24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A new command
I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must
love one another.

Jesus Christ

ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 13, 2020

The Pastor Jots It Down

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

Greetings in the Lord as we rejoice and celebrate Grandparents Day!

Very special greetings and prayers for all our grandparents both living and deceased!

As I was preparing for this national celebration of Grandparents' Day, I learned that it became a national holiday with support from President Jimmy Carter. I also learned that this holiday, celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day, was not an initiative of the greeting card companies or florists, but individuals committed to honoring the vital role of Grandparents in society.

One can go to the internet and see many articles about grandparents and what they do.

One article struck me: **The 10 Best Things About Being a Grandparent**

1. Seeing your family grow & grow
2. Unconditional love without the responsibilities
3. Grandchildren energize you
4. You often have a busy nest, but the nest is all yours
5. A focus on the fun
6. Pure affection
7. The financial situation is different...and usually better
8. Watching your own children become amazing parents
9. Your grandkids love your stories
10. The grandparent-grandchild relationship is like no other

For further explanation of each of the above ten points, check out this weekend's Flocknotes for the entire article.

However, not every Grandparent can claim all of the above. Increasingly childcare responsibilities for babies and toddlers fall to grandparents when both parents are working, as well as picking up school age children from school and caring for them during school vacations. Also, many grandparents must take over full responsibility because the parents are unable to do so because of a myriad of different reasons.

I salute all of our Grandparents today and pray for them. Special prayers go out to all those grandparents who are raising their grandchildren at a moment in their lives when they hoped life would be easier. Thanks to all our grandparents for the love, care, and concern they have for their grandchildren without counting the cost.

God loves you!

Fr. Mark Hyde, sdb

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Announcements

Your contributions	
for the week of August 2:	$3,923.00
For the week of August 9:	$4,839.00
For the week of August 16:	$2,484.00
Second Collection –	
Parish Maintenance	$ 429.00
For the week of August 23:	$4,936.00
For the week of August 31:	$2,685.00
On-line Giving for the month of August:	$3,285.00

May the Lord bless your sacrifice.

Second Collection

The Second Collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend is to benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection supports the evangelizing work of the church throughout the world by supporting media: newspapers, television, radio and digital or online media. Fifty percent of the funds collected in the Archdiocese of New Orleans remain here to support Catholic news media efforts and the Clarion Herald. To learn more about the national program visit www.usccb.org/ccc and locally visit http://nolacatholic.org.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection taken up at all Masses next weekend for Parish Maintenance. Please be as generous as possible.

Workshops for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Due to COVID restrictions, workshops will be conducted on a virtual platform with a limit of 15 participants per session. Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry.

The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at:
https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc.

Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact:

The Office of Worship at 504-861- 6300
or worship@arch-no.org.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE:
Work has been suspended until further notice.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:00a.m. Wayne Oubre
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.; Craig Pellegal
Carmen & Charles Austin
Timmy LeBlanc, John & Barbara Romero
Richoux & Keller Families
Dominick & Conchetta Bellipanni
Andrew & Joyce LeBlanc
Jimmy & Betty Tujague, Hilton Lirette
Sylvia & Chester Hanks, Pearl Thibodeaux
Mae & Dannie Plaisance
Hidalgo, Tassin, Simoneaux Families
Margie Montet & Special Intentions
Shayna Catherine Cline, Tony Phillips
Alexis Vicari & Beverly Vicari
Rosemary Savona Aucoin
Todd & Percy Robichaux

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
10:30a.m. Hepting & Mauro Families
Agnes & Sidney Rotolo; Ray Comeaux
Sandy & Garin Hernandez
Kevin Fitzhenry, Byron S. LeJeune
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.; Gary Pratt
Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.
T-Van Falgout, Rodney Isemann

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:00a.m. Steve & Tommy Blanchard

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:00a.m. Saladino & LeBlanc Families
Rose Mauro, Janet Farizo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
7:00a.m. Gladys Neil

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7:00a.m. Gladys Neil

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:00a.m. Josie Palermo, Mark Moorman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:00a.m. Wayne Oubre
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Carmen & Charles Austin
Verine & Claude Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Anthony Mauro, Hilton Lirette
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Craig & Raymond LeBlanc
Beatrice & Sam Zappulla, Sr. & Sam, Jr.
Fred Gerstner, Jr.; Pearl Thibodeaux
Rosemary Savona Aucoin
Alexis Vicari & Beverly Vicari
John & Barbara Romero
Steve Tassin, Tassin & Couvillon Families
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.

MASS FOR THE LIVING:
Anne, William, Thomas & Marguerite Behette
MASS FOR HEALING: Brady & Grayson Hernandez
Colleen Martin, Cody Parks, Jonathan Cline

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Announcements
Continued

St. Rosalie Annual Procession

Sunday,
September 27
Following the
10:30 a.m. Mass

Due to the pandemic, this year's Procession in Honor of our patron, St. Rosalie, will be a bit different so as to allow for a greater participation as well as to accommodate social distancing. The Procession will be a family motorcade as in the style of the parade honoring our teachers at the end of the last school year. In this procession let us "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" invoking St. Rosalie's intercession for the containment of the virus and that our lives may return to normal.

