

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rejoice and be glad;
for your reward will be great in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:12A



**ST JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH
February 13, 2022**

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,
Peace be with you! This was Jesus greeting to the fearful apostles who were locked away in the upper room after his crucifixion and death on the cross.



Jesus wants us to have peace. Don Bosco had peace makers at the Oratory. Archbishop Aymond when he celebrated the Shaw-AOL Don Bosco Feastday Mass, called upon all, students, faculty, staff, parents and guests, to be peacemakers following in the footsteps of St. John Bosco.

To make peace, forgiveness is an essential element. Forgiveness blesses us with peace as well as those whom we forgive. Forgiveness allows us to begin to repair damaged relationships, let go of past hurts and move on from the shackles of past negative experience.

To quote Alexander Pope: "To err is human; to forgive is divine"

Getting back to Jesus wishing peace to the apostles in the upper room, he also conferred on them his divine power to forgive sins: "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them." Hence, the Sacrament of Peace – Confession – Reconciliation.

In daily life how many times have we been hurt, have not been able to let go of the hurt, and still allow that hurt to impact our lives and take away the peace that the Lord wants for us.

The hurt can be caused by an individual, groups of people and even institutions we deal with.

For myself, several times, I have felt hurt by the words and actions of some of my Salesian confreres. In one case I was hurt to the core. For days, I was brooding, constantly thinking of how to let that confrere know, how much his response cut me to the quick. It took me a number of days, to realize how this was draining all my energies. As I thought about the toll this was taking on me, I thought of the inexperience of the confrere, and the thought that he possibly was having a bad day, like we all have sometimes, and I decided to let it go. That decision brought me great peace and has helped me realize the power of letting go and the peace that can bring. Today, that confrere and I enjoy a good friendship. Thank you, Lord!

In the centerfold of this bulletin is a great article on the 7 Steps of Forgiveness. It treats of forgiveness and its benefits on a human level. Though, the steps in the process of forgiveness that its outlines can be very beneficial in our spiritual lives. Remember as Catholic Christians Jesus calls us to love and forgive one another as he loves and forgives us.

When we find forgiveness hard, let's remember Jesus on the Cross praying to his Father for his executioners: "Forgive them, they know not what they are doing."

God loves you!

F. Mark



Our Apostolic Passion

By Fr. Louis Molinelli, SDB, Delegate for Youth Ministry

We have just celebrated the Solemnity of St. John Bosco, our Father and Founder. Each of our ministries celebrates this anniversary with deep and rich traditions. While each place is different, the centerpiece is the gathering of our young people to rejoice, pray, and celebrate! When young people gather, there is an infectious joy that permeates the gathering. Our young people feel the fire of joy and optimism that is the spiritual heritage bequeathed to them by Don Bosco. The Rector Major, Fr. Angel, reminds us in his commentary on the strenna for this year that, "...Don Bosco, in his relationships with the most disadvantaged and poorest young people at Valdocco, learned to follow the way of the heart in accepting them and accompanying them in their education....to enter into this relationship of friendship because in his [the young person's] heart, he felt that he was loved."

The Preventive System has at its heart this apostolic passion to walk with young people along the journey of life. We as Salesians must kindle the fire of passion for the Lord that moved us to answer our call to be signs of bearers of God's love in the Salesian Family for the young. Being in the midst of young people requires us to find that space in their hearts where God is waiting to meet them and then to bring our young people into an encounter with God. Because we have been loved and have responded to God's vocational gift, we can then become that infectious agent of God's plan to bring the young into a relationship with Him.

What fuels your passion? What makes your heart burn with energy and zeal? As Salesians, is it not that call from God, who formed us in our mothers' wombs and gave us life so that we may give life to others? I believe that, when we rekindle this passion, we create the space for God to continue to bring us deeper into the heart of His Son and into communion with one another, especially the young. Let us be conduits of apostolic passion to the young!

Forgive to Move On



7 Steps to True Forgiveness

By Jon Negroni

What are the steps to true forgiveness?

Forgiveness is a process, not a singular action. Of course, that begs the question, “What is the process of forgiveness?”

There are myriad approaches to understanding this process and making sense of it is unique to your situation and context.

Still, consider these steps to true forgiveness a rubric for embarking on a passage to meaningful forgiveness that will help you find resolution.

Step 1: Acknowledge

Acknowledge the hurt. Who hurt you and why did they do it? What is the context of the situation, and how long ago did this happen?

