

The Pastor Jots It Down! _____

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

Again, we come to a month with many events in the life our parish family.

This past week, we celebrated the **Feast of All Saints**, a holy day of obligation. I hope this will someday be the feast day of all of us. For this to be our feast after we pass from this life to eternal life, we need to live the 10 Commandments, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and make good use of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in our lives. Jesus didn't give us these as suggestions but as the means to a holy life. It's not enough to pray to be holy, we must actively work at it every day of our lives.

Also, we celebrated the memory of **All Souls**, the day after All Saints. On this day and through out the month of November, we pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith but who still need to make reparations for sins previously confessed. Our prayers for them can hasten the day they enter the glory of heaven. Know that when they enter heaven, they will remember us who prayed for them and they will pray for us.

Upcoming Days and Events in the Life of Our Parishes

Friday, November 11th	Veterans Day We remember all those who served in our armed forces.
Saturday, November 12th	Salesian TAFT Volunteer Day Further work on closing out St. Rosalie School 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Pizza Lunch for Volunteers @11:30am in Youth Center
Saturday, November 19th	Sweet Tray Pick-up at St. Rosalie Parish Center 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Sunday, November 20th	Solemnity of Christ the King The end of the liturgical year. Blood Drive at St. John Bosco Church sponsored by the SJB Knights of Columbus 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24th	Thanksgiving Day A time to give thanks. Holy Mass 7:00 a.m. at both churches. It may be early for Mass on a day off, but a great way to say thanks to God for his many blessings. The Lord will appreciate your sacrifice.
Sunday, November 27th	1st Sunday of Advent We begin our preparations for Christ's birth on Christmas Day: Advent wreath, Advent calendars, Advent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Song-Come, O Come Emmanuel, etc.

Finally, I will be heading up north for a little vacation from November 17th through November 30th. I will represent our many parishioners who generously support Salesian Missions at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Salesian Missions. I will give your best regards to the Rector Major who is coming from Rome for the celebration. Also, I will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with my family. Know of my union in prayer on that day and my gratitude for all of you, the parishioners of our two wonderful Salesian parishes.

God loves you!

F. Mark

Faith filled Women Who Died as Martyrs



Felicitas (101 – 162)

Her life is celebrated on November 23 by both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. She and her seven sons were all martyred in Rome. Her tremendous conversion efforts were noticed by the pagan priests who then notified the Emperor. Before being martyred, she witnessed the death of each of her sons. The authorities gave her the opportunity to recant her witness after each son's death, but she refused.

Cecilia (~ 176)

Cecilia was a noblewoman in Rome who vowed with her newfound faith to a life of celibacy. That was not her father's plan and she was forced to marry instead. Her martyrdom came under Emperor Marcus Aurelius. First, both her brothers were arrested and killed for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. After Cecilia was found to have converted more than 400 people, she was condemned to die by heat (or suffocation) in the Roman baths. The fires were struck and after a full day she didn't even sweat. An executioner came to behead her. He tried three times but could not complete it. After three days she bled to her death but never recanted her faith.



Blandina (162 – 177)

Blandina also died during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius in the city of Lyon in Asia Minor. Blandina was arrested along with other Christians. She was a slave and not a Roman citizen. This is important because if she were a Roman citizen her death would not include torture. A quick beheading should be her fate. Instead, she withstood so much torture that it is said the perpetrators became tired under her strength. Finally, she was taken to an amphitheater and bound to a stake. Wild animals were let loose. However, they did not touch her. Days past and finally, she was killed by throwing her in front of a wild steer.

Perpetua (-203)

Perpetua died in modern day Tunisia in Northern Africa (Carthage at the time). It was Emperor Septimius Severus's son's birthday and Perpetua was one of several new Christian converts rounded up to celebrate the special day in a display of horrible violence. It's not known whether Severus was even involved. We do know that he put forward laws against conversion to Christianity. Perpetua ultimately died by directing the gladiator's sword to her neck after being trampled and gored by bull did not work.



Catherine of Alexandria (287- 305)

At only 18, Catherine was converting hundreds to Christianity. And, when a persecution of Christians broke out, she tried to use her influence as the daughter of the Alexandrian governor to persuade the emperor. She goes to the emperor and accuses him of cruel acts. He can't believe her boldness and calls for 50 of the best pagan philosophers to debate her over her Christian beliefs. She wins and her fine crafted arguments even converts some of the listeners. She's imprisoned. 200 visitors come to see her including the emperor's wife. All are converted to Christianity. She's condemned to die by the breaking wheel but when she touches it falls to pieces. In frustration, she is finally beheaded.

The Virtue of Justice

by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted takes up the virtue of justice. He says that justice is and always will be /¹[a cutting-edge issue for our consideration.] He discusses the dangers of relativism, what constitutes a "right" and social and commutative justice. This is part one of a three-part, series.



