

# The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**St. John Bosco Catholic Church**  
**June 26, 2022**

# The Pastor Jots It Down

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My dear parishioners and friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Parishes and Alumni,

*Happy Sunday!*



In today's Gosepl, we hear these words of Jesus: No one who sets a hand to a plow and looks to what is left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.

"Looking back". People who often "look back" are people who find it hard to forget what happened to them in the past. Forgiveness is a necessity for one who desires to follow Jesus

Looking back can be found in Genesis 19:26 "But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt." Lot's wife looked

back when God had warned Lot and his family not to look back.

God does not want them to look back at what happened to the city where they lived.

Jesus calls us to keep him as the center of our focus and to follow the pathways that lead to eternal life. Though somehow, we profess to be followers of Jesus but in reality other worldly activities, pursuits, and pleasures come before His plans for us: too busy for Sunday Mass, no time to pray at home as a family, haven't been to confession in months or years, think that things like gossip and pornography don't harm anyone, chastity and purity are old fashioned – fornication, adultery, and masturbation are all fine.

When called to follow Jesus, one must forget all that is behind: wealth, luxury, enjoyment of the world, family, siblings, and even parents. Not looking back means forgetting previous achievement, success, greatness, and position – whatever is holding one back from following Jesus.

Today's bulletin deals with a sin many of us have become quite comfortable with and that is the sin of gossip. People tend to think that gossiping is something natural in life. They know it's not good but it's so interesting and captivating. Yet, Christ calls us to say "only the good things people need to know, things that will really help them."

As you read through the bulletin, you will find the wisdom of Pope Francis and Socrates regarding gossip as well as four steps to help one avoid gossip by Ruth Kennedy.

Pope Francis tells us: "I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path."

May all of us pray for the grace to purposely avoid gossip and become saints.

God loves you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Mark".

P.S. Don't miss the article on page 6 regarding the family as the Domestic Church and a number of ways to pass on our faith in the family.

# *St. John Bosco Adoration Chapel turns 26!*



In 1996 the St. John Bosco Adoration Chapel opened with perpetual adoration, 168 hours each week ongoing until 2012. Currently Jesus is available to be with you and for you to come adore in the Most Holy Eucharist for 112 hours each week.

Gratitude is expressed to all the adorers who commit and schedule these 26 years to allow all to visit when convenient. Jesus must never be left alone! Some original adorers are still keeping his and her scheduled hour, some still come when possible; others pray from home for adoration to continue. Many others are home with God.

Adoration is currently available Mondays after 7am Mass until midnight on Saturday. Inquire by email to Edie Meaux at [EdithMeaux@Cox.net](mailto:EdithMeaux@Cox.net) or [StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org](mailto:StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org) You must register to receive the door code.

## *Young Adult & Youth Mass Sunday 8:00 pm*



*Becoming a Popular Mass  
among Young Adults!*



*Musically Inclined? Get Involved!*

# 4 Practical Steps to Avoid Gossip

By Ruth Kennedy

## 1. Realize it is Gossiping in the Moment

Very often, we don't sit down with friends to have a gossip with someone about someone else (and if we are, that's the first step. Stop doing that!). Sometimes, a conversation takes a turn for the worse into being unkind, passing on private information about someone else, or in-depth speculating into someone's personal life. The first step to avoiding gossip is to recognize that that is what it is. You can ask yourself, 'would I want someone to be discussing this about me?'

**"It's so rotten, gossip. At the beginning, it seems to be something enjoyable and fun, like a piece of candy. But at the end, it fills the heart with bitterness and also poisons us."**

**Pope Francis**

## 2. Don't Ask Leading Questions

Once you realize that the conversation has gone into gossip, especially if it is someone else who starts the conversation, you can help stop it yourself by not asking any questions that will make the conversation more destructive.

