

3rd Sunday of Easter



*“Cast the net over the right side of the boat
and you will find something.”*

*So, they cast it, and were not able to pull it in
because of the number of fish.*

John 21: 6

**ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH
May 1, 2022**

The Pastor Jots It Down

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



Happy 3rd Sunday of Easter and Happy Feast of St. Joseph the Worker!

This year St Joseph the Worker is trumped liturgically by the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Though I think it important that we remember this feast which was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to honor St. Joseph and to celebrate the Catholic Church's commitment to the dignity of labor.

The Catholic Church teaches that the economy must provide opportunities for work and fair wages for every individual who is willing and able to work. According to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), "Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of giving continuing participation in God's creation."

In this bulletin, you will find two special articles.

One, a beautiful Pascual Triduum reflection, written by Richard Lamoureau, a member of St. Rosalie Parish, entitled: "*The Holy Eucharist, The Cross, and My Life.*"

I thank Richard for sharing his reflection with me and for

allowing me to share it in our parish bulletins. Richard, thanks for sharing your faith; thanks for being a missionary disciple.

Thanks, also, to Josh Mitchell, Lisa Haddican, Jill Stoner and Wade Perrin who have also shared their faith and contributed articles in the past for our parish bulletins – true missionary discipleship.

I invite all our parishioners to share a bit about your faith journey for possible publication in a future bulletin. Don't worry about spelling/punctuation/paragraphs, etc. All articles will be edited and polished before appearing in the bulletin. We're all in this faith journey together. Your words/experiences may just be what some future missionary apostle needs to hear to help her/him on the journey to holiness. Email submissions preferred.

The other special article, I found on the internet, is entitled: "*Should You Tithe When You're In Debt?*" It can be read profitably not only by those in debt but also by anyone who may want to think more about charitable giving no matter what their financial status may be. It contains a lot of sound advice about giving from the www.HerMoney.com website.

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day next Sunday, I know many mothers and grandmothers are concerned about the faith life of their children and grandchildren.

We can take heart from St. Monica. Her only son was a hedonistic young man with an illegitimate child of his own. Through her prayers and example, he converted, becoming a priest and bishop, as well as one of the most renowned theologians of all time. What changed Augustine's heart was not his mother dragging him to Mass or nagging him to get to confession it was her constant prayer for his conversion and the fruit it bore in his life.

God loves you!

F. Mark

The Holy Eucharist, The Cross, and My Life



The Holy Eucharist is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The consecrated elements of bread and wine are not symbolic as many of our Protestant brothers and sisters believe but by the power of God have been transformed into the body and blood of Jesus.

For me, at times, it's easy to realize. Also, there are times when I don't doubt but I do question it.

When I leave the church and the world envelops me, all thoughts of the Eucharist seem to fade as I watch the world at large.

Then there are times like now, when we literally watch the war unfold before our very eyes and see the wickedness that Satan has released on humanity.

In these times I pray, really pray and ask for God's help, fully realizing that God, in His mysterious ways, uses humankind to resolve the problems they caused.

I must fall back on what the church teaches but even more so looking for the graces that are associated with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confession. Christ truly becomes part of us when we receive the Eucharist and in Confession Christ forgives our sins and gives us peace.

If that is the case, when will all my crosses be lifted and when will I truly experience the peace of the church sacraments: hearing and living God's Word, receiving the Eucharist, and experiencing God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

Am I receiving the Eucharist and the Word of God out of habit? And not getting as much as I could, by not preparing and pondering as I should.

I believe that the Eucharist is fully the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. In the Mass the bread and wine are transformed by the power God through the words and actions of the priest, acting in "persona Christi". I believe with the eyes of FAITH.

I've never felt that I was worthy of receiving this, the greatest gift ever given to humankind. And I'm not worthy because "I'M A SINNER". Yet, Jesus, was sent by God for the sake of sinners.

Many times, we rationalize sin. Yet, SIN IS SIN. Both mortal and venial sins rupture our relationship with God and align us with the evil one.

