

St. Rosalie Catholic Church June 26, 2022

## The Pastor Tots It Down.

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

Happy Sunday!



In today's Gosepl, we hear these words of Jesus: No one who sets a hand to a plow and looks to what is left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.

"Looking back". People who often "look back" are people who find it hard to forget what happened to them in the past. Forgiveness is a necessity for one who desires to follow Jesus

Looking back can be found in Genesis 19:26 "But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt." Lot's wife looked

back when God had warned Lot and his family not to look back.

God does not want them to look back at what happened to the city where they lived.

Jesus calls us to keep him as the center of our focus and to follow the pathways that lead to eternal life. Though somehow, we profess to be followers of Jesus but in reality other worldly activities, pursuits, and pleasures come before His plans for us: too busy for Sunday Mass, no time to pray at home as a family, haven't been to confession in months or years, think that things like gossip and pornography don't harm anyone, chastity and purity are old fashioned – fornication, adultery, and masturbation are all fine.

When called to follow Jesus, one must forget all that is behind: wealth, luxury, enjoyment of the world, family, siblings, and even parents. Not looking back means forgetting previous achievement, success, greatness, and position – whatever is holding one back from following Jesus.

Today's bulletin deals with a sin many of us have become quite comfortable with and that is the sin of gossip. People tend to think that gossiping is something natural in life. They know it's not good but it's so interesting and captivating. Yet, Christ calls us to say "only the good things people need to know, things that will really help them."

As you read through the bulletin, you will find the wisdom of Pope Francis and Socrates regarding gossip as well as four steps to help one avoid gossip by Ruth Kennedy.

Pope Francis tells us: "I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path."

May all of us pray for the grace to purposely avoid gossip and become saints.

God loves you!

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P.S. Don't miss the article on page 6 regarding the family as the Domestic Church and a number of ways to pass on our faith in the family.

# Father's Day Flowers In Memory of

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## In Honor Of Living Fathers

Larry Fayette Joseph Rudolph Alfred Cambre John Bertucci John Guillot Milton Danos Troy Danos Devin Danos Dylan Hughes Lance Lee Philip Damico Wayne Nocito Victor Despenze Michael Hargis Wayne Oubre, Jr. Edward Bowman Steven Crawford, Jr.

## 4 Practical Steps to Avoid Gossip

By Ruth Kennedy

#### 1. Realize it is Gossiping in the Moment

Very often, we don't sit down with friends to have a gossip with someone about someone else (and if we are, that's the first step. Stop doing that!). Sometimes, a conversation takes a turn for the worse into being unkind, passing on private information about someone else, or in-depth speculating into someone's personal life. The first step to avoiding gossip is to recognize that that is what it is. You can ask yourself, 'would I want someone to be discussing this about me?'

"It's so rotten, gossip. At the beginning, it seems to be something enjoyable and fun, like a piece of candy. But at the end, it fills the heart with bitterness and also poisons us."

Pope Francis

#### 2. Don't Ask Leading Questions

Once you realize that the conversation has gone into gossip, especially if it is someone else who starts the conversation, you can help stop it yourself by not asking any questions that will make the conversation more destructive.

Don't ask leading questions if the topic has gone there. Steer the conversation away. The truth is most people want to be included in a conversation and will most happily follow wherever a conversation goes. You can politely, cheerfully, and discretely move a conversation totally away from gossip by making another piece of unobjectionable small talk.

Gossiping is terrorism because the person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a bomb and walks away, destroying; they destroy with their tongue, they don't make peace."

Pope Francis

## 3. If it is appropriate, defend the person or put in a different perspective

This shouldn't be done with the intention to continue the conversation about the individual, but if you know that

something is being said that is untrue, you can put in a calm word to correct the gossip. Or you can remind those in the conversation that the person being gossiped about, as we all are, is a human being with flaws, by offering a different perspective. This could be something as simple as, "maybe they were having a bad day" or similar.

"Gossip is "criminal" as it destroys, rather than exalts the image of God present in others."

Pope Francis

## 4. Offer up a silent prayer for this person.

St. Gertrude the Great said, "the more we pray for someone, the more that blessing rests on him, for no prayer made in faith remains unanswered, even if the manner of its answering is hidden from us." Praying for the person that we have been gossiping about reminds us of the other person's humanity and God's perspective on the situation. It reminds us that we are both immensely loved by God and that we are all human beings on our way to God. While our behavior falls short of that love, His mercy is there to heal us.

"I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, at the end, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path!" – Pope Francis

"Those who live judging their neighbors, speaking badly of them, are hypocrites because they don't have the strength, the courage to look at their own defects."

Pope Francis

From: https://catholic-link.org/the-poison-of-gossip-according-to-pope-francis/



"Gossip is a bad thing. In the beginning it may seem enjoyable and fun, but in the end, it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us, too!"

- Pope Francis

Why you should not GOSSIP

In Ancient Greece, Socrates had a great reputation of wisdom. One day, someone came to find the great philosopher and said to him:

Do you know what I just heard about your friend?

Socrates replied. Before you tell me, I would like to test you on the three sieves.

The three sieves?

Yes, continued Socrates. Before telling anything about the others, it's good to take the time to filter what you mean. I call it the test of the three sieves.

The first sieve is the TRUTH. Have you checked if what you're going to tell me is true?

No, I just heard it.

Very good! So, you don't know if it's true.

We continue with the second sieve, that of KINDNESS. What you want to tell me about my friend, is it good?

Oh, no! On the contrary.

So, questioned Socrates, you want to tell me bad things about him and you're not even sure they're true?

Maybe you can still pass the test of the third sieve, that of UTILITY. Is it useful that I know what you're going to tell me about this friend?

