

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



HURRICANE EDITION

September 12, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

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

Thanks be to God and to Our Blessed Mother for their help and protection during Hurricane Ida.

Damage from a Cat 4 could have been much more severe.

During these days in the aftermath of Ida, there has been a tremendous spirit of assistance to those in need. Neighbors have rediscovered the value of talking face to face.

In the grand scheme of things, our parish plants have suffered some minor damage.

St. Rosalie:

A Plexiglas stained glass window protector blew off and broke allowing Ida's winds to push out and break an 8 inch circular piece of stained glass. A few roof tiles were broken and displaced. Today (9-5), the Archdiocese had an inspector out checking out the damage to our church roof. We have lost some roof shingles on the parish center, Hawk's Haven, the portico over the entrance to the day chapel, the white house and the Dominican Convent. The new front doors to the Church took a beating from the wind and rain and will need some work. Currently 9-6 and 7, the archdiocese has men tarping our parish and school roofs where shingles have come off.

St. John Bosco:

The parish office lost a few roof shingles. On both sides of the outside of the church aluminum panels were torn down by the winds. The Laureate Academy suffered one broken window and some water damage. Most of the drain spouts around the pavilion came down as well as some aluminum flashing.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help clean up the St. John Bosco Parking Lot and side lawn. Kudos to the St. Rosalie Family and their helpers who spent all day Wednesday cleaning up our disaster area and removing all the debris from the parking lot and lawn.

Thanks to the St. Rosalie volunteers who cleaned the Church and manned the parish center food pantry.

God bless the goodness and generosity of all our volunteers.

Thanks, too, to all our first responders and linesmen from throughout the country who have come to assist us. I've seen trucks from New York, Pennsylvania, Idaho, Mississippi, Florida, Massachusetts, and the Carolinas. God bless these good people who have left the comfort of their homes and their families have come here to work in unbearable heat to assist us in our time of need.

The rest of this bulletin is dedicated to priming the pump with ideas of saints and saints' costumes for our 2nd annual celebration of All Saints weekend coming up at the end of next month. Dressing up as a saint and sharing your saint's story can be a great way for our parish family to grow in our knowledge and love of the saints as well as exposing our children to wonderful saints.

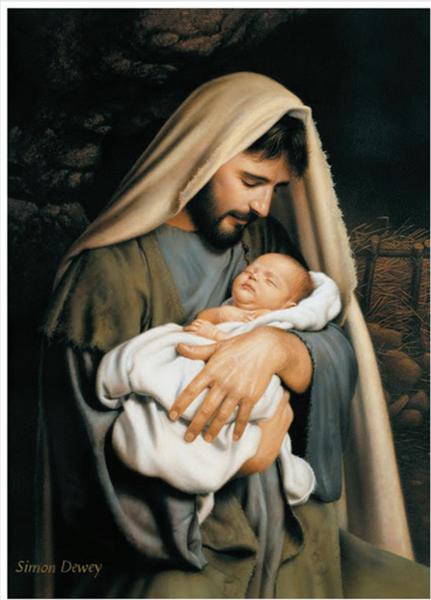
God loves you!

F. Mark

All Saints Day Weekend at St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes

October 30-31, 2021

It's not too early, to begin to prepare your costume and to learn of about the goodness of your chosen saint. Here are some possibilities to explore:

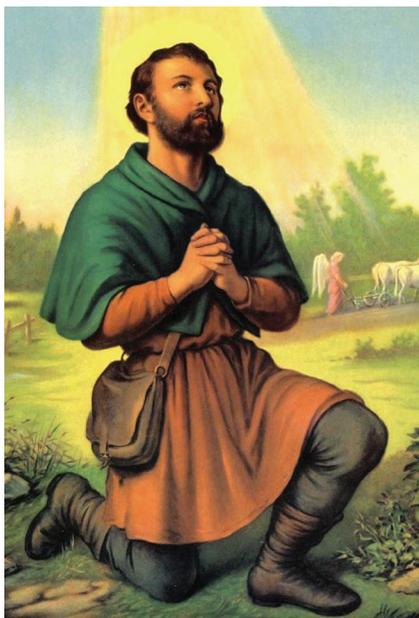


St. Joseph

Since the 10th century, March 19th has been observed as the principal feast day of St. Joseph in Western Christianity and commemorates the life of Joseph. The husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, Joseph is often referred to as the father in the shadows. In fact, none of Joseph's words are written in the gospels and little was recorded about his life. In 1955, an additional feast day was declared by Pope Pius IX and is celebrated on May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This date is also International Workers' Day and believed to reflect Joseph as the patron saint of workers.

Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others.

On the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. In an opinion column for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Daniel Joyce, S.J. '88, executive director of mission programs, described the pope's official opening of a yearlong celebration as "a global call for solidarity and a renewed way of being family in the post-pandemic world."



St. Isidore

St. Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1070. His family was poor, and he worked as a farmer on land owned by a rich man named John de Vergas. Because Isidore was such a good worker, de Vergas allowed him to worship every day in the chapel on his property, but Isidore was often accused of neglecting his work by his fellow workers. Prayer was his highest priority.

Isidore married a woman named Mary, and they had a son. But after their son died while he was very young, they realized that God did not have plans for them to have children, so they lived chastely for the rest of their lives.

Isidore and Mary were poor, but they gave whatever they could to those who were in more need. According to one story, Isidore walked to the mill one day with a sack of corn. On his way, he gave half the corn to hungry birds. By the time Isidore reached the mill, the sack had miraculously been filled again.

St. Isidore died in 1130 of natural causes. Many miracles and cures have been reported at his grave, and his body remains incorrupt. His wife was canonized as well, as St. Mary de la Cabeza.

St. Isidore is the patron saint of agricultural workers and the United States Rural Life Conference.



St. Martin de Porres

Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish knight and a freed slave from Panama. Martin's father abandoned the poverty-stricken family when Martin was very young. Martin attended school for only two years before being apprenticed to a barber/surgeon where he learned to cut hair and was also trained in medical practices.

In Peru, by law, mixed-race persons were not allowed to become full members of religious orders. Martin, who spent long hours in prayer, begged the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a volunteer laborer. Eventually, he became a lay brother in the order. Martin worked in the infirmary where he was praised for his unconditional care of all people, regardless of race or wealth. Martin's life reflected his great love for God, and many miracles were attributed to him during his lifetime.

St. Martin de Porres died on November 3, 1639 at the age of 60. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837 and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962. His feast day is November 3.

St. Rosalie

Rosalia was born of a Norman noble family that claimed descent from Charlemagne. Rosalia was known for piety, and was devoutly religious, even at an early age. She retired to a life as a hermit, in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she died alone, in 1166 at the age of 36. She was said to be a beautiful woman. Tradition tells us that she was led there, to that cave, by two angels. On that cave wall, where she spent her life as a hermit, she wrote on it's wall the following, "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ".

In 1624, 458 years after Rosalia's death, a horrible plague struck Palermo. During this hardship, Rosalia appeared to a sick woman and healed her. She then appeared to a hunter, in which she indicated where her remains were to be found. She ordered him to bring her bones to Palermo, and have them carried in procession through the City.

The hunter climbed the mountain and found her bones in the cave, as she had described. He did what she had asked of him in the apparition, and after the procession the plague ceased immediately. After this great miracle, St. Rosalia would be venerated as the patron saint of Palermo, and a sanctuary was built in the cave where her remains were discovered.

This celebration called the "Festino" is still held each year in Palermo. It is one of the largest social and religious events in Palermo. Also an event related to the Festino and St. Rosalia; a tradition of walking barefoot from Palermo up to Mount Pellegrino is held annually to honor and venerate St. Rosalia. Also, in the United States, this September feast day, beginning in August, brings large numbers of visitors annually to the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, in New York City, to honor St. Rosalia, and participate in the "Festino" in America.

Practical Take Away – St. Rosalia heard the voice of God at a very young age, and followed that call. Two angels led her to a cave, where she would live in "Honor of Jesus" for the rest of her life as a hermit. Nearly 500 years later, she appeared to a sick lady in Palermo, and then to a hunter – instructing him as to where her bones were. He was to gather those bones and then to parade through town. Immediately after that procession, the town's plague ceased. St. Rosalia chose to spend her life on this earth, in complete communion with God. She chose to do that by becoming a hermit and living in solitude in a cave, just as the two angels had instructed her to do. There, she could clearly hear the voice of God, and become one with His Will for her. How many times do we stop in our daily lives, to hear the voice of God? Are we in any form of communion with God? Her life shows us that we must find ways in our life, to be in communion with God, and that means more than just going to Mass on Sunday. We would benefit greatly, to call upon St. Rosalia, to intercede for us and help us find that same communion with God that she had. It is worth the effort, and will bring us too, to Sainthood.



St. Mary Mazzarello

Mary Domenica was born on May 9, 1837, in Mornese (Alessandria), Italy. At home she was helped to develop a solid piety, untiring work and that outstanding common sense and depth of judgment that she would show in later life as Congregational Leader. At fifteen, she joined the Association of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and began her apostolate among the young people of her village.

A serious attack of typhoid at the age of 23 had a profound spiritual effect on her. The experience of her own physical fragility, on the one hand, deepened her abandonment to God and, on the other, encouraged her to open a sewing school to educate the girls in work, prayer and love of God.

Thanks to her intense sacramental life, and under the wise guidance of Fr. Pestarino, she made great progress in the spiritual life. On the occasion of Don Bosco's visit to Mornese (8-10-1864) she said: "Don Bosco is a saint and I feel it." In 1872, Don Bosco chose her to begin the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters).

As Congregational Leader, she proved a capable formator and teacher of spiritual life. She was cheerful and serene, and spread peace wherever she went. She radiated joy and involved other young people in her dedication to the education of women.

The Institute developed rapidly. At her death, she left her Daughters an educational tradition, permeated by Gospel values: the search for God, whom we come to know through enlightened catechesis and ardent love, responsibility in work, sincerity and humility, austerity of life and joyful self-giving.

She died in Nizza Monferrato on May 14, 1881. Her feast is celebrated on May 13.



St. Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Announcements



St. Rosalie family at work cleaning up at St. John Bosco. Thanks!

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Pastoral Council is a ministry of our parish with the purpose of advising and assisting the Pastor in handling the activities of the parish. You must be a registered, supporting member of the parish to be considered. Two members will be elected. Nominations are now being accepted through October 18, 2021. For more information, contact the church office (504.340.0444) or email - stjohnbosco@arch-no.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of a Grounds & Building Maintenance person. For more information please call the church office and leave your contact information or forward your resume to stjohnbosco@arch-no.org.

Postponed

Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches



\$10.00
Sandwich
& Chips

**Delicious Homemade
Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches**

Dressed or Plain with Gravy

Sponsored by the **KC Ladies Auxiliary**

Saturday, September 11th

After 4:00 p.m. Mass &

Sunday, September 12th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass

Drive thru only – no dine-in

600 Second Avenue, Harvey

Phone-in Orders taken 1 week in advance.

Jackie Gerstner – 940-8165

Announcements

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting



CANCELED

6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm Meeting

All active parishioner men are invited.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**

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Catholic Communications Campaign

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communication. **Collection will be taken September 18 & 19.**

Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
Carmen Koenig Kass*

Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
Lap Hoang & Tin Nguyen*

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Current Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00 Noon &

NEW YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS - 8:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Abdon & Quiaoit Families

+Jacqueline Guillot

+Wayne Delaune

+Joyce Sonnier

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Rita & Oren Breaux, Sr.

+Matthew Foret

+Christina Roberts

Sunday, September 26

9:00am +Thanksgiving to St. Jude

+Joseph DeBlanc, Jr.

+Rose H. Abdon, MOB

+Carmen Koenig Kass

+Derek DiMarco

+J. D. Spano

+Mary Ann Ramos

Noon Saint Januarius

8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, September 20

7:00am Julie Kirkland

Tuesday, September 21

7:00am +Raymond & Helen Saulino

Wednesday, September 22

7:00am All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 23

7:00am

Friday, September 24

7:00am +Maria Pham

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*"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of
God as your main goal.*

- Don Bosco