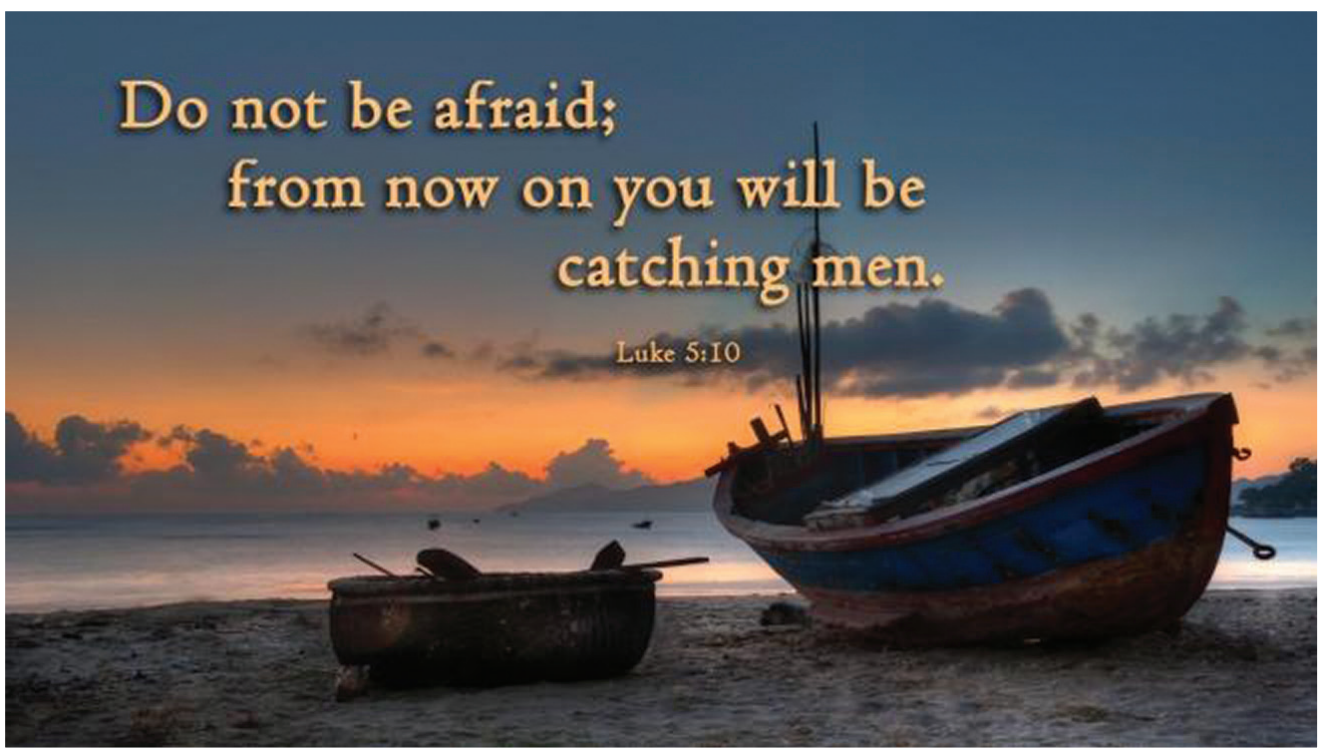


The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be
catching men.

Luke 5:10



ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH
February 6, 2022

The Pastor Jots It Down

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



Happy February!

As we enter the 2nd month of this New Year, I think it's a great time to review our spiritual plan of life for 2022. If we don't have one, maybe now is the time that Jesus is knocking at our door to allow him and his ways to shape our lives 24/7.

If we want things to go well, we need to plan both in our daily lives and in our spiritual lives. In addition, as we go along, we need to review our plans, to see

the progress that we have made, to see the pitfalls we encountered, and to do some fine tuning.

We can ask ourselves: What is the goal of Catholic Christian Life? Very simply it is to know and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. This personal relationship moves us then to want to please Jesus in all that we do: to keep his commandments, to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our lives, and to avoid sin and the near occasions of sin.

Knowledge of Jesus and of the faith doesn't guarantee salvation. Living our faith in our daily lives coupled with a personal relationship with Jesus is much more beneficial for our salvation than intellectual knowledge of the faith.