Don't ask leading questions if the topic has gone there. Steer the conversation away. The truth is most people want to be included in a conversation and will most happily follow wherever a conversation goes. You can politely, cheerfully, and discretely move a conversation totally away from gossip by making another piece of unobjectionable small talk.

**Gossiping is terrorism because the person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a bomb and walks away, destroying; they destroy with their tongue, they don't make peace."**

**Pope Francis**

## 3. If it is appropriate, defend the person or put in a different perspective

This shouldn't be done with the intention to continue the conversation about the individual, but if you know that

something is being said that is untrue, you can put in a calm word to correct the gossip. Or you can remind those in the conversation that the person being gossiped about, as we all are, is a human being with flaws, by offering a different perspective. This could be something as simple as, "maybe they were having a bad day" or similar.

**"Gossip is "criminal" as it destroys, rather than exalts the image of God present in others."**

**Pope Francis**

## 4. Offer up a silent prayer for this person.

St. Gertrude the Great said, "the more we pray for someone, the more that blessing rests on him, for no prayer made in faith remains unanswered, even if the manner of its answering is hidden from us." Praying for the person that we have been gossiping about reminds us of the other person's humanity and God's perspective on the situation. It reminds us that we are both immensely loved by God and that we are all human beings on our way to God. While our behavior falls short of that love, His mercy is there to heal us.

"I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, at the end, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path!" – Pope Francis

**"Those who live judging their neighbors, speaking badly of them, are hypocrites because they don't have the strength, the courage to look at their own defects."**

**Pope Francis**

From: <https://catholic-link.org/the-poison-of-gossip-according-to-pope-francis/>



# Why you should not **GOSSIP**

***"Gossip is a bad thing. In the beginning it may seem enjoyable and fun, but in the end, it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us, too!"***

***– Pope Francis***

In Ancient Greece, Socrates had a great reputation of wisdom. One day, someone came to find the great philosopher and said to him:

Do you know what I just heard about your friend?

Socrates replied. Before you tell me, I would like to test you on the three sieves.

The three sieves?

Yes, continued Socrates. Before telling anything about the others, it's good to take the time to filter what you mean. I call it the test of the three sieves.

The first sieve is the TRUTH. Have you checked if what you're going to tell me is true?

No, I just heard it.

Very good! So, you don't know if it's true.

We continue with the second sieve, that of KINDNESS. What you want to tell me about my friend, is it good?

Oh, no! On the contrary.

So, questioned Socrates, you want to tell me bad things about him and you're not even sure they're true?

Maybe you can still pass the test of the third sieve, that of UTILITY. Is it useful that I know what you're going to tell me about this friend?

Not really.

So, concluded Socrates, what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why, then, did you want to tell me this?

Father,

Praise You for godly friends who hold us accountable. Thank You for illuminating the deceitful power of gossip, that we all entertain within earshot daily.

Forgive us for listening to it instead of walking away. We confess that often we don't speak up out of fear of rejection, and pray that you help us to have the courage to honor others with kind words when their character is being publicly slain.

Bless and heal those who have been mangled by gossip, and others enslaved by it's addictive habit. Heal our insecurities, and help us learn to turn to you for affirmation. Make us busy serving others in love to give You glory, instead of sitting in circles of babble and participating in chatter-filled phone calls. Empower us with Your Holy Spirit to head Your warnings, and steer our conversations with Your love.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# The Family as a Domestic Church



The family is called the “domestic Church” that is the Church at home because the home is the first place where faith is professed and witnessed. The family is where we learn to love, care, forgive, and serve each other and to pray for each other to and to God. Family members help each other to live and grow in their faith.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the original “domestic Church.” Parents are the first and most important teachers of faith to their children. They teach their children beliefs and values. Children also learn that they are loved and accepted which form the foundation of their image of themselves and their relationship with God and others.

Everything that a parent does or says becomes a model for good or bad: the way you speak, treat others, cope with stress or disagreement, show tolerance or forgiveness and even how you pray are all seen by your children.

