

Happy Fourth of July



**“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”**

*From The New Colossus by Emma Lazarus - 1849-1887
which is engraved on the base of the Statue of Liberty*

ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH
July 5, 2020

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco,

Greetings in the Lord for a happy and safe Fourth of July Weekend.

This year's external celebrations will be different than in the past because of COVID 19 restrictions. Less and smaller celebrations will give us more time to think and reflect upon America's liberties, freedoms and blessings as well as our shortcomings and faults. We are blessed with many graces yet these days we are challenged to become a more perfect people where everyone is recognized and treated as equals and with justice.

Pope Paul VI's famous quotation is as relevant today as when he said it in 1972, "If you want peace, work for justice." The battle cry of so many protestors today is so true, "No justice, no peace."

The Two Great Commandments: "Love God with your whole heart, mind and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself" are prerequisites for peace in our day.

Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, the poor, the sick, the handicapped, immigrants, refugees, and all those of different denominations and faith backgrounds are all beloved of God and our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls us to love one another as He loves us with sacrificial love. It takes will power and strength to live the Christian life and walk more closely in Jesus' footsteps.

We shouldn't treat others with less respect just because they are different from us. We shouldn't treat others with less respect just because they are fleeing harsh conditions endured by themselves and their families in their native lands. We shouldn't treat others with less respect because they hold differing opinions than we hold or because they don't act the way we think they should.

At times, some of us, set ourselves up as judge and juries of other people. We criticize, complain, gossip and use foul language in speaking with or about others who we dislike. Yet, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and He tells us: Judge not, lest you be judged.

On this Fourth of July Weekend let us recommit ourselves to Gospel values in our dealings and in speaking about our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us remember also the words of Stephen Levine: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

God loves you!

Fr. Mark



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Fruits of the Holy Spirit

From the Website of Loyola Press

“Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So, by their fruits you will know them.” (Matthew 7:17-20)

This passage in Matthew's Gospel helps us to understand the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are the observable behaviors of people who have allowed the grace of the Holy Spirit to be effective in them. The tradition of the Church lists 12 fruits:

charity	generosity
joy	gentleness
peace	faithfulness
patience	modesty
kindness	self-control
goodness	chastity

(See Catechism
of the Catholic
Church # 1832)



What Is Racism?

From the document **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved in November 2018.

Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt 22:39).

Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and—all too often—hatred. Cain forgets this truth in his hatred of his brother. Recall the words in the First

Letter of John: “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him” (1 Jn 3:15). Racism shares in the same evil that moved Cain to kill his brother. It arises from suppressing the truth that his brother Abel was also created in the image of God, a human equal to himself. Every racist act—every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin—is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world.

Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanics and African Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans, for suspected criminal activity. There is also the growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered.

Racism can often be found in our hearts—in many cases placed there unwillingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture. As such, it can lead to thoughts and actions that we do not even see as racist, but nonetheless flow from the same prejudicial root. Consciously or subconsciously, this attitude of superiority can be seen in how certain groups of people are vilified, called criminals, or are perceived as being unable to contribute to society, even unworthy of its benefits. Racism can also be institutional, when practices or traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. The cumulative effects of personal sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices in racism.

Lay missionaries find purpose and spiritual growth during work abroad

By Chaz Muth Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Before Connor Bergeron of Reston, Virginia, left to serve as a lay missionary in Bolivia, he wasn't sure how the experience would impact his life, other than soaking in the excitement and intrigue of living abroad.

After graduating from college, Bergeron was looking for an experience that would help him tie together what he had learned in school with some practical understanding with the world beyond his American upbringing.



At first, he considered teaching English in a foreign country.

However, after consulting with a parish priest, he looked into doing a year of missionary work, went on the Catholic Volunteer Network website and found a program with the Salesian Lay Missioners that appealed to him. He set off for Yapacani, Bolivia, in the summer of 2014.

Bergeron knew he would be using his experience crafting video stories in his work at the Salesian-owned radio and television station, that he would be teaching Bolivian children and serving as an English translator in the Spanish-speaking country.

"My family and friends didn't know what I was signing up for and to be honest, I didn't know exactly either," he said. "Which was fine. Because this is something I was being called to."

