

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Be watchful
and ready:
you know not
when the
Son of Man
is coming.*

MATTHEW 24:42,44

 daily prayer

**ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

August 7, 2022

The Pastor Jots It Down

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



Happy Sunday 1st Sunday of August. The month when many of our young people will be returning to school for a new academic year.

As we begin a new academic year, we also begin a new pastoral year. This new pastoral year calls us to renewal. We are called to look back and to look forward. Where have we been this past year with our spiritual lives and our missionary discipleship – our efforts to make Christ and the truth of the Catholic Church known. And to look ahead to what Jesus is calling us to do to renew our efforts in growing a personal relationship with Jesus and to be better missionary disciples.

This issue of the bulletin focuses on Missionary Discipleship.

Our parishes need to move forward in our outreach efforts if we want to grow. We have a lot of good going on already, but there is so much more that can be done. That's where the story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and

Nobody comes into play. The moral of that little story: **Nothing happened because no one took a leadership role in the important job to be done.** We can paraphrase the words that President John Kennedy used in his inaugural address: "Ask not what your parish can do for you but ask what you can do for your parish." (and the building up of God's Kingdom here on the Westbank)

Those with leadership skills are needed to involve parishioners in various projects. Those with other skills are needed as well: building and property maintenance, clerical, musical, etc. Think and pray about how you can share your time and talent with your parish family. Remember, also, that parish council elections are coming: what is your vision for the future of our parishes? Are you willing to invest your time and talent in renewing the missionary outreach of our parishes?

The article entitled "Hope Amid Darkness" by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is about the Knights in Poland and their missionary discipleship. The Knights are a world wide Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to living their faith fully and helping where needed to build up God's Kingdom on earth. The Supreme Knight writes: "Though none of us really knows what tomorrow holds, **we are called to unceasingly proclaim the faith we have in Christ**" i.e. missionary discipleship.

Both St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco have Knights of Columbus Councils. St. Rosalie also has the Knights Auxiliary for women. The Knights of St. Rosalie, meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 pm. The St. Rosalie Knights Auxiliary meets in the St. Rosalie Parish Center at 6:30 pm also on the first Thursday of every month. The St. John Bosco Knights meet in the St. John Bosco Conference Room the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend a meeting to see what the Knights are all about and the Ladies to see what the Knights Auxiliary is like. Is Jesus calling you this year to get involved with the Knights and their missionary discipleship?

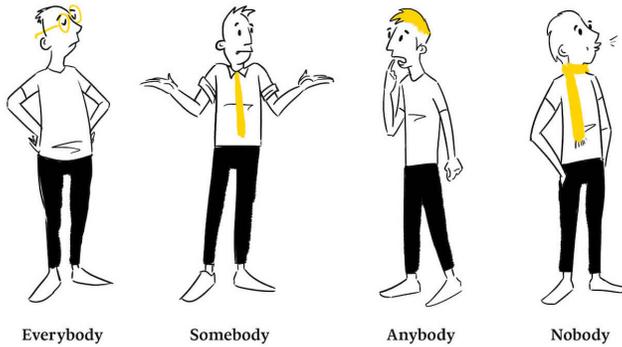
Thanks to Lisa Haddican, a parishioner of St. John Bosco, for her beautiful reflection on missionary discipleship entitled "**Evangelization Through Gentle Quiet Ways.**" A question we could ask ourselves after Lisa's reflection: "Would anyone coming into my home, know that I am a Catholic Christian? Does my home speak of my faith?"

Lastly, Fr. George and I will be making our annual spiritual retreat at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY from August 14th thru August 20th. Then Fr. George will be taking some days of vacation till the end the month. Please say a prayer that Fr. George and I will grow closer to Jesus during the retreat and that Fr. George may have a blessed vacation and return to us well rested and refreshed for the new pastoral year.

God loves you!

F. Mark

Everybody's Somebody!



There is this story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The story may sound funny, but the underlying message is about responsibility and accountability.

This story unfolds in companies and organizations, right down to the home.

Yes, the fact is that when there is some difficult and unrewarding and unglamorous work to be done, we are a bit of that everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody.

The moral here is that **nothing happened because no one took a leadership role in the important job to be done.** Tasks are accomplished when somebody (not the Somebody in our story) takes ownership of an issue and champions its completion.