Part One

Cries for justice ring out throughout our nation and world every day, and even more loudly protests against injustice. This clamor for a

just society and these demands for "rights" of various kinds tell us that justice is no idle topic for consideration. In fact, it is a "cutting-edge" issue of our day. In a world wounded by original sin, it will always be a cutting-edge issue.

What is justice?

Justice is the cardinal virtue most frequently praised in the Sacred Scriptures. All the Ten Commandments are concerned with justice. Jesus is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God (Cf. 1 Pet 3:18).

The Church, down through the centuries, has expounded principles of justice, applied them to difficult issues, and promoted the virtue of justice. The teaching of the Church on justice has been especially robust in the past 116 years beginning in 1891 with the famous social encyclical *Rerum Novarum* of Pope Leo XIII, continuing with *Gaudium et Spes* (The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), promulgated by the bishops at Vatican II (1962-1965), and reaching a high point in the encyclicals of Pope John Paul II: *Centessimus Annus* in 1991, *Veritatis Splendor* in 1993, and *Evangelium Vitae* in 1995.

The need for justice is evident even to small children who know that they should play fair with their friends, and that there is such a thing as right and wrong. But what exactly constitutes justice is a hotly contested question, not only in regard

to specific issues like the death penalty, women's rights, and the war in Iraq but even in regard to the principles on which justice in society is founded.

So, then, what is justice? Justice is the virtue that enables us to assume our responsibilities and to give others their due. Thus, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches (#1807), "*Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion.'* Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity regarding persons and to the common good."

'Feet firmly planted in mid-air'

A book by Dr. Francis Beckwith cuts to the heart of the problem of speaking about justice today; it is titled "Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air!" Beckwith's concerns about the dangers of relativism are not unparalleled. On the vigil of his election as pope in April 2005, Benedict XVI (then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) warned that the very future of our contemporary society was threatened by a "dictatorship of relativism." Expanding on this topic a few months later, our Holy Father said, on June 6, 2005, "*Today, a particularly insidious obstacle to the task of educating is the massive presence in our society and culture of that relativism which, recognizing nothing as definitive, leaves as the ultimate criterion only the self with its desires. And under the semblance of freedom it becomes a prison for each one, for it separates people from one another, locking each person into his or her own 'ego.'*"

According to moral relativists, justice (or any truth claim, for that matter) is established by the individual. In this view, objective moral truths would not exist. Morality, then, would be created by human beings and be subject to them alone. This is directly opposed to the Christian tradition which holds that morality is something objective and fixed. According to the theory of relativism, what is right today may be wrong tomorrow; all things are subject of change, even truth and justice.

But, in fact, justice and truth are not changeable since their ultimate foundation is found in God. As Psalm 119 declares (vs. 137ff), **“You are just, O Lord, and your ordinance is right. You have pronounced your decrees in justice and in perfect faithfulness... Your justice is everlasting justice, and your law is permanent.”**

Men and women are creatures of a loving Creator, who not only made us because of love but also teaches us how to live in His love. By listening to His voice, and obeying His commands, we can build our individual lives and our society on a just foundation and can confidently follow the path that leads to eternal life. We can also be sure that what is just today will not change and become wrong tomorrow.

Can wrongs be ‘rights’?

Any discussion of justice must include a discussion of rights, because justice is only possible when each person’s rights are secured. Concern for justice and rights is found throughout the Sacred Scriptures. For example, in the Old Testament, God says (Dt 24:17), **“You shall not violate the rights of the alien or of the orphan, nor take the clothing of a widow as a pledge.”** And Jesus, when teaching about the necessity of persevering prayer, tells a humorous parable about a poor but feisty widow who will not stop seeking her rights just because her only hope for restitution is a crooked judge. At the end of the parable, Jesus draws this conclusion (Lk 18:6-7): **“Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night?”**

All rights are not the same, of course. Some rights are *primary* in that they are founded on the basic needs of human persons; examples would include the right to life and the right to truth. These primary rights belong to every human person from the moment of conception; they cannot be arbitrarily taken away.

There are also *secondary* rights that may differ from one person to another depending on each one’s vocation and responsibility. These would

include the rights of parents as distinct from those of their children, the rights of civic leaders as distinct from those of the citizens they serve, the rights of the teachers as distinct from those of their pupils. While secondary rights are genuine, they are subject to change as circumstances in the family and society occur. On the other hand, primary rights can never change nor can they be discarded.

Confusion between primary and secondary rights is commonplace in society today, due at times to an exaggerated egalitarianism that refuses to acknowledge different roles within the society, due at other times to the outright denial of some of the primary rights, and due at still other times to rights’ claims that are not rooted in objective truth. When confusions like these occur, we end up with “wrongs” being proclaimed as “rights.” For example, the so-called “right to choose abortion” may trump the right to life. But no person ever has the right to commit actions that are evil.