Mass Book Opening

This year there are several changes for booking Masses for the coming year 2021. Due to the Parish Office remaining closed to the public we ask for your understanding and cooperation. The book will open the 1st of October.

Please write your intentions along with the preferred dates on paper, mark your envelope "Masses" and drop in the collection basket, mail to the office at 600 Second Ave., Harvey, LA 70058 or drop off in the mailbox on the gate. We will make every attempt to provide you with your chosen dates. Please provide your phone number in the event your selection cannot be accommodated.

The customary donation for a stipended Mass is $5.00, though if you care to give a more substantial donation, it would be a real blessing for the Church.

The $5.00 stipend is per individual per Mass – exceptions are:

1. Husband and wife considered one (1) and
2. Combined families, i.e., Smith & Jones Families deceased is also considered one (1).

The ProPopulo Mass for parishioners will be offered this year every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and on all Holy Days.

Multiple Mass intentions are available at the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the present time the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday will be a single intention Mass (only one per deceased individual per year).

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 340-1962.

R.C.I.A.

Classes begin **Sunday, September 20** at **9:00 a.m.** upstairs in the Parish Center. Class is from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. No prior registration necessary. If you have been baptized Catholic and have not made your First Communion or Confirmation and would like to prepare for either; or if you are interested in becoming Catholic you should attend the R.C.I.A. program. Catholics interested in learning more about their faith are welcome, too. Please call the Parish Office, 340-1962 for information.

Parish Religious Education Programs

We are in the process of considering what religious education will look like for this school year. If anyone is interested in getting on the list for either the CCD or WBHSR program, please contact the church office at 504-340-1962. We will take your information and reach out once decisions are made. ***PLEASE*** do not wait until the last minute – as this information is critical in assisting the leaders to make a final decision. At this time classes are expected to begin in October.

In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
Fred Gerstner, Jr. & Mable Gerstner

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Mable Gerstner

ALTAR WINE
is given in memory of
Fr. John DiFiore, SDB

The Easy Cajun

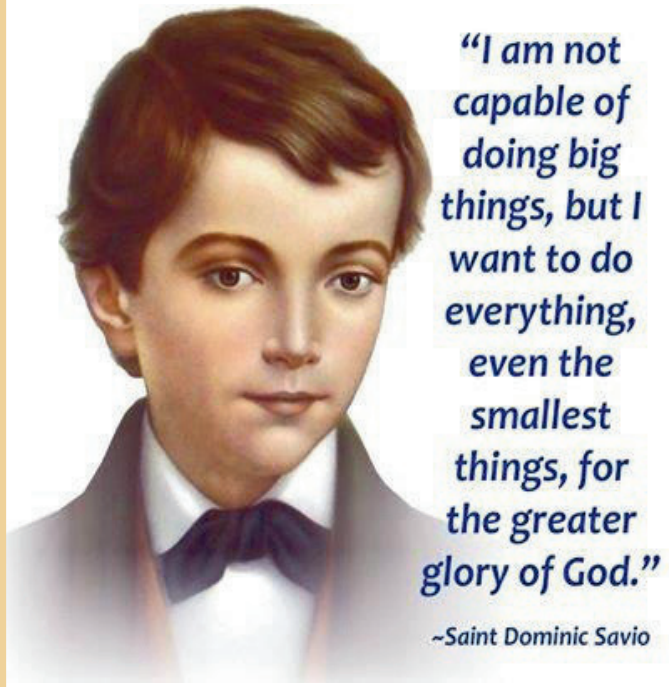
A crumbling old church building needed remodeling, so during his sermon, the preacher made an impassioned appeal looking directly at the richest man in town. At the end of the sermon, the rich man stood up and announced, "Pastor, I will contribute $1,000."

Just then, plaster fell from the ceiling and struck the rich man on the shoulder. He promptly stood back up and shouted, "Pastor, I will increase my donation to $5,000."

Before he could sit back down, plaster fell on him again, and again he virtually screamed, "Pastor, I will double my last pledge."

He sat down, and a larger chunk of plaster fell on his head. He stood up once more and hollered, "Pastor, I will give $20,000!"

This prompted a deacon to shout, "Hit him again, Lord! Hit him again!"



We ask for your prayers

From September 17-23
please pray in your communities and works for Mary Funk

Mary is currently a Salesian Lay Missioner in Villarrica, Paraguay.

