

*The 12th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



Christ calming the sea

“Happy Father’s Day”

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 20, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Churches and School,

God's peace and love be with you! May you reciprocate God's love for you in your love for Him and for your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and fellow students.

Last week's column ended with the following paragraph:

Remember that one of the most powerful things that we can do to change ourselves and the world is to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Not just Sunday Mass but weekday Mass as well. If attending daily Mass is a sacrifice, know that the sacrifice endured makes it even more powerful in God's sight.

Yes, I believe most of us must at times admit that we bemoan the way the state of things is today. But the question is: Do we just sit back whine and do we find it a call for us to get engaged and do something to change ourselves and the world.

Change is never easy. Even simple changes many people find difficult.

Some thoughts about Change:

Is change in life good?

Without change, things stay the same and ultimately will stagnate and die. Without change, there is no adventure in life. It takes much more energy and effort to resist change than it does to accept it. It's much easier to embrace change than to fight it.

From: https://www.allankarl.com/everything-must-change20-reasons-why-change-is-good/?doing_wp_cron=1613501381.4015769958496093750000

Why is change so hard to accept?

People resist change because they believe they will lose something of value, or fear they will not be able to adapt to the new ways. It's a significant change to their routine, which is deeply emotional because it threatens their level of safety and security.

From: <https://www.liquidplanner.com/blog/why-is-organizational-change-so-hard/>

Why do we struggle to change?

Because of our drive for consistency and our attachment to habits, humans have a psychological response to change. When faced with change, we can have a range of feelings from hope and excitement to anxiety and anger, sometimes all at once.

From: <https://www.brittandreatta.com/3-reasons-why-youre-struggling-with-change/>

I do believe that there are many people in our parishes who could attend daily Mass. It is the greatest possible prayer that can be offered where we are present with Jesus at the Last Supper, at his Agony in the Garden, in his Suffering and Death on the Cross, and in his glorious Resurrection.

Attending daily Mass and being with Him in those great moments of His life will bring about changes in our life, and in the life of the world.

For those who are able, are you ready to take up the challenge of attending daily Mass, possibly once, several times, or even daily?

Guaranteed daily Mass will have an impact on our life and the life of the world.

God loves you!



The Optimism of Salesian Spirituality



Christian humanism begins with the assertion that each person is created in the image and likeness of God with innate dignity and free choice. The principle believes that human nature, while wounded, retains a natural orientation to God. By nature, human beings are drawn to cooperate with God's grace. Despite the fall of humankind, which resulted from free choice, God nonetheless reached into the heart of creation and offered redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

God gives to each person grace to freely participate in his or her own salvation. He desires that each person be drawn into union for which he or she was created. Everyone is called to respond. Their deepest vocation is to realize their fullest capacity for the love of God.

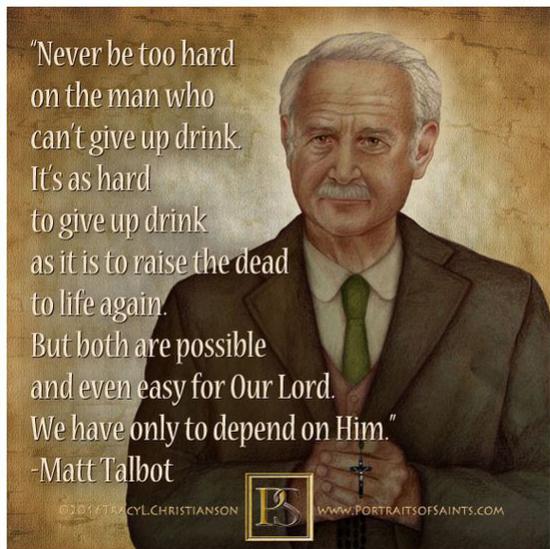
St. Francis' famous phrase, "I am as human as anyone could possibly be," suggests that in his mind his very humanity was in fact the vessel, which could contain the miracle of the divine life. In the Salesian world, to be human means to have a deep interest in all that is human—especially in the affections, in people's hearts. Whatever is deeply personal and most heartfelt is the stuff of Salesian Spirituality.