Step 2: Consider

Consider how the hurt and pain has affected you. The word “consider” is key here because it involves thinking before making a decision. Before you decide on whether or not you will forgive this person, consider the negative feelings you’ve acquired since the incident.

How has the pain changed you? How detrimental was the person’s mistake to your life or someone else?

Step 3: Accept

Accept that you cannot change the past. No matter how much you wish this pain could be reversed, it's time to admit to yourself that your anger toward the person won't redeem what they have done. It is during this step that you must thoughtfully consider whether or not you want to forgive.

Step 4: Determine

Determine whether or not you will forgive. This is when the forgiveness process will either begin or end. This decision should not be made lightly, as it will determine the future of your relationship with this person.

Step 5: Repair

Repair the relationship with the person who wronged you. Before any act of forgiveness or reconciliation, rebuild the connection you used to have with this person. In most cases, you will be the instigator of this repairing, but if you have thoughtfully engaged in the previous 4 steps, then there is a higher chance of success.

Note that you are repairing the relationship, not restoring it. It will likely take more time for the relationship to return to normal, whatever that may look like to you. Acts of repairing can include kind words, simple gestures or even gifts.

Step 6: Learn

Learn what forgiveness means to you. Up until now, you've probably thought that forgiveness is more for their benefit, not yours.

But once the relationship is on the path to restoration, and you've given yourself time to accept the reality of the past, it's clear that forgiveness is a way for you to find closure. Closure that means something.

Step 7: Forgive

Forgive the person who wronged you. In some cases, this will be silent. You may be compelled to verbally forgive the person, even if you do not expect a kind response, but if you have followed through on the previous steps, then their reaction won't really matter. What will matter is that you have found a way to let go and move on.

From: <https://thriveworks.com/blog/7-steps-to-true-forgiveness/>

Sacred Scripture Speaks to Us About Forgiveness

Do not bear a grudge (Leviticus 19:18)

Forgive, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37)

Forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)

Live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18–21)

In Him we have forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7)

Be kind and compassionate (Ephesians 4:31–32)

Forgive as the Lord forgave you (Colossians 3:13)

Jesus came to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15–16)

If we confess our sins, Jesus will forgive us (1 John 1:9)

In Our Parish

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

West Bank
WORSHIP



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

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION



*We pray for religious sisters
and consecrated women;
thanking them for their
mission and their courage;
may they continue to find
new responses to the
challenges of our times.*



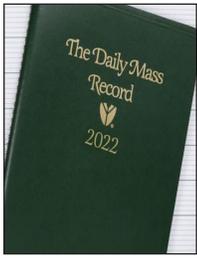
Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary
(For couples married 1972 or earlier.)

Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 3:00pm
St. Philip Neri, Metairie

Please register by contacting the parish no later
than **Friday March 11th** by leaving a message on
the voicemail (504.340.0444) or send an email.

Announcements

Mass Book Submissions



As a reminder, please submit Mass requests at least 14 days in advance. While we try to accommodate all requests, the bulletins are often submitted for print 2-3 weeks in advance. Thank you for understanding.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 21st -

Rosary: 6:30pm
Meeting: 7:00pm

All men who are active parishioners are invited.



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!

Sanctuary Candle

Burns for

The Lynch Family

Bread & Wine

for

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Mass Intentions

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
Conversion of Sinners
All Souls in Purgatory
8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, February 14

7:00am +Rosario 'Boogie' Termine
+J. D. Spano
+Raymond & Helen Saulino
+Sylvia Fastoff, MOB

Tuesday, February 15

7:00am Peace on Lucky Jean Boat &
All Fishermen
Clyde Ortego
Tommy Solis

Wednesday, February 16

7:00am Julie Kirkland, Successful Surgery
Bobbielynn Sommers, Healing

Thursday, February 17

7:00am Happy Birthday Hannah Ha Jordan
Happy Birthday Andrew Vuong

Friday, February 18

7:00am +Christina & Ryan Roberts

Saturday, February 19

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco
5:30pm +Wayne Delaune
+Jacqueline Guillot
+Jim McKenna
+Leboria Burrell
+Duffy & Derek Dumas
+Raymond Ward

Sunday, February 20

9:00am +Juan Jose Monreal
+Refugio Monreal
+Roberto Solis
Martin & Benedetto Families
+Charles & Genevieve Darsey
+Marilyn DeBlanc
+Schmit Family
+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco
+Mignon Caronna
+Karen Morales
Noon +Phong Vu
8:00pm Needs of Parish