic civility in our dealings with our friends and neighbors? We far too often cross the line when we discover that we’re on opposite sides of virtually any issue and treat each other occasionally with disdain and even anger.

The political conditions of our present day have resulted in a sometimes-bitter divisiveness that has to make our Heavenly Father incredibly sad. I believe we can disagree without being disagreeable, and we can debate political issues without being rude and unkind. If we consistently look upon each other as brothers and sisters, regardless of lifestyles, political persuasions, or religious affiliations, and then consciously try to interact and respond in ways that might be more consistent with “loving our neighbor,” how much happier we would all be and how much joy would thereby accrue to our loving Heavenly Father.

We’re all important in the eyes of the Lord, and each of us can make a difference in our world by being thoughtful about how we react and how we behave. It’s not an easy thing to change our attitudes and feelings, but with conscious, reflective efforts, we can impact our world for good. Let’s try it!

A Catholic's Faith, Tradition & Practice Known by Heart

According to the amendments to the National Catechetical Directory, "elements of the Catholic faith, tradition and practice which through an early, gradual, flexible and never slavish process of memorization, could become lessons learned for a lifetime, contributing to an individual's growth and development in an understanding of the faith."

I. Prayers

- A. The Sign of the Cross
- B. The Our Father
- C. The Hail Mary
- D. The Apostles Creed
- E. The Act of Faith
- F. The Act of Hope
- G. The Act of Charity
- H. The Act of Contrition

II. Information, Formulas, Practices

- A. **Scriptural**
 - 1. Key Themes of Salvation History
 - 2. Major Old Testament and New Testament Personalities
 - 3. Significant texts expressive of God's Love and Care
- B. **Liturgical – Devotional**
 - 1. The Parts of the Mass
 - 2. The Sacraments – Names and Meaning
 - 3. The Liturgical Seasons
 - 4. The Holy Days
 - 5. Major Feasts of Our Lord and Our Lady
 - 6. Various Eucharistic Devotions
 - 7. The Mysteries of the Rosary
 - 8. The Stations of the Cross
- C. **Moral**
 - 1. The Ten Commandments
 - 2. The Eight Beatitudes
 - 3. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - 4. The Virtues: Three Theological and Four Moral
 - 5. The Six Laws of the Church
 - 6. An Examination of Conscience

Source: *The Catholic Source Book* edited by Rev. Peter Klein and published by Brown-Roa, Dubuque, Iowa

Love Life Amendment

Vote YES on
#1 for the
pro-life amendment
to the Louisiana
Constitution!

Vote Yes on Nov. 3, 2020!

What's the Love Life Amendment?

In Louisiana, we love babies and their mothers. Sadly, 13 other states have protected abortion in their state constitutions. By passing the Love Life Amendment, we will protect life by making sure there is no right to abortion or the funding of abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

When is the Vote?

The Love Life Amendment will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the same day as the Presidential election. Vote YES on 11/3/2020!

Learn More & Take Action

- Visit LoveLifeVoteYes.com
- Text LOVELIFE to 77222
- Follow Us @LoveLifeVoteYes
- Call 1.866.463.5433

Love Life.  Vote Yes.

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2020 St. Louis IX Medallion *Zeno Pimentel*



Congratulations to *Zeno Pimentel*, this year's recipient of the St. Louis IX Medallion in recognition of his many years of service to his Catholic faith, especially St. John Bosco Church. Archbishop Aymond presented the honor during a celebration on October 18, 2020.

Zeno and his family have been active at St. John Bosco since 1985. He serves the parish as a Eucharistic Minister as well as a Lector and is involved in the Men's Club. In 2018 Zeno was appointed to the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for the parish.

In addition to his commitment to St. John Bosco, Zeno is actively involved in the Filipino Catholic Ministry in the Greater New Orleans area. He leads the prayers in our devotions to Our Lady of Fatima on every Saturday of the month, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal on the second Sunday, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, on the third, and Our Lady of Medjugorje on the last Sunday of the month.

Again, Congratulations Zeno on your commitment to not only St. John Bosco parish, but also the Filipino Catholic Ministries and your devout Catholic faith as a whole!

Announcements

It's Time To Order Cookies!

Get your orders in for Italian cookies from St. Rosalie Ladies Altar Society.



Fig Cookies \$10.00 a doz.
Sesame Seed Cookies \$ 7.00 a doz.
Sweet Trays \$30.00 each
There will be a limited number of sweet trays which includes cookies, fudge, pralines and other assorted

sweets. No substitutes!!

Please call Cindy Robichaux at 347-5966 or Jackie Gerstner at 940-8165 for pre-orders.

Vocation Prayer Intention

From October 22-28

please pray for

Br. Travis Gunther

who is in Specific Formation
and currently studying in
Barcelona, Spain



October 1 marked the 20th anniversary of the canonization of the first Salesian Missionary Martyrs:

St. Louis Versiglia & St. Callistus Caravario!

May we continue to celebrate and encourage the missionary vocation and spirit of missionary discipleship.

In Our Parish

Womens Society -

Monday, October 26th

Mens Club-

Monday, November 2nd

Come Lord Jesus Bible Study -

Wednesday & Thursday 6:30pm

Rosary -

Every Thursday at 10am in Church

Perpetual Adoration -

Contact - stjohnbosco@adorationservants.org or
EdithMeaux@cox.net

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:00pm +Alan Blum, AOD 10/29

+Jacqueline G. Guillot

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+John Baptist Tuan Nguyen

+Wayne Delaune

+Joyce Sonnier

Thank you Jesus, Blessed Mother

+EJ Melancon

+Ronald Landry

+Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung

+Abdon & Quiaoit Families

Happy Anniv. Lia & Greg Brinkerhoff

+Joseph Vu Quoc Tuan

+Cheryl Perry Smith

+Theresa Cindy Cao

Agnes Tu

+Mary Ann Ramos

+Thomas Thien

+Antoine Domino, Jr. AOD

Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, October 25

9:00am +Anna Tran Thi Phuong

11:00am +Mary Ann Ramos

+Billy Sanders

+Peter Ken Vu

+Gene Robinson

All Souls in Purgatory

+Penelope Solis

+Peter Manh Ha Do

+Maria Monreal Ford

+Maria Elena Monreal Vasquez

+Blanca Monreal

+Ernesto Rigau

+Elvira Monreal Tovar

All USA Service Members,

Living & Deceased

+Jerry Leonick

+James' Soul

Monday, October 26

7:00am +Rosario 'Boogie' Termine, MOA

Tuesday, October 27

7:00am +Mary Ann Ramos

Wednesday, October 28

7:00am +Alvinia Laborde

Thursday, October 29

7:00am Guillermo Abdon, Sr., AOD

Friday, October 30

7:00am Happy Birthday Audrey Le

Saturday, October 31

8:00am +Joseph Le, AOD

5:00pm Parishioners of St. John Bosco

Sunday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day

9:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

11:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

"Do good while you still have time."

- Don Bosco