Sin is doing things that God has asked us not to do; but because of circumstances or bad habits we sin anyway.

Always remember, when looking at the cross above the altar, that that Jesus died on cross because of his great love for us, so that our sins could be forgiven and that all peoples might have the possibility of being with him in heaven.

Mary, Jesus' Mother, suffered with Jesus as he hung on the Cross. At the foot of the cross Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother and helper. That's why I have a devotion to Mary.

Yes, I truly understand the Cross. I understand the Eucharist. But I guess I'm still searching for a special inner peace -- forgetting that that may be the cross God has chosen for me until hopefully, I meet Christ face-to-face.

– Richard Lamoureux, St. Rosalie Parishioner

SHOULD YOU TITHE WHEN YOU'RE IN DEBT?

We break down the major factors to weigh when considering how much to tithe or charitably give — if at all — while in debt.

By Rachel Cautero

Deciding whether to tithe or charitably give – and how much – is a deeply personal or moral choice and one that depends on varying factors.

“This is a highly personal and emotional decision involving an individual’s personal preferences, values and religious beliefs,” says Jane DeLashmutt O’Mara, a certified financial planner and portfolio manager with FBB Capital Partners. “While some may argue that it is a moral obligation to repay his or her debtors, others may feel they have an obligation to give to their church or to a person in need. The most important thing is to create a budget for yourself so that you are not surprised by the consequences of your choices.”

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TAX DEDUCTIONS

One of the major benefits of charitable giving or tithing, apart from the good karma, of course, are the tax benefits. More good news? According to the IRS, there is no difference between donations to charity or a tithe to a religious organization in terms of tax benefits.

“There’s no difference in tax treatment between donations to a charity or a tithe to a religious organization, assuming both are considered “qualified organizations” by the IRS,” says Liz Davidson, founder and CEO of Financial Finesse.

“Cash contributions are fully deductible, up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). The amount you can deduct may be different for property, depending on the type of [donated] property,” she continues.

In order to reap the greatest possible tax benefit, your total itemized deductions, such as property taxes, mortgage interest and charitable donations, should be higher than the standard deduction (\$12,000 for a single filer and \$24,000 for married filing jointly in 2018), Davidson explains.

The IRS Publication 526 has more complete guidelines on charitable giving.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

“By definition, a tithe (is) a payment representing one-tenth of one’s earnings, although the amount that someone chooses to ultimately give to the church or other charitable organizations should be determined, in part, based upon the amount of discretionary income available to make such contributions,” DeLashmutt O’Mara says.

For example, if your expenses already represent 90 percent or more of your monthly income, 10 percent might not be a realistic giving goal, she explains.

Brandon Bennett, a certified financial planner, advisor and principal at RhineVest Advisors LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio says that if you truly want to charitably give, you can make it work regardless of your financial health. He suggests creating a “reverse budget” in which you prioritize paying yourself first and making charitable contributions, then allotting the remaining toward your discretionary and nondiscretionary spending.



“It’s a very personal choice, but it’s important to prioritize your goals based not only on the correct financial decision but also your own morals and beliefs,” he notes.

But he recognizes that the issue is complicated.

“This isn’t a financial decision – it’s a moral one,” he says. “If you’re paying someone else to borrow money, clearly it’s not going to be in your best financial interest to give it away. However, if tithing or giving charitably is a core part of your ethos and morals, then you need to find a way to prioritize your goals and budget to make it work.”

Davidson points to this possible solution: Base the amount you are able to give on your current situation, then increase the amount as your financial situation improves.

“There is no ‘one size fits all’ rule for how much to give or tithe,” she says. She suggests those new to giving start by setting aside 1 to 2 percent of their income for giving, then increase that percentage each year until the goal is met. Another way to start is by simply giving a dollar amount.

But giving should only be done when you are in a financial position to do so, Davidson stresses.

