

*Be cheerful,
but let your
cheerfulness
be genuine,
stemming
from a
conscience
free from sin.*

Saint John Bosco



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*The 4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 30, 2022

The Pastor Jots It Down

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

Greetings in the Lord as we as Salesian Parishes celebrate the Feasts of St. Francis de Sales and St. John Bosco!

We take the name Salesian after St. Francis de Sales, the Bishop of Geneva and gentleman saint, who was filled with kindness, gentleness and apostolic zeal.

In the times of Francis de Sales, it was thought that holiness/sanctity was the prerogative of only priests and religious. It was Francis de Sales who said that everyone, priests, religious and laity, are called to holiness and sanctity. His famous book, now a spiritual classic and perennial best seller, *Introduction to the Devout Life* has helped myriads of people of all walks of life grow in holiness.

For Francis one's vocation and mission determines how a person grows in holiness. Single life, married life, consecrated life, and priesthood are all pathways to holiness.

In each vocation Jesus and the coming of His Kingdom on earth must be central. Our love for Jesus can transform our families, our churches, and our world. Though at times, I think we all must admit, we have grown lukewarm in our love for Jesus and in doing our part for the salvation of the world.

May your goal for this New Year be to grow in holiness. Know that the priest in confession is ever ready to help you.

St. John Bosco, a great devotee of St. Francis de Sales, chose Francis as a model for his nascent youth ministry and movement in the Church on behalf of the young and the poor. Francis' gentleness, kindness, and apostolic zeal were the qualities needed to draw the youth of Don Bosco's day and of our day into a relationship with Jesus.

St. Francis de Sales was known for his Christian optimism. Don Bosco shared that optimism which is exemplified in his words: "Give me the youth of today, and I'll conquer the world for Christ."

As members of Don Bosco's Salesian Family, those words of Don Bosco should resonate in our minds and hearts.

Let us also be mindful of the Latin saying, "Nemo dat, quod non habent" – "no one gives, what he doesn't have."

If we want to help youth conquer the world for Christ, we must first be striving ourselves for a daily deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

May this New Year of 2022, for us and all our parishioners and school family members, be a year of great growth in our love for Jesus and His dear mother, Mary, as we reach out as missionary disciples to the young and the poor in our midst.

St. Francis de Sales pray for us! St. John Bosco pray for us! Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

God loves you!

F. Mark

“ENJOY YOURSELF
AS MUCH AS YOU
LIKE - IF ONLY YOU
KEEP FROM SIN.”



SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Don Bosco on Confessions



Quotations on Confession and Confessors by Don Bosco, Priest

"[Regarding Spiritual Direction:]

Some people think that to start a new life it's enough to open one's heart to a spiritual director and make a general confession. This is fine, but it is not enough.... Besides remedying the past, we must also provide for the future with firm resolution.... To make steady progress you must reveal your habitual failings, the occasions which usually lead you into sin, and your dominant evil inclinations. You must attentively and faithfully carry out the advice you are given; you must keep your heart open and fully trusting; you must manifest your needs, temptations, and dangers as they arise, so that your director may guide you with a steady hand."

"The usual snare with which the devil catches the young is to fill them with shame when they are about to confess their sins. When he pushes them to commit sins, he removes all shame, as if there were nothing wrong with it, but when they are going to confession, he returns that shame magnified and tries to convince them that the priest will be shocked by their sins and will no longer think well of them. Thus the devil tries to drive souls to the brink of eternal damnation. Oh, how many lads does Satan steal from God – sometimes forever – by this trick."

"Don't be afraid, my sons, to reveal your shortcomings and faults to your confessor. Being good does not mean never committing faults. Indeed no, because all of us are liable to do just that. Being good consists in having the sincere good will to correct ourselves. When we confess a fault – even a grave one – seeing our good will, the confessor will not be shocked. Rather, he will rejoice at the penitent's sincerity and determination to overcome the devil, to regain God's grace and to become better. My dear children, let nothing undermine your confidence in him, not even shame for your sins. We all know [that] we are weak."

"The strongest, most effective means to avoid repeating sin is to carry out your confessor's suggestions. Don't imitate those who deceive themselves by saying, 'I will sin and then go to confession.' How do you know that you will have time to make your confession? Isn't it madness to wound yourself in the hope that a doctor will be found to heal the wound?"

"Of course, there is no better start than a good confession.... When you disclose all your past life, you not only acquaint your confessor with the state of your soul, but you achieve something more important – you remove all doubts about your past confessions. You may then say, 'I have no worries about the past. I can look more cheerfully to the future.' You can indeed count on Our Lord's help in all circumstances because you are His sons by grace."

"Whoever thinks a little about his soul goes to confession once a month; whoever wants to save his soul, but does not feel too strongly about it, goes every fifteen days; whoever wants to reach perfection, however, should go every week."

"First of all, do everything you can to avoid offending God, but if unfortunately, you should commit sin, do not let the devil prevail upon you to not confess it. Remember that the confessor is a father who is eager to do all he can for you and [to] help protect you from all possible harm."

"Make good confessions. Candidly open your heart to your confessor, because, should the devil get you to conceal a sin, you would indeed be caught in a net of sacrileges, and would be hanging on the brink of eternal damnation. So always make good confessions."

Announcements

NEW NFP OPPORTUNITY

With professional instruction, Natural Family Planning (NFP) has proven itself to be safe, effective, and a moral way for couples to plan their families. It is a method which respects the meaning of human sexuality as God created it and thus marital love is enhanced and strengthened.

This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This series will be virtual by using Zoom. The dates of the class series are February 11, February 25, March 11 and April 8, 2022. The Zoom class hours are 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$105.00 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. Register online <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course>.

*"Have patience with all things,
but first of all with yourself."*

- St. Francis de Sales

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION



Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn for healing of

Shannon Morvant Olivero

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Troy Dean Williams II

SACRED HEART SHRINE LAMP

will burn for healing of

Yves Bourgeois II

ALTAR WINE

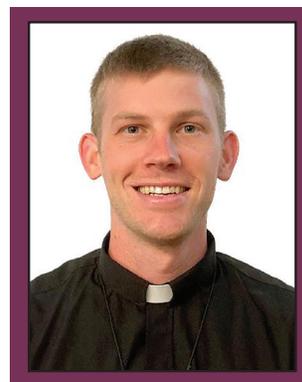
is given in memory of

Byron S. LeJeune

PARISH SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Parish vouchers are issued to families with children attending elementary Catholic schools in the archdiocese. They are issued to any registered, active, and supporting family. The minimum donation for one child is \$500, and \$800 for two or more children. Vouchers are issued directly to the school and not to individuals. They will not be issued at the same time as the End of Year Statements. Parents are to notify the parish office of the school the child will be attending. If you have any further questions, please contact the church office at 504-340-1962 and leave a message or email – office@strosalieparish.com.

VOCATION INTENTIONS



February 4-10

please pray for

Br. Paul Hotovy

who is in

Post-Novitiate in

Orange, NJ.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Carmen & Charles Austin
Hilton Lirette
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Hidalgo, Tassin, Simoneaux family
Dominick Savona, Sr.
Needy Souls
Anna & Charles Hess
Ruby & Sal Casertano
Nickolas Casertano
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Jerry Melancon
Margie Montet
Conrad & Anthony Saluto
Shayna Catherine Cline
Tony & Jaden Phillips

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30a.m. Leonard J. Ellermann, Sr.
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.
Kevin Fitzhenry
Byron S. LeJeune
T-Van Falgout
Jake Savona
Marvin Bankston
Martha Martinez
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00a.m. Marcela Rodriguez
Lori Ann Rholdon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00a.m. Peter Augustine Lawler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00a.m. Sam & Leah Paternastro
Jessica DeLaCerde

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00a.m. Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00a.m. Danos Family Intentions
Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Carmen & Charles Austin
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Kenneth Ockman
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Donald Comeaux
Couvillon & Tassin Family
Iris & Tibby Thibodaux
Rodney Wilcox
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Wayne Oubre
Dwayne Guidry
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Avis Burmaster
Jerry Melancon
Hilton Lirette

MASS FOR HEALING:

Brady & Grayson Hernandez, Julie Kirkland,
O.J. Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush,
Shannon Morvant Olivero, Rosalie Oubre,
Jonathan Cline

LIVING MASS: Patrick Lofton

SPECIAL MASS: For conversion of sinners.

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