

*The
Holy
Family*



**ST. ROSALIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
December 26, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

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

It is my sincere hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas Day celebrating Jesus and his birth into our world.

We can also today reflect on our birth into his realm, our birth into the Church which came about on the day of our Baptism. On that joyful day Christ claimed us for himself and we became members of his body. He has been with us ever since in the ups and downs of life.

During the down times, many ask “Why me?”, “Why my family?” “Why, God, are you allowing this dreadful situation to happen?” At times like these, we might lose our joy because we fail to recognize that Jesus is with us through it all. In good times and bad he will never abandon us but will bless us with the grace, strength and courage we need to deal with the challenging situation.

Next week, we celebrate the beginning of a new calendar year. It’s a time to make plans on how we can be better Catholic Christians. Here are some simple suggestions which if you chose two or three of them and live them, you will grow in the spirit and in relationship with the Lord Jesus.

1. Go over the readings and prayers of the Mass beforehand or re-read and ponder them after Mass.
2. Try to discover God’s message for you from the readings, prayers and homily at each Mass.
3. Read the parish bulletin every week.
4. Have a daily rhythm of prayer.
5. Confession once a month. Put your 12 Confessions days on your calendar.
6. Have a daily devotion to Our Blessed Lady.
7. Say only the good things people need to know, things that will really help them.
8. Have a balanced prayer life: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication (ACTS).
9. Be missionary disciples in your daily life: don’t be afraid to speak of your faith; don’t be afraid of inviting others to pray with you or inviting them to come to church with you.
10. Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy to live intensely in the New Year.

When making a plan of life, it is important that what we resolve to do, is written down so we can hold ourselves accountable. This accountability can take place during one’s daily examen or when preparing for one’s monthly confession.

Plans can be for an individual, for spouses, or for families. If for spouses and/or families, the spouses or family members can help keep us on the right track.

Also, specificity is very helpful in keeping us accountable. Say suggestion #1 is chosen to go over the readings and prayers of the Mass beforehand. To make it more concrete: we could resolve to go over the readings every Friday evening after supper or we could resolve to go to church 30-40 minutes before Mass to read and ponder the reading and prayers.

I store my plan of life in my computer and I always review it during our monthly Salesian community recollection day. For the progress I made, I thank the Lord. For areas where I still need work, I ask the Lord for his help and assistance.

God loves you!

F. Mail

Importance of Family Time

1. Strengthens Family Bonding

One of the benefits of spending time with family and indulging in leisure activities together, is that it strengthens the family bond. This holds true for all types of family activities. They don't always need to be fancy activities that require a bigger sum of money. Even home-based, low-cost activities such as game night, movie night, gardening, or playing outdoors have a big impact on the 'health' of the family relationships. These positive behaviors make everybody in the family feel closer emotionally to each other, which is always a good thing. These mundane everyday group activities are known as a family's "core" activities. Those that require much time, money and planning (special events, vacations) are called "balance" activities.

Finding fun ways to spend special time together should be a source of joy. The benefits of family bonding are deeply related to a family's ability to better adapt to the changes that come with life. The strengthening of family bonds is one of the important benefits of family time. Strong family bonds are one of the best ways to make us more resilient to the changes and challenges of life.

2. Quality Family Time Improves Child's Academic Performance

The academic success of a child is associated with having his/her parents provide help and guidance when needed. The first steps are always the hardest and most important. This holds true especially in terms of studying. If you, as a parent, provide essential guidance through your child's first academic school years, this will have a really positive effect on the child's life in future. If you help your kid with school matters, it is more likely for him/her to receive a better education. This gives them an opportunity to land a better paying job in the future.

It starts in Kindergarten when you spend enough time letting your child know that you value education. You also need to let them know you expect them to put forth their best effort. Encourage your child to do well and get better grades. Asking about their day and what they learned helps them understand the importance

of learning. They will enjoy getting attention for doing well in school activities. One of the benefits of family time is the opportunity to help young children achieve academic skills, confidence, and success. Success in academic performance often leads to better jobs and more financial security.

3. Spending Time With Family Helps Kids Develop Parenting Skills

Time together with the parents helps the kids develop parenting skills. As strange as it may sound, it really is true. Kids learn by example. If you set a good example on how to behave with your children, your son or daughter will definitely remember that. They will naturally apply these 'parenting skills' in the future with their children. In fact, you will probably notice siblings treating each other in the ways you treat them. I have heard my daughter tell my son, "Now Leo, would you like it if someone did that to you? Don't do something you wouldn't like done to you."

4. More Family Time Results In Less Behavioral Problems

Family time is beneficial for parents and children. Youths who communicate more with their parents tend to have less behavioral problems. One of the benefits of family time is that they are learning interpersonal skills from the way we treat them. Communication skills are the key to the solution of all problems.

If you help your children learn to talk through problems when they are little, they will naturally do the same as they grow older. Especially when it comes to kids in their teen years. Everybody knows teenagers go through a lot of hard moments. Nothing can make it better for them than having non-judgmental advice from a caring parent. If they know they can come to you with their tricky situations, they will likely act out less and choose better solutions to their problems.

5. Spending Time With Family Results In Less Violence

Adolescents that have a closer relationship with their parents are less likely to engage in acts of violence. Teenagers are often enraged for various

reasons. This period of their lives is usually full of emotions, which are sometimes difficult to control. Unchecked emotions can often escalate to random acts of violence either against peers or as an act of self-infliction. A conversation with a parent and quality time spent together is capable of relieving these feelings of anxiety and anger. Knowing they can turn to someone who cares and that someone can understand what they are going through helps calm them and leave them less frustrated. One of the benefits of spending time with family is helping each other with coping skills and healthy lifestyles.