*Six Amigos
from the
Westbank*

While in Stony Point at the Salesian Provincial Chapter the six amigos from the Westbank sent their greetings. Can you name them all? Can you name where they are at in West Haverstraw/Stony Point, NY? How many of you have been where they are now?



Hope Amid Darkness

I witnessed faith, gratitude and generosity among the suffering of those displaced by the war in Ukraine

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

To gain your life, you must lose it. The path to life is through death - and victory is achieved through a crucifixion.

A mystery is, by definition, beyond full comprehension, but while visiting Poland and Ukraine during Holy Week, I believe I saw deeper into these mysteries of our faith.

The suffering of Ukrainians has been well documented, but to see it firsthand was paradoxically both heart-wrenching and inspiring. In the space of this column, I cannot possibly fully express what my visit meant to me, but I would like to share just a few of its most significant moments.

On our first day, we traveled from Poland into western Ukraine. There we visited with displaced families who had taken refuge in a 14th-century monastery in Rava-Ruska, in the Archdiocese of Lviv. With financial assistance from the Knights of Columbus, the archdiocese converted the monastery's once burned-out interior into a welcoming home for those who had fled Russian bombing.

It was here that I met an older Ukrainian woman who had arrived with a single bag of belongings. Her daughter is in the Ukrainian army, so she fled with her granddaughter. She had no idea when, or if, she would see her home or the rest of her family again. You might reasonably expect someone in such a situation to be overwhelmed and desperate. Instead, this woman was overflowing with gratitude. She thanked me and the Knights, but ultimately her gratitude was directed to God. She said that, at every step of her arduous journey, she has met kind and generous people.

We could all learn from this faithful woman's witness, which called to mind a passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will

guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (4:6-7).

Returning from Ukraine to Poland, I also witnessed a young woman walking across the border and pulling a single suitcase. I have no idea from how far she had come, nor for how long she had been pulling her suitcase, but I imagined the sadness and anxiety for the future she must be feeling.

Though none of us really knows what tomorrow holds, we are called to unceasingly proclaim the faith we have in Christ. The victory ultimately is Christ's already, and we belong to him - his victory is also ours.

On the second day of my visit, I traveled to Radom, Poland, which is home to one of our strongest councils. The Knights there were among the first to respond to the crisis, immediately collecting humanitarian aid to send to Ukraine. They also helped create a network to shelter refugees in homes, volunteered at our Mercy Centers on the border and have recently opened their own parish-based Mercy Center to address the long-term needs of refugees.

Why were these and other Knights able to respond so rapidly and with such great generosity? I believe that it is because they are motivated by their love of Jesus Christ, and it is Jesus who inspires them to put their faith into action. These Knights give a great example of the reality that both faith and action are essential to knighthood.

From a worldly perspective, spending Holy Week witnessing the situation in Ukraine and Poland could have simply left me with profound sadness. But I left with both hope and gratitude - hope that the courage and faith of these Ukrainian refugees will sustain them through this crisis, and gratitude that the Lord continues to provide for them, including through so many brother Knights who have been there for them in their time of need.

Vivat Jesus!



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Evangelization Through Gentle Quiet Ways

By LISA HADDICAN

We are called as Catholic Christians to evangelize, to be Missionary Disciples. When Paul, my husband, challenged me to write a reflection on evangelization I thought it would be easy. I was born and raised in the Catholic faith. I've spent my entire life in the Catholic Church. We have raised our kids in the faith, in the Church and taught them the Traditions of the Faith. I thought this would be easy. When I sat down to write this I struggled. The question I struggled to answer was: How to I, Lisa, evangelize? I'm an introvert and quiet so how do I spread the Gospel and the love of Christ? I have prayed and thought about this a lot, and I think I do evangelize in my own gentle quiet ways.

When people walk into my home they can see and hopefully feel that my home is faith filled. I have pictures of Jesus and the Blessed Mother, crucifixes over my doorways, a holy water font by front door, a prayer "corner," a home altar with candles. I have books about the saints and the Catholic Church for friends to borrow. I have Rosaries throughout the house if anyone wants to pray a decade or take one home. I think I evangelize in this gentle quiet way.

In public I show my faith. At restaurants as a family, as a couple, and with friends we say grace. We do not draw attention to ourselves by shouting our prayer or asking for quiet. We simply bow our heads and pray. We then enjoy our meal and sometimes a beer. While walking at my neighborhood walking

track, I pray the Rosary. I don't shout as I pray, but do I pray aloud. As I passed other walkers, they hear my prayer and see my Rosary. I think I evangelize in this gentle quiet way.