Spending time together, establishing traditions and rituals that not only will enrich and strengthen family life, but also help to deepen and grow the faith of each member.

The following are several ways to pass on our faith:

**(1) Scripture storytelling** – Scripture told in a simple story that is memorable and enjoyable can help children understand the story better and give them a personal image of Jesus

**(2) Mass** – Think of ways to engage children in the Mass such as seating

near the sanctuary, explaining what is happening before and after the Mass, giving them a Mass book or telling Scripture stories from the day’s Readings.

**(3) Family prayer time** – Prayer time helps make God a part of our daily life. By connecting these events to God in prayer, we help children realize that God is always present in their lives and help them grow in their relationship to God.

**(4) Moments that matter** – Spend time together as a family, especially quiet time with God. Other moments to share are bedtime, mealtime or special family time, such as birthdays or anniversary of your child’s baptism and asking for and offering forgiveness. Give your children a blessing each morning before they leave for school / before bedtime.

**(5) Saints as Role Models** – Children look up to role models in sports, music, and other areas of interest. We should encourage them to learn about the saints who are role models of Christian living. Help them to select a saint and find ways for them to honor and imitate that saint.

**(6) Our Home** – Have religious art, crucifixes, faith based seasonal decorations, or even a prayer altar in the home as daily reminders of our faith.

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## RCIA

*A Journey In Faith*

For Adult Catholics who have not made their 1st Confession, 1st Holy Communion, or Confirmation.

For those adults who have not been Baptized or are not Catholic and want to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.

**Program Begins  
September 11, 2022**

Dear Parishioners  
Missionary Disciples,

Remember God speaks through you. Maybe it is for your word of invitation and encouragement that the soul of some future apostle is waiting. Even though the program begins in September, now is the time to plant the seeds for a journey in faith. God bless you!

### **IN-HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION MENTOR TRAINING**

Saturday, July 30, 2022  
Visitation of Our Lady, Marrero

Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Jan and Lloyd Tate, the authors of the In-Home Marriage Preparation program. The next training is scheduled for **Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Visitation of Our Lady Church, 3500 Ames Blvd., Marrero.** For questions or information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or [mfl@arch-no.org](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org).

# Announcements



## Womens Society

The next Womens Society meeting will be **Monday, June 27th** beginning at **6:30pm** - Potluck

## Mens Club

The next Mens Club meeting will be **Monday, July 5, 2022** beginning at 6:30pm. All men are invited to attend.



*Sanctuary Candle*  
for  
**Mary Ann Ramos**

*Bread & Wine*  
In Memory of  
**Mary Ann Ramos**

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**Kevin Steel, Deacon**

### Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00 Noon & 8:00pm

### Confessions

Saturday: 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Wednesday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm ~ Eucharistic Adoration

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, June 25

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter David Nguyen

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Nicholas Tusa, Sr.

+Whitney Bergeron, Jr.

+Angel Nolan

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+Beatrice M. Cruz

+Mike Uvalle

+Maria Antonia M. Brown

## Sunday, June 26

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco

+Ed Verdin

+Maria Thu Chu

+David 'Bone' Caronna

+Elaine Murphy

All Souls in Purgatory

Noon +Phong Vu

8:00pm Needs of Parish

## Monday, June 27

7:00am Julie Kirkland

## Tuesday, June 28

7:00am +Anthony Hoang Tu Lap, AOD

+Maria Pham

## Wednesday, June 29

7:00am +Rosario 'Boogie' Termine

+Mary Ann Ramos

+Phaolo Nguyen Huu Phap

+John Hop Tran

## Thursday, June 30

7:00am +Carlos Hernandez

## Friday, July 1

7:00am Conversion of Sinners

## Saturday, July 2

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+Peter David Nguyen

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Nicholas Tusa, Sr.

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+Mack Perry, Sr.

+Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.

+Dolores R. Suarez

Ramos Family

Ford Family

+Patsy Vicknair Arcement