Social justice and commutative justice

The pursuit of justice necessarily entails both rights and responsibilities. These are correlative: my rights place an obligation on others; conversely, my responsibilities arise from others’ rights. In every case, what we are dealing with are the duties human beings owe to each other, individually and as a community.

In Parts Two and Three Bishop Olmstead shall look more closely at the virtue of justice, especially two kinds of justice: social justice and commutative justice. Social justice (which includes both legal and distributive justice) concerns itself with the rights and responsibilities of the community to its members and of the members to the community. On the other hand, commutative justice deals with the rights and duties of individuals towards one another.

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Announcements

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of November 12th is Team 1, which consists of Kris DiMarco, Elaine Landry, Arleen Thibodeaux, Lillian Hepting and Lana Mayeaux.



**St. Rosalie
Altar Society/
Women's Club's
Christmas Social**
Thursday, December 1st – 6:30 p.m.
at Four Columns

Reservations must be received
before Friday, November 18th

Reservations forms available at
the Parish Office or in back of Church



Egg Shells Needed

The Altar Society/Women's Club is in need of egg shells for Confetti Eggs. Please consider saving shells for the ladies.



SAVE THE DATE!
ST. JOHN BOSCO
Sunday, November 20, 2022
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
St. John Bosco
Family Life Center

*Sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**

In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Doris & Walter Treadaway

SACRED HEART'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Michael Burke, Sr.

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Chimento & Lirette Families

ALTAR WINE
is given in memory of
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



November 10-16, please pray for
Paul Chappell
who is an SLM who will be
serving in Kami, Bolivia.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

for the week of Oct. 2:	\$ 3,814.00
for the week of Oct. 9:	\$ 3,665.00
for the week of Oct. 16:	\$ 3,953.00
for the week of Oct. 23:	\$ 2,924.00
for the week of Oct. 30:	\$ 2,492.00
Second Collections –	
Maintenance -October:	\$ 812.00
World Missions Sunday:	\$ 750.00
On line giving –	
for the month of Oct.:	\$ 2,038.00

*“Do good
while you still have time.”*

– Don Bosco



Deadline this week! The Ladies' Altar Society is taking orders for
Thanksgiving Sweets Trays.

Orders must be called in before November 10th and must be picked up on Saturday, November 19th at the Parish Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

\$35⁰⁰ per tray

To order call **Cindy Robichaux at 504-347-5966** or **Jackie Gerstner 504-940-8165.**

Also Reservations are being taken for the Altar Society/Women's Club's **Christmas Social** to be held at the Four Columns on December 1st.

Young Adult & Youth Mass

Sunday - 8:00 p.m.

The latest Mass on the Westbank



Musically Inclined???

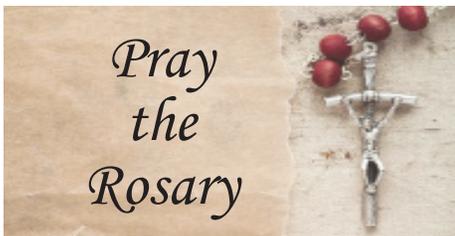
Get Involved!!!

St. John Bosco Catholic Church
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00am All Parishioners
4:00pm Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Donald Comeaux
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Avis & R.J. Burmaster
Hilton Lirette
Jerry Melanson, Sr.
Ryan Welch
Gloria Schouest
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Craig Pellegal
Verine & Claude Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Wayne Oubre
Dwayne Guidry
Kenneth Ockman
Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux
Rodney Wilcox
Craig LeBlanc
Loretta Chandler



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30am Hilton & Geraldine Landry
10:30am Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Kevin Fitzhenry
Byron S. LeJeune
Madeleine Behette
T-Van Falgout
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Agnes & Sidney Rotolo
Rodney Isemann
Troy Richoux
Chetta Doming
Laura Ann Ditta Walker
L.J. Doming
Sam & Laura Ditta
Margaret & Joe Panepinto
Kathleen LaGrange
Gary Orgeron
Carlos Savona
Alma & Frank Savona
John Taravella
All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00am Elizabeth Halstead
Diane Carey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am Armbruster/Brown families
Michael Burke, Sr.
Stoner/Oblender/Reist families

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00am Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Mark Powanda

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00am Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard
Rosalie Gaspar
Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00am All Deceased Veterans
J.P. Guillot
John & Dee Clement
Mahl & Gerstner families
Fred Gerstner, Jr.
G. Harrison Scott

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00am All Parishioners
4:00pm Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Donald Comeaux
Calogero & Loreta D'Amico
Glen Bourgeois
Arthur Doepke, Sr.
Avis & R.J. Burmaster
Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux families
C. J. Savona
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Deceased member of the
Ladies Altar Society
Edward Perkins
William Decker
Hilton Lirette
Hunter & Guastella families
Shannon deBlanc
Karst & Boudreaux families
Ryan Welch

MASS FOR HEