

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH  
August 14, 2022

# *The Pastor Jots It Down*

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## **The Growth and Well-Being of our Parishes Depend on Each and Every One of YOU!!!**

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

Sir Edmund Burke once said: "Tyranny will overcome the world if good people, like you, do nothing."

**Likewise, if good people like you, don't desire to be holy, to get involved in our parishes and in missionary discipleship, our parishes will not grow and be the vibrant type of parishes that people will want to join.**

If we have no desire to work for personal holiness and no parish and individual parishioner outreach and collaboration, our parishes will stagnate and eventually die.

**New situations call for new applications and new endeavors.**

We can't continue to remain stuck in our ways.

**I.e., "I've never done that and I have no intention to even try."**

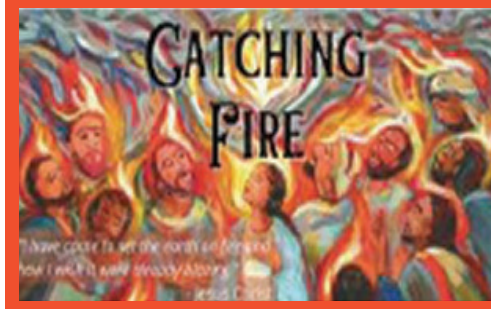
"But we have always done it this way. You want us to change and do something different. You're out of your mind. That will never work."

**"I have so many activities, I have no time to give of my services to the Church."**

"What? Give more money to the Church. I've been faithfully giving \$3 to the Church, every week for the past 15 years."

**"Write an article for the parish bulletin and share my faith story with the rest of the parish. You got to be kidding."**

"Go to confession...I went five years ago. I find it difficult to go and besides I'm a pretty good person."



**"Read the entire Sunday bulletin from cover to cover. No way, I'm only interested in the last two pages."**

"Give more than the minimum \$5 for a Mass Intention complete with card and envelope announcing the Mass, that would be a real sacrifice, I might have to give up that pastry that goes with my Starbucks Double Latte."

**"Go to the Mass I'm having said for somebody. Wait, I did enough in having the Mass said, why should I go?"**

"Find candidates for the RCIA program, isn't that what the priests are for?"

**"Be on time for Mass. Hey, it's OK if I get there 10 minutes late. At least, I got there."**

"I received Holy Communion. Its OK to leave right after receiving Holy Communion because I fulfilled my Sunday obligation and besides, I don't want to get stuck in the after-Mass traffic in the parking lot. Or, if I don't leave now, I'll be late for my next Sunday gathering."

**"I work on Sunday, that excuses me from Sunday Mass. What? Substitute by going to a Mass on my day off, when that's the only day I have to rest?"**

"Spicy language at work is OK as long as I don't use it at home or around children."

**"I need several alcoholic drinks to relax."**

"Getting drunk is OK if you stay at home, don't drive, or have a designated driver. Right???"

**"Sex outside of marriage is great. Besides everyone is doing it."**

"Send my kids for religious instruction. I don't want to brainwash them. Let them decide later when they are more mature, if their interested."

**"Go to Mass on Sunday. I think I'm doing perfectly fine without going."**

"I know my kids are taught the importance of family prayer, personal prayer and Sunday Mass. We're really not Holy Joes and besides fewer and fewer Catholics are praying at home and attending Sunday Mass."

**"Mass every Sunday. Isn't that asking a bit too much in our busy world today?"**

Come Holy Spirit! Renew each parishioner and all those who worship at our parishes. Renew our parishes. Let both parishioners and parishes be models of missionary discipleship, outreach, and evangelization. Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth and enkindle in us the fire your love.

God loves you,

*F. Mark*





## *Our Pope Speaks*

*It may be that he can no longer stand on his feet and suffering has shaped his character, but this speech by Pope Francis is simply AMAZING!*

*– Kevin J Forsyth*

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired and loved by so many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storm, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments.

"To be happy means to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in fear, love in discord. It's not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It's not just about celebrating success; it's about learning from failures.

"It's not just about feeling happy with applause, it's about being happy when not noticed. Being happy is not a fatality of fate, but an achievement

for those who can travel within themselves.

"To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become the author of your own fate." It's walking through deserts but being able to find an oasis deep in the soul. Is thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your feelings and being able to talk about yourself. Have the courage to hear a "no" and find confidence in criticism, even when it's unwarranted. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

"Being happy is letting the creature that lives in each of us live, free, joyful and simple. You have the maturity to be able to say: "I've made mistakes." It's having the courage to

say I'm sorry. It's having the sense to say "I need you". Is having the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring he may be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.

"And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you be in love with life. You'll discover that being happy isn't having a perfect life. But use tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience.

"Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up ... Above all never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on being happy, because life is an incredible spectacle." – *Pope Francis*

# Reasons I Never ~~Go To Mass~~ Shower

1. I was forced to shower as a child.
2. People who shower are hypocrites.  
They think they are cleaner than everyone else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap.  
I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to shower, but it got boring so I stopped.
5. I shower only on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
6. None of my friends shower.
7. I'm still young. When I'm older and have gotten a bit dirtier,  
I might start showering.
8. I really don't have time to shower.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool  
enough in the summer.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.



*(There's More)*

- I get along very well without showering.
- I work hard all week and am too tired to take a shower on the weekend.
- The first bar of soap I ever used gave me a rash, so I haven't gone near soap since.