“Whichever way you choose, you’ve got to make sure your own financial oxygen mask is on securely before you implement an aggressive giving strategy,” Davidson notes. “Make sure that your giving doesn’t upend your financial goals, such as building a strong emergency fund, having adequate insurance, and contributing at least enough to your retirement accounts to earn your employer match.”

ATTACK DEBT WHILE GIVING

It is possible to pay down debt while giving. You just have to smart small.

Give a smaller percentage until your debt is paid off, or even just give your time, then increase the percentage of your gifts later, Davidson suggests.

“If you are in the middle of tackling debt but want to give or tithe, recognize that you might not be able to give as high a percentage of your income as you may like, or you may only be able to give your time,” she says. “That’s OK. It’s most important to first pay your obligations. After that, a small amount – if you can – helps you feel like you are connected to the wider world and recognize that as big as our problems are, we can help others.”

Sticking to a budget will also help reach your giving goals.

“Create a budget and stick to it. Then revisit your budget at least annually (or when changes occur in your income or spending habits) and make adjustments to your budget. Working with a certified financial planner professional will help you determine ways to improve your budget,” DeLashmutt O’Mara says.

Bennett says that it is possible to pay off debt and give simultaneously.

“This is all about order or importance. If you really want to attack debt and give, you can do both,” he says. “Sacrifice budgets in other areas like discretionary spending. When tackling debt, prioritize high-interest debt first. As lower balances are paid off, shift the monthly payment you were making towards the paid off account to another debt.”

OTHER OPTIONS

If the numbers simply don’t add up for you to achieve your tithing or giving goals, there is another answer.

“Volunteer!” Bennett says.

Davidson agrees.

“Give your time and your effort instead of money. Volunteer to help out the organization of your choice,” she says. “You can even deduct the expenses you incur providing services (but not your time or the value of the service). That’s a wonderful way to do well by doing good.”

From: <https://hermoney.com/borrow/debt/should-you-tithe-when-youre-in-debt/>



Easter Flowers

In Memory Of

Cristin Haddican Wallace Neil J. Folse, Jr. Raymond Ward
Adele & Rufus DeSoto Earl DeSoto Odele Aramand Mildred
Vicknair Robert Villars Gustavia Breaux Simon Breaux
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Announcements



Confirmation Retreat

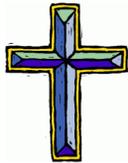
The **mandatory** Confirmation Retreat will be **Saturday, April 30th** at St. Rosalie. It will begin at 9:00am and conclude after the 4:00pm Mass. For more information refer to the email from Mrs. Guyann Murphy.

Womens Society Raffle Ticket Sales -

The Womens Society will be selling 50/50 Raffle tickets following Masses this weekend.

Mens Club

The next Mens Club meeting will be **Monday, May 2, 2022** beginning at 6:30pm. All men are invited to attend.



Vocation Intention

From May 6-12, please pray for all those discerning their vocations as we celebrate **World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 8.**

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
J. D. Spano

Bread & Wine

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter David Nguyen

Conversion of Sinners

+Msgr. Anton C. Dechering

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

Sunday, May 1

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco

+Mary Ann Ramos

+Robert Zang

+Maria Angelina M. Miller

Martin & Benedetto Families

+Daniel Rodriguez, MOB

+Maria Elena Martinez

Noon +J.D. Spano, AOD

8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, May 2

7:00am +Lillian Barth Villars

Tuesday, May 3

7:00am Conversion of Sinners

Wednesday, May 4

7:00am +Leo Meerman

Thursday, May 5

7:30pm +All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 6

7:00pm +Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

Saturday, May 7

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter David Nguyen

Conversion of Sinners

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.

+Mack Perry, Sr.

+Nella Nunez & Yolande Dugas

Happy Anniv. Lisa & Paul Haddican

Sunday, May 8

9:00am +Helen DeBlanc

Noon +Helen Saulino, MOD

+Phong Vu

+Mrs. Flossie Molere

+Simon & Gustavia Breaux

+Maria Chien Vu

Conversion of Sinners

All Souls in Purgatory

8:00pm Needs of Parish