Here are some practical Salesian ways to maintain an upbeat spirit:

- ***Bloom where you are planted.*** "The grass is not always greener in somebody else's yard." Life will always be filled with challenges. Do your best to admit this and decide to be happy in the here and now.
- ***"Let us be who we are and be that well."*** Give your best effort to being yourself and you will learn to accept people for who they are, where they are, and how they are.
- ***Be a doer and not a reactor.*** Set boundaries by beginning with the end in mind (to know where you are going helps you better understand where you are).
- ***Before retiring turn over your day to God and when you get up in the morning – start each day anew.***
- ***Be a more loving person*** – practice random acts of kindness for a single act of kindness can set a series of kind acts in motion.
- ***Maintain a sense of humor.*** Once I went to see the movie "Mama Mia" and while watching the moving two ladies were having a passionate conversation in front of me. When I said to them, "I cannot hear!" with a bit of attitude, one replied, "I should hope not – we are having a private conversation here." I was taking myself too seriously and needed to lighten up a bit – I learned that night to laugh at myself.

When we are "as human as anyone could possibly be," we take a deep interest in all that is human. In so doing, we can live our daily lives with an upbeat spirit. The six suggestions above are not incredibly challenging to perform, but they can result in incredibly positive encounters with ourselves and others!

By Fr. Ed Ogden, OSFS



Venerable Matt Talbot

May 2, 1856 – June 7, 1925

The Patron Saint of:

Alcoholics

Those Recovering from Substance Abuse and Addictions
Those Seeking Sobriety in Their Lives

Matt can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism. He was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years – until he was almost 30 – Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take “the pledge” for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt’s first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt worked as a builder’s laborer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions.

After 1923, his health failed, and Matt was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave him the title venerable. His Liturgical Feast Day is June 19.

Reflection:

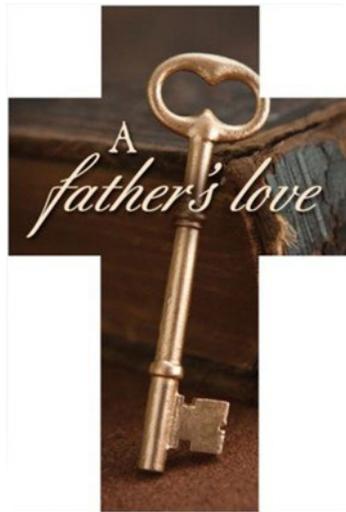
In looking at the life of Matt Talbot, we may easily focus on the later years when he had stopped drinking for some time and was leading a penitential life. Only alcoholic men and women who have stopped drinking can fully appreciate how difficult the earliest years of sobriety were for Matt.

He had to take one day at a time. So do the rest of us.

From: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/venerable-matt-talbot>

Prayer

Lord, you give us the example of Venerable Matt Talbot as a man who seemed completely lost and beyond your grace. In a single moment, you pierced his heart and changed his mind, leading him back to you. Jesus, I pray for this same conversion and transformation for all those suffering from addictions of any sort in your perfect will and timing and for your greater glory. Amen.



Blessing for Fathers Day

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own.

Bless these men,

that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

In moments of joy, rejoice with them.

In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

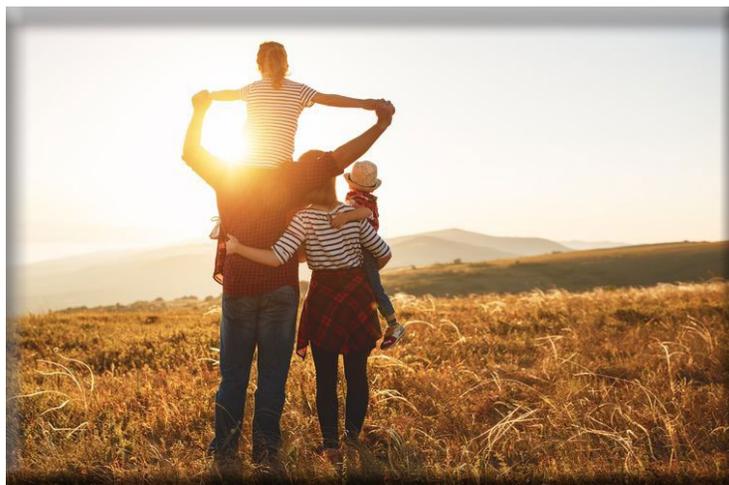
may honor and appreciate them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them