Not What I Imagined But Very Beautiful

Br. Tom Junis
Photo credit: Br. Tom Junis, SDB
A Reflection by Br. Tom Junis, SDB

On Friday, August 14, I renewed my vows in Marrero, LA. My renewal this year was a good idea of the reality of our Salesian mission. As I finished a full day of teaching, the laptop stopped working as taught online students. Next, I worked with the school's technical support person—and was almost late for my own renewal.

During my vow renewal, which took place on the Vigil of the Assumption, Fr. Lou Molinelli gave a homily on the celebration of the gift of religious consecration and witness the renewal of my "Fiat."

"Our Blessed Mother, our Queen of Heaven and Earth, is the model of what we can become with the grace of God," exclaimed Fr. Lou. "Tonight, become even more her beloved Son. Listen to the Word of God with faith, and even when you go through difficulties and trials, even when it seems the world stands in opposition to you, rely on the gift you have been given in your religious consecration, and hold firm to your 'Fiat' as you await God's promised fulfillment of eternal life."

Although we had hoped to celebrate my renewal at an all-school mass, we couldn't due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, I felt very supported in my renewal since we celebrated it as a Salesian community along with the Salesian Sisters. Additionally, an announcement went on my vow renewal throughout the school. A number of the school staff and students congratulated me and said they were praying for me. Overall, it was not what I imagined my renewal would be like, but it was still very beautiful. I am grateful for the supportive community I have around me.

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Choose the Right Path: *A Message from a Repentant Murderer*

By Sam Guzman

St. Maria Goretti, she was a young Italian girl born in October of 1890. She lost her father at a young age and had to mature quickly to help take care of her siblings while her mother earned a living. Due to their extreme poverty, the Goretti family had to move in with another family, the Sarenellis.

While Maria was only 12 at the time, Alessandro Sarenelli, who was 22, began making sexual advances toward Maria, threatening her if she told anyone. On July 5, 1902, while the rest of the family was away, Alessandro approached Maria with a 10 inch knife, threatening to kill her if she did not do what he said. He intended to rape her, and it came out later that he had tried twice before. Maria refused and began to fight him off. In a rage, Alessandro stabbed her 14 times. Eventually, Maria died from her wounds, but not before completely forgiving her attacker and stating that she wanted him to be with her in heaven.

A Repentant Killer

While Maria's short life was a beautiful testimony to God's grace, what struck me especially was the conversion of her killer, Alessandro Sarenelli. His story, too, is a witness to the power of conversion, and that no one is beyond hope.

Six years into his 30 year prison sentence, Alessandro was at the brink of despair. How he could he go on knowing what he had done, and knowing the best years of his life would be spent rotting in prison? Then, something extraordinary happened. Maria appeared to him holding a bouquet of lilies and lovingly handed them to Alessandro one by one. This gesture of forgiveness from the girl he murdered transformed Alessandro completely. For the first time since the crime, he was truly repentant. As he later said, "Maria's forgiveness saved me."

Once freed from prison, Alessandro began a life of penance. He met with Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. He also accompanied Mrs. Serenelli to Christmas

Mass in the parish church where he spoke before the stunned congregation, acknowledging his sin and asking God's forgiveness and the forgiveness of the community. He eventually joined the Capuchin Franciscans as a lay brother, working as a gardener and general laborer. In 1970, he died peacefully in Christ, loved by all who knew him.

After his death, the Franciscans found a spiritual testament among his belongings, written in the form of an open letter to the world. Here is what the one-time murderer and attempted rapist wanted to say to the world—and to you.

I'm nearly 80 years old. I'm about to depart.

Looking back at my past, I can see that in my early youth, I chose a bad path which led me to ruin myself.

My behavior was influenced by print, mass-media and bad examples which are followed by the majority of young people without even thinking. And I did the same. I was not worried.

There were a lot of generous and devoted people who surrounded me, but I paid no attention to them because a violent force blinded me and pushed me toward a wrong way of life.

When I was 20 years-old, I committed a crime of passion. Now, that memory represents something horrible for me. Maria Goretti, now a Saint, was my good Angel, sent to me through Providence to guide and save me. I still have impressed upon my heart her words of rebuke and of pardon. She prayed for me, she interceded for her murderer. Thirty years of prison followed.

If I had been of age, I would have spent all my life in prison. I accepted to be condemned because it was my own fault.

Little Maria was really my light, my protectress; with her help, I behaved well during the 27 years of prison and tried to live honestly when I was again accepted among the members of society. The Brothers of St. Francis, Capuchins from Marche, welcomed me with angelic charity into their monastery as a brother, not as a servant. I've been living with their community for 24 years, and now I am serenely waiting to witness the vision of God, to hug my loved ones again, and to be next to my Guardian Angel and her dear mother, Assunta.

I hope this letter that I wrote can teach others the happy lesson of avoiding evil and of always following the right path, like little children. I feel that religion with its precepts is not something we can live without, but rather it is the real comfort, the real strength in life and the only safe way in every circumstance, even the most painful ones of life.

Signature, Alessandro Serenelli

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