The two sacraments which are the building blocks of our faith: **Reconciliation and the Eucharist.**

It is in these two sacraments that Christ can touch our lives, if we allow him. In these two sacraments Christ is knocking at our door -- to allow him deeper access into our minds, hearts and the actions of our daily life.

Heartfelt prayer coupled with the power of the sacraments can lead us to keep Jesus as the center of our lives and keep us on the path to salvation and the glory of heaven.

John the Baptist told his disciples when they questioned him about Jesus: "He must increase. I must decrease."

As I mentioned in several homilies, we can substitute Jesus for the personal pronoun he and ego for the word I. Thus, Jesus must increase and my ego decrease. When my ego gets in the way, I believe that I know what's better for me than what my Creator knows to be good for me. Adam and Eve fell into the same trap and they lost so much for themselves and for us

Today, may the Lord touch our minds and hearts that we may strive to plan/review our plans to make Jesus the Center of our lives through prayer, the sacraments, and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

God loves you!

F. Mail

February, A Month of Love



February is the month of love – a time for Valentine’s Day and remembering love – emphasizing the importance of love in our lives. It’s not very unusual for us to fail to put 2 & 2 together, but love and grief are intimately related. You can’t have one without the other. You do not grieve unless you love, and the risk of love involves the inevitability of grief. We should remember this relationship. It will help us to be able to grieve more purposefully when we realize its source is love. It will help us to love more fully when we realize that love will result in grief and yet the eternity of love is found in our grief and remembering forever. When we love, we never forget, and we can imagine the idea of eternity and life everlasting. The double-sided coin of grief and love are the two elements of understanding Eternity and Everlasting life – neither exists without love and its counterpart grief.

--Dr. Jimmy Braswell

In My Life

(McCartney/Lennon)

Though I know I’ll never lose affection
For people and things that went before.
I know I’ll often stop and think about them,
In my life I love you more.
In my life I love you more.

From: <https://www.homehospicewtx.com/february-a-month-of-love/>

What do we mean by the term ‘Kerygma?’



By Msgr. Charles Pope/National Catholic Register
July 20, 2021

On June 16, Archbishop Christophe Pierre addressed the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. His fundamental message to them was, based on Pope Francis’ insights, to begin again from Christ. A crucial point he develops is evident in the following words from his address:

“The kerygma — the proclamation of the Good News — is not a ‘traditional’ custom or a certain ‘social practice.’ The kerygma is the joyful announcement that Jesus Christ is a living Person to be encountered, who through his Resurrection has defeated sin and death.” Given his emphasis on this, we do well to explore what is meant by the kerygma. A proper understanding of it becomes more central as we look to evangelizing a culture, almost from scratch.

The term κήρυγμα (kerygma) is a Greek word meaning “proclamation.” The Greek word κηρύσσω (kerysso) means “herald,” or one who proclaims. And thus the kerygma is what is proclaimed.

As the Apostles began the work of preaching and proclaiming Christ, they proclaimed a message that was rather basic and simple. More extended teaching or instruction would come later, after baptism. But the initial proclamation of Christ was simple and to the point.

There are eight sermons or proclamations delivered by Peter and Paul that illustrate basic aspects of the kerygma:

- 1. Acts 2:14-36 – Peter to the crowds gathered on Pentecost**
- 2. Acts 3:12-26 – Peter to the crowds amazed at the healing of the paralyzed man**
- 3. Acts 4:8-12 – Peter to the Jewish leaders at the healing of the paralyzed man**
- 4. Acts 5:29-32 – Peter to the Jewish leaders who order the Apostles to be silent**
- 5. Acts 10:34-43 – Peter to the household of Cornelius**
- 6. Acts 13:16-41 – Paul to the Synagogue in Pisidian Antioch**
- 7. Acts 14:15-17 – Paul to the crowds in Derbe**
- 8. Acts 17:22-31 – Paul at the Areopagus**

This does not mean that later development was not both necessary and good. It simply means that the initial proclamation sought to get right to the point. In effect, this kerygmatic approach was seen more as a proclamation addressed directly to the hearer, and as a call to conversion, rather than as an extended catechesis or appeal to the reason through motives of credibility.

The basic content of the kerygma emphasized that Jesus is the chosen Messiah of God, the One who was promised. And though he was crucified, he rose gloriously from the dead, appearing to his disciples. And now, having been exalted at the right hand of the Father through his ascension, summons everyone to him.