to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

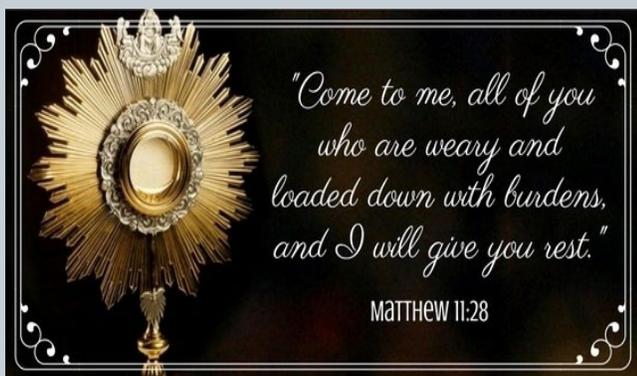


In Our Parish

Adoration Returns to the Chapel

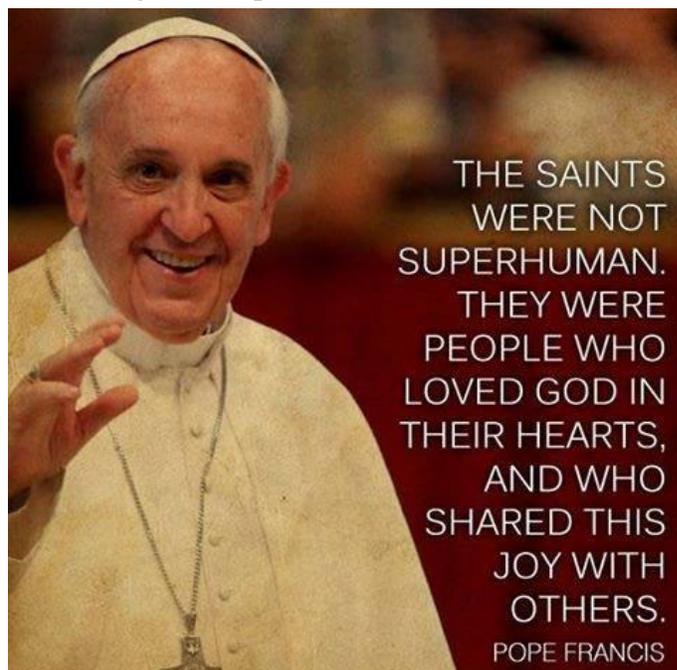
June 7, 2021 112 hours of continuous adoration began. Adoration starts Monday following the 7am Mass and continues until midnight Saturday. For more information or to register ~ Email: StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org or Edie, Chapel Coordinator, EdithMeaux@Cox.net.

You must be registered to receive the door code.



Come Lord Jesus Bible Study Program

Are you looking to gain a greater understanding of Sunday Readings, including Gospels and the Old Testament? Come check it out! Members grow in sanctification through prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Christian community. **Meetings are every Wednesday & Thursday at 6:30pm!**



*We ask for
your prayers*

June 17-23
please pray for
Andy Lagunas
and
Ann Steffen
who are SLMs
serving in
Tampa, FL and
Cochabamba, Bolivia,
respectively.



Announcements

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting



Monday, June 21st -
Rosary: 6:30pm
Meeting: 7:00pm

All men who are active parishioners are invited.

Womens Society 'Half The Pot' Raffle

Tickets are \$1.00 each or
6 for \$5.00

*Drawing June 20th ~
Following Noon Mass*



Sanctuary Candle & Bread & Wine Weekends Available in 2021

Several weekends remain this year with no sponsors for the Sanctuary Candle or Bread & Wine. The cost is \$10 each per week. To have one scheduled for you special intention, please complete the form in back of church, contact the office (leave a message if no one answers) or email - office@saintjohnboscochurch.org.

Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
Estelle & William Allen*

Bread & Wine

*In Honor of
All Fathers in our Parish*

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 19

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco
5:30pm +Dudley Dugas & William Nunez
Chaisson & Folse Families
+Jacqueline G. Guillot
+Wayne Delaune
+Joyce Sonnier
+Leboria Burrell
+Duffy & Derek Dumas
+Peter John Paul Nguyen
+Joseph Lai Duc Anh
+All Souls in Purgatory
+Doug Trauth, Sr.
+Mary Ann Ramos
+John Ricard
+Rita & Oren Breaux, Sr.
+Matthew Foret
+Melvin Cheramie, Sr.
+Paul Dugas
Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, June 20 ~ *Happy Father's Day*

9:00am +Douglas F. Ferrer
Noon +Maria Hoang & Joseph Nguyen
+Peter & Maria Nguyen
Xuyen Bui
Leo Meerman
+Rufus DeSoto
+Charles & Genevieve Darsey
+Virli S. Custodio
+John Ricard
+Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung
+John D. Spano

Monday, June 21

7:00am For the soul of Giuse Phuong

Tuesday, June 22

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Wednesday, June 23

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Thursday, June 24

7:00am +Maria Pham

Friday, June 25

7:00am +Alberto Abdon Quiaot, MOB