I talk about my faith. When asked about the Catholic faith or the Catholic Church, I answer to the best of my ability. If I don't know the answer, I will ask more knowledgeable people than myself; I look for the answer in Catechism of the Catholic Church. I'll search until I find the answer for the person as well as for myself. I'll share my faith through talking, not debating, with others of my love for Christ, the Blessed Mother, the saints, and the Catholic Church. I think I evangelize in this quiet gentle way.

I am not one to knock on doors and tell people about my Lord and Savior, Jesus. I don't stand in the middle of the street devoutly yelling my praises to Heaven. But I don't hide my faith. I might be kidding myself in thinking I evangelize, and that I am a missionary disciple. I believe that the Holy Spirit uses my gentle quiet ways to bring people to Christ and to the Church. If I have helped one person, even if that person is myself, to become closer to and to love Christ then I guess these are my ways of evangelizing. Maybe evangelizing can be as gentle and quiet as a whisper.

Lisa Haddican is a parishioner of St. John Bosco

The suicide hotline has changed.

On July 16, 2022, the once 11-digit number
was reduced to three numbers.

When people call or text 988, they will be connected to
trained counselors with the existing lifeline network.



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In Our Parishes

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGION CLASSES & CONFIRMATION

Registration packets for PREP (CCD) grades 1 thru 8 and the Westbank High School of Religion, grades 9 thru 11, are located at the back of church this weekend. Please pick up a copy and return completed forms to church next weekend, the 13th or 14th. This will help the process of registration go more smoothly.

In the event that you are unable to make one of these Masses next weekend you can mail the completed forms to **St. John Bosco Church 2114 Oakmere Dr., Harvey, LA 70058**, or drop in the mail box.

If you are entering your junior year in High School and would like to make your **Confirmation** this coming year, then you should also register at this time.

All registrants should bring a copy of their Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate (if you are registering for Confirmation). Please bring copies, not originals, as there is no way to make copies at church.



The Food Pantry is giving food out on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** at the St. Rosalie Parish Center.

If you know of someone who is in need of food please pass the word along.

**St. Rosalie Church
600 Second Avenue
Harvey, LA 70058**

St. John Bosco Women's Society

DAY OF REFLECTION

"Living in the Present Moment"

Saturday August 27, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

St. John Bosco Conference Room

Light Refreshments Served

No charge

Open to Men and Women



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!



**St. John Bosco
2114 Oakmere Dr.
Harvey, LA**



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

The latest Mass on
the west bank!

Musically Inclined???

Get Involved!

Announcements



If you are new to our parish, please complete a **green registration card** available in the back of church. Additionally, a mailing was recently sent out to families that need an updated green registration card on file. Please take a few minutes to complete and return to the church office. Thank you!

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
Adele & Odele DeSoto

Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Peter Phuong Nguyen



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Keep in touch with us

VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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Parochial Vicars

Kevin Steel, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULES:

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm

Youth & Young Adult Mass – Sunday – 8:00 pm

Weekdays – 7:00 am Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am

Weekdays – 7:00 am Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Both Churches:

Adoration & Confessions – Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6

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

+Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.

+John & Doris Southerland

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+Bonnie D. Daigle

Conversion of Sinners

+Leo Meerman

+Francis Hoang Dauzat

All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, August 7

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco

+Mary Ann Ramos

+Dolores Ramos

+Paula S. Ramos

Monreal Family

Martin & Benedetto Families

+Maria Elena Martinez

Thanksgiving for Blessings & Health

+Lourdes Bacuta

+George Bacuta, Jr.

+Penelope Solis

Noon +Phong Vu

8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, August 8

7:00am Julie Kirkland

+Rosario 'Boogie' Termine

+Mildred Vicknair, MOB

Tuesday, August 9

7:00am All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 10

7:00am +Isabelle Miller

+Willie Barnes, MOB

Thursday, August 11

7:00am +Christina & Ryan Roberts

Friday, August 12

7:00am +Robert Zang

+Matta Duong Ty

Saturday, August 13

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

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

May & Ruiz Families

+Whitney Bergeron, Jr.

+Leo Meerman

+Francis Hoang Dauzat

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