Not really.

So, concluded Socrates, what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why, then, did you want to tell me this?

#### Father,

Praise You for godly friends who hold us accountable. Thank You for illuminating the deceitful power of gossip, that we all entertain within earshot daily.

Forgive us for listening to it instead of walking away. We confess that often we don't speak up out of fear of rejection, and pray that you help us to have the courage to honor others with kind words when their character is being publicly slain.

Bless and heal those who have been mangled by gossip, and others enslaved by it's addictive habit. Heal our insecurities, and help us learn to turn to you for affirmation. Make us busy serving others in love to give You glory, instead of sitting in circles of babble and participating in chatter-filled phone calls. Empower us with Your Holy Spirit to head Your warnings, and steer our conversations with Your love.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## The Family as a Domestic Church



The family is called the "domestic Church" that is the Church at home because the home is the first place where faith is professed and witnessed. The family is where we learn to love, care, forgive, and serve each other and to pray for each other to and to God. Family members help each other to live and grow in their faith.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the original "domestic Church." Parents are the first and most important teachers of faith to their children. They teach their children beliefs and values. Children also learn that they are loved and accepted which form the foundation of their image of themselves and their relationship with God and others.

Everything that a parent does or says becomes a model for good or bad: the way you speak, treat others, cope with stress or disagreement, show tolerance or forgiveness and even how you pray are all seen by your children.

Spending time together, establishing traditions and rituals that not only will enrich and strengthen family life, but also help to deepen and grow the faith of each member.

The following are several ways to pass on our faith:

- (1) Scripture storytelling Scripture told in a simple story that is memorable and enjoyable can help children understand the story better and give them a personal image of Jesus
- (2) Mass Think of ways to engage children in the Mass such as seating

near the sanctuary, explaining what is happening before and after the Mass, giving them a Mass book or telling Scripture stories from the day's Readings.

- (3) Family prayer time Prayer time helps make God a part of our daily life. By connecting these events to God in prayer, we help children realize that God is always present in their lives and help them grow in their relationship to
- (4) Moments that matter Spend time together as a family, especially quiet time with God. Other moments to share are bedtime, mealtime or special family time, such as birthdays or anniversary of your child's baptism and asking for and offering forgiveness. Give your children a blessing each morning before they leave for school / before bedtime.
- (5) Saints as Role Models Children look up to role models in sports, music, and other areas of interest. We should encourage them to learn about the saints who are role models of Christian living. Help them to select a saint and find ways for them to honor and imitate that saint.
- (6) Our Home Have religious art, crucifixes, faith based seasonal decorations, or even a prayer altar in the home as daily reminders of our faith.

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## Announcements

#### ADORATION & CONFESSION

Adoration and Confession is every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### **SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of July 2nd is Team 3, which consists of Judy Baldassaro, Melissa Dugas, Crissy Orgeron and Marsha Danos.

#### FIRST FRIDAY

July 1st is First Friday. There will be no Adoration during the Summer months.

We have openings available for the Sacred Heart Lamp and the St. Rosalie Lamp.



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!

## Mass Intentions

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

8:00a.m. All Parishioners

4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Donald Comeaux

Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Estanislao &

Maria Ana Gongora

Juan B & Marcela Rodriguez

Lena Barisco Hogan

Danelle Hogan

Deceased members of the

Altar Society/Women's Club

Hilton Lirette

## In Our Parish

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

will burn in memory of

**Donald Comeaux** 

#### **BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP**

will burn in memory of

Raymond Champagne

#### **SACRED HEART'S LAMP**

will burn for healing of

**Shannon Morvant Olivero** 

#### ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn for healing of

Julie Kirkland

#### **ALTAR WINE**

is given in memory of

**Donald Comeaux** 

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Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pastor

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

Parochial Vicars

Kevin Steel, Deacon

Mass Schedule: Vigil - 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration & Confessions: Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

7:30a.m. Nicholas Bourgeois

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

Kevin Fitzhenry

Byron S. LeJeune

Madeleine Behette

T-Van Falgout

Doris & Walter Treadaway

Marylynn Christiana

Martha Martinez

Rosalie Gaspar

Agnes & Sydney Rotolo

Pat Arceneaux

Dagoberto Martinez

Rodney Isemann

Juan Anguiano

Gilberto Anguiano

Rose Garcia

Troy Richoux

Amay Moorman

All Souls in Purgatory

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 27**

7:00a.m. Philip, Lillian, Philip D. & Michael Saladino

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 28**

7:00a.m. Lois & James Stoner

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

7:00a.m. Calvin & Helena Oubre Rosalie Gaspar

Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 30

7:00a.m. Elizabeth Hedrick

#### FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:00a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory Lucille D. Rotolo

**SATURDAY, JULY 2** 

8:00a.m. All Parishioners

4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Fr. Jon Parks, SDB

Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Mark Moorman

Hilton Lirette

Donald Comeaux

Wayne Oubre

Dwayne Guidry

Kenneth Ockman

Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux

Rodney Wilcox

Raymond LeBlanc

Craig Pellegal

George Trupiano, Sr.

Avis & R.J. Burmaster

#### MASS FOR HEALING:

O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre Jackie Morvant Bush Shannon Morvant Olivero Gary Guidry, Kim Robin Marlene Hess, Sandra Daigle Julie Kirkland.

#### MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Patrick Lofton, Anne, William, Thomas and Marguerite Hart

#### **SPECIAL MASSES:**

For conversion of all sinners. Prayer for Peace in Ukraine For the Safety of Sr. Suellen Tennyson kidnapped in Burkina Faso. To Jesus Christ for prayers answered.



# POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

#### **Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.