## *What the Bible says about Sacrifice as a Way of Life*

(From *Forerunner Commentary*)

**Romans 12:1-2**

Paul makes a strong, urgent appeal to Christians to devote their lives to sacrifice. Sacrifice suggests the giving up or forfeiture of something or oneself for something or someone considered to be of greater value. In this context, the "Someone" is Jesus Christ and the "something" is God's way of life. The apostle is urging those of us who have had the revelation of God given to us to devote ourselves entirely to living it.

He urges us to sacrifice our bodies. He does not mean to imply giving up merely our skin and bones but the totality of what we are – our entire beings including our minds with all of their character, energy, knowledge, experiences, skills, perspectives, and attitudes – with nothing held back, since we are likely to hold a portion of our life in reserve just for ourselves. In other words, he is asking us to consecrate our entire lives to God. Note that Paul does not call this "extreme," but "reasonable."

Why would one even consider taking on the potential for such costly pain? No one really grasps the fullness of what God asks of those who make the New Covenant with Him at baptism. This witness in Romans 12:1-2 is nonetheless part of His Word to testify against us. There is a good reason, succinctly given in Romans 5:5: "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." We do it because God's

love for His Son has been given to us and is growing. His investment in us, His grace, is beginning to be returned.

The love of God, the biblical love, is not a mere affection but an outgoing concern equal to or greater than self-concern. This love, which we do not have by nature but is given by God as a gift, will sacrifice itself for the well-being of others. It will pay the costs of forfeiture of self-interest for the well-being even of enemies. It will choose to lay down its life following the pattern shown in Jesus' life.

The love of God is an unearned, dynamic gift from God that influences one who has it toward oneness with God and fellow man. It must be deliberately chosen, though, in order to be put to use.

At this juncture, its costs come to the fore because, despite conversion, human nature remains. Though considerably weakened, it still exerts its influences toward the self (Romans 7:14-23; Galatians 5:16-17). We must overcome human nature's influences, but in virtually every case, we must make a sacrifice to fulfill the influences of the love of God. Sacrificing almost always involves the potential for loss, at times a considerable loss.

A number of verses reveal that, in one sense, choosing whether to sacrifice oneself in obedience to Jesus Christ is not a realistic option

to anyone who claims to love Him. In John 14:15, Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." He adds in John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me." Verse 15 is a direct command and challenge to anyone claiming to love Him, and verse 21 says that one's following through in submissive obedience is the proof that the claimant loves Him. I John 5:3 adds a resounding confirmation to verse 21 by providing the Bible's definition of love: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

Love comes at a high price, but it is also rewarding because, as we make the sometimes costly choices to please God by following Jesus Christ, we transform more fully into His image due to following the pathway our Savior blazed before us. Becoming a living sacrifice is one of the costs that observing Passover should recall to our memories, giving us substance for sober reflection aimed toward revitalizing our understanding of the significance of this important day.

**John W. Ritenbaugh**  
The Awesome Cost of Love

<https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/topical.show/RTD/cgg/ID/5588/Sacrifice-as-Way-Life.htm>



# In Our Parishes



## Men's Club Raffle

Sunday, September 4, 2022

following Noon Mass

Cuisinart Deluxe 2 Burner

Portable Propane Gas Grill

Tickets are \$1.00 each or

\$5.00 for 6

Winner need not be present

## 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

## Back to school Prayer

Dear heavenly Father,  
As our children  
Return to school  
We look again

To your eternal faithfulness.  
Watch over our beloved ones.  
Let your Spirit go before them  
To prepare the way  
And open the doors  
That lead to your grace.  
Guide them away from harm.  
May your mighty Spirit defend them  
From any aggression or attack.  
Equip them with discernment  
And strength of character.  
Let them be free to live and learn  
As children of God.  
Give us, dear Lord,  
The wisdom and patience  
To know when to speak or be still  
As their parents and caretakers.

Always remembering  
That they are yours  
From the beginning;  
Their lives a loving gift to us  
From Almighty God.  
We trust in you,  
We depend upon you.  
Care for your children,  
Oh heavenly Father.  
In Jesus name,  
Amen.

[prayerforanxiety.com](http://prayerforanxiety.com)



## 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!



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



## Knights of Columbus

Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 15th -

Rosary - 6:40pm Meeting - 7:00pm

*All men who are active parishioners are invited.*

## Come Lord Jesus Bible Study Program

Meetings are every Wednesday or Thursday at 6:30pm!



## Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of*

**Deacon Charles Duhe'**

## Bread & Wine

*In Memory of*

**Peter Phuong Nguyen**

## Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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**Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pastor**

**Fr. George Hanna, SDB Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB**  
*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 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

All Souls in Purgatory

## Sunday, August 14

9:00am +William Allen, MOB

Noon +Phong Vu

+Charles & Genevieve Darsey

+Simon & Gustavia Breaux

+Peter David Nguyen

+Maria Chien Vu

8:00pm Needs of Parish

## Monday, August 15

7:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

## Tuesday, August 16

7:00am Peace on Lucky Jean Boat & all Fishermen

## Wednesday, August 17

7:00am Conversion of Sinners

## Thursday, August 18

7:00am +Yvonne Mirabin, MOB

## Friday, August 19

7:00am +All Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, August 20

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

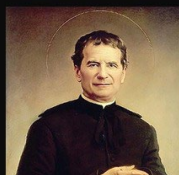
Chaisson - Folsie Families

+Wayne Delaune

+Leo Meerman

+Francis Hoang Dauzat

All Souls in Purgatory



Whatever you do, think of the  
Glory of God as your main goal.

~ John Bosco