This proclamation (kerygma) requires a response from its listeners, that they should repent of their sins, accept baptism and live in the new life that Christ is offering. This alone will prepare us for the judgment that is to come upon all humanity. There is an urgent need to conform ourselves to Christ and be prepared by him for the coming judgment.

It will be noted that the kerygma was not some mere happy-clappy proclamation. It starts with a frank declaration that we are sinners and need God's mercy. Repentance from sins and dead works opens the door to the beautiful savior who waits to heal us through a life-changing and transformative relationship with him.

This was the basic kerygma. The Apostles and the early Church would surely go on to develop more — for example, the theology of grace, moral theology, Christology, ecclesiology, Trinitarian theology, and so forth. But the deeper things and concepts wait until the soul has first been cleansed of sin, and the darkness of mind that sin brings. Once initiated into the mysteries through baptism, the soul is now able to go on to maturity in Christ.

But step one is the announcement of the kerygma and the acceptance of it by the believer, so as to enter into the deeper mysteries. Thus, the early Church and the Apostles preached the basics, and then drew into the deeper mysteries those who would accept and believe.

Announcements

Adoration Desperately Needs Your Help!

Please invite others to adore Jesus!

Attrition has severely impacted the roster. If someone you invite is interested, you send their information to Edie Meaux. She will then know to approve the person and send information to clarify their willingness to register as an adorers.

As you know, adoration relies on a continuous cycle of committed and scheduled adorers for each of the remaining hours of what was perpetual adoration of 24 hours each of the seven

days of the week, then 120 hours, and now 112 hours each week. Any break in the chain collapses the whole. New adorers are needed to commit to the schedule to continue to be able to offer intimate visits with Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Jesus can never be left alone!

As always, information must be sent to Edie Meaux (edithmeaux@cox.net or stjohnbosco@adorationservants.org) to receive the door code.

Young Adult & Youth Mass
Sunday Evening at 8:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend
The latest Mass on the West Bank
With the "West Bank Worship" band

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WORSHIP



Musically inclined? New Band Members Welcome!
St. John Bosco Church

Announcements

Confirmation Classes

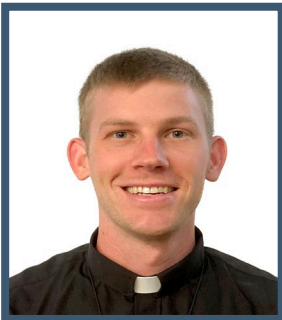
Upcoming Confirmation Classes for students enrolled in the program will be 6:00pm - 7:30pm at St. Rosalie School **Monday, February 7th.**



Mens Club

The next Mens Club meeting will be **Monday, February 7, 2022** beginning at 6:30pm. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

Vocation Prayer Intention



February 4 - 10

please pray
for

Br. Paul Hotovy

who is in
Post-Novitiate
in Orange, NJ

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
James Hennegan

Bread & Wine

In Memory of
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 5

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco
5:30pm +Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.
+Jacqueline Guillot
+Jim McKenna
+Leboria Burrell
+Duffy & Derek Dumas
Happy Birthday Payton Haddican
+Elden Nunnery
+Raymond Ward

Sunday, February 6

9:00am +Derek & Billy, Jr. DiMarco
+Peggy & Anthony DiMarco, Sr.
+Estelle & William Allen
+Marilyn DeBlanc
+Vernon Guillot
+Mary Ann Ramos
+Dolores Ramos
+Paula S. Ramos
+Monreal Family
Noon +Phong Vu

8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, February 7

7:00am Conversion of Sinners

Tuesday, February 8

7:00am All Those Battling Cancer

Wednesday, February 9

7:00am Joseph Phuc Huu Nguyen
Julie Kirkland

Thursday, February 10

7:00am +All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 11

7:00am +Robert Zang
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 12

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco
5:30pm Happy Birthday Paul Haddican
+Jacqueline Guillot
+Jim McKenna
+Leboria Burrell
+Duffy & Derek Dumas
May & Ruiz Families
Happy Birthday Pat Nunez
+Raymond Ward

Sunday, February 13

9:00am +Douglas Ferrer
Noon +Phong Vu
+Ronnie LaGrange
Happy Birthday Kateri Jordan
Thanksgiving to St. Jude
8:00pm Needs of Parish