The work was hard and the transition to living in rather primitive conditions was challenging, he said, yet Bergeron immediately found the mission rewarding.

When he returned to the U.S. 16 months later, he felt like he had grown emotionally and spiritually. This is not an uncommon outcome for young Catholic lay missionaries, said Jim Lindsay, executive director of the Catholic Volunteer Network.

"These missions are incredibly important to the church because it is an opportunity for young people to put their faith into action," said Amy Rowland, program coordinator for community service through the Office of Campus Ministry at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

"It is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to broaden their horizons, and to evaluate what is important to them in life before embarking on their careers," Rowland told Catholic News Service.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 4

8:00a.m. Armbruster & Brown families deceased
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.; Mahl & Gerstner families
Craig Pellegal, Carmen & Charles Austin;
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB; Troy Dean Williams II;
Tibby & Iris Thibodeaux & Rodney Wilcox;
Philip J., Philip D. & Michael Saladino;
Harold, Joyce & Ralph Landry; Anthony Mauro, Jr.;
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora;
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez;
Andrew & Joyce LeBlanc; Geraldine Landry,
Jimmy & Betty Tujague; Sylvia & Chester Hanks;
Mae & Dannie Plaisance; Alexis Vicari,
Hilton Lirette, Frances Falcone East

6:00p.m. Josephine Messina

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
10:30a.m. Alma & Frank Savona; Josephine Messina,
Agnes & Sidney Rotolo; Ronnie LaGrange,
Sandy & Garin Hernandez; Kevin Fitzhenry,
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.;
Hilton Landry II, Geraldine Landry,
Byron S. LeJeune, Theresa Ardoin Davis,
Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.; Gary Pratt
Rodney Isemann, Ray Comeaux

MONDAY, JULY 6

7:00a.m. Michel & Rotolo families

TUESDAY, JULY 7

7:00a.m. Corie Matijevic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

7:00a.m. Irvin Hepting, Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

7:00a.m. Joseph Uy

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7:00a.m. Nalin Ranasinghe

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00a.m. Fr. Terry Tekippe & Fr. Robert Guste
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.;
Carmen & Charles Austin; Timmy LeBlanc,
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.;
Henry & Ethel Kraus; Verine & Claude Zeringue;
Harold & Grayce Thiaville; Alexis Vicari
Craig & Raymond LeBlanc;
Beatrice & Sam Zappulla, Sr. & Sam, Jr.;
Hilton Lirette, Geraldine Landry
6:00p.m. Fr. Jon Parks, SDB

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Anne, William, Thomas & Marguerite Behette

MASS FOR HEALING: Brady & Grayson Hernandez

Jackie Morvant Bush, Colleen Martin

Announcements

Your contributions:

Mail or Drop-Off week of June 7:	\$3,927.78
Mail or Drop-Off week of June 14:	\$5,858.00
Second Collection – Military Priest:	\$ 19.00
Mail or Drop-Off week of June 21:	\$3,988.00
Second Collection – Parish Maintenance:	\$ 416.00

May the Lord bless your sacrifice.

Second Collection: There will be a Second Collection taken up at all Masses next weekend to benefit Black & Indian Missions. Please be as generous as possible.

In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

Beatrice & Sam Zappulla, Sr. & Sam, Jr.

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Alma & Frank Savona

ALTAR WINE

is given in memory of

Byron S. LeJeune

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE:

**Work has been suspended
until further notice.**

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, ever Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God, you are most powerful against the enemy of our salvation. The divine promise of a Redeemer was announced right after the sin of our first parents; and you, through your Divine Son, crushed the serpent's head. Hasten, then, to our help and deliver us from the deceits of satan. Intercede for us with Jesus that we may always accept God's graces and be found faithful to Him in our particular states of life. As you once saved our beloved City from ravaging flames and our Country from an invading army, have pity on us and obtain for us protection from hurricanes and all other disasters.

(Silent pause for individual petitions.)

Assist us in the many trials which beset our path through life. Watch over the Church and the Pope as they uphold with total fidelity the purity of faith and morals against unremitting opposition. Be to us truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor now and especially at the hour of our death, that we may gain everlasting life through the merits of Jesus Christ Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times)

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