6. More Family Time Means Less Chance of Drug Abuse

Studies show that teenagers who spend more time with their family are less likely to engage in substance abuse. Youths who experience various problems and are, in general, frustrated, are likely to seek ‘salvation’ in experiencing artificial highs. This, they ‘accomplish’ by using unlawful substances like drugs. Needless to say, the use of such substances could have great damage to their health and mental health.

Teenagers that always have an understanding and helping parent by their side will be less likely to have big problems. It is less likely that they will feel the urge to use such substances. It is also less likely that they will give in to peer pressure to try drugs when they understand that a parent has their best interest in mind. Parent expectations play an important role. Kids do not like to disappoint a parent who they feel is always there for them and who has made it clear that drugs are a poor choice.

7. Spending Time With Family Results in Greater Happiness

A lot of who we are as people is developed when we are kids. All we know is our parents and family initially. Developing a sense of belonging as a child is a huge benefit of family that stays with you throughout your life. A sense of belonging can lead to a happier child. A benefit of family time is learning that we are cared for and needed and both elements are important to happiness. Families need all their members to be an active giving part of the circle to function at their best.

8. More Family Time Can Lead To Greater Self-Confidence

Another benefit of family time can be building self-confidence. When parents display self-confidence in a way that shows they have a positive value of themselves without putting others down, kids can learn to value themselves. Family can foster a healthy self-esteem and a positive self-concept. This occurs not only through modeling behavior but also through helping the child develop important skills. Social competence and problem-solving skills naturally improve the child’s self-confidence. Family members can make a real difference in how members view themselves and their ability to succeed in life.

9. Spending Time With Family Results in Conflict Resolution Skills

Every family is sure to suffer its share of conflicts. At times, siblings seem born to argue with each other. Sometimes I just sit back and let them argue it out. After all it is good for them to learn to express their emotions and say what is bothering them. It is good for them to learn to talk through things.

Then there are times when they need help progressing through the argument in a constructive way. I try to be there to mediate and help them learn how to resolve conflicts on their own. The thing about family is that they are always there, and it is hard to just avoid them or forget about them. That means you have to learn to work things out, to let the little things slide, and to make up and move on. Conflict resolution is an important life skill. One of the benefits of spending time with family is that they can help you learn to problem solve and forgive.

10. More Family Time Offers More Chance Of Success

One of the most important benefits of spending time with family is increased chances for success. A positive family environment allows the individuals to blossom instead of worry. All the great benefits of family that I have already mentioned just set up family members for more success.

From:

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Christmas Flowers

Grace Bankston Ms. Beverly LeBlanc Cherrye Barrilleaux
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Mrs. Carol Lirette Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Rodriguez
Raymond & Christi Landry Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Schloegel
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Mr. & Mrs. David Palmisano Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Cantrelle III
Mrs. Ruth Tassin Timothy & Guyann Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. John Bertucci Herman & June Carbo

Mr. & Mrs. David McGovern In Memory of
Charlie Adams, Adams, Ruiz, McGovern Families

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Damico In Memory of
William, Kenny, Sidney, Sweetie Milda Molaison

Gary & Darlene Guidry In Memory of
Joseph Albarado and Joseph P. Guidry, Jr.

Announcements

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Due to the Church being decorated for Christmas there is no Sanctuary assignments for the weekend of the 25th. Assignments will resume after the holidays.

Our Baby Drive



VOCATION PRAYER INTENTION



From
December 24-31
please pray for
Br. Joshua Sciuillo,
who is in
Theology III
and studying in
Jerusalem.



SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997.

To register, please contact your parish office before Monday, January 24, 2022

Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

In Our Parish

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

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Carlos Savona

ALTAR WINE
is given in memory of
Carlos Savona

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30a.m. Fred Gerstner, Jr.

10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.

Fr. Jon Parks, SDB

Elaine Parks

Ray Fleming, Sr.

Lemm & Isabella Bauer

Carlos Savona

Frank & Alma Savona

Jake Savona

Josephine Messina

Irvin Hepting, Jr.

T-Van Falgout

Martha Martinez

Sandy & Garin Hernandez

Kevin Fitzhenry

Bob Higgins

Byron S. LeJeune

Gary Pratt

Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.

Agnes & Sidney Rotolo

Rotolo & Michel Family

Raymond Champagne

Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00a.m. Steve & Tommy Blanchard

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00a.m. Fred Gerstner, Jr.

Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00a.m. Geraldine Landry

Maria Ana Gongora

Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00a.m. Lori Ann Rholdon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:00p.m. Wayne Oubre

Miller, Picarella, Oubre, Cousin &

Tauzin families deceased

Donald Comeaux

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

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MASS FOR HEALING:

Brady & Grayson Hernandez, Julie Kirkland, O.J. Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush, Shannon Morvant Olivero, Rosalie Oubre, Charles Bourgeois, Jr.

SPECIAL MASS: For conversion of sinners.

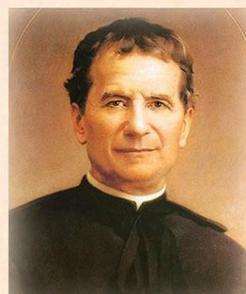
For prayers answered from Jesus, all the Angels and Saints for Shannon Morvant Olivero

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Trust all things
to Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament
and to Mary,
Help of Christians,
and you will see what
Miracles are.

~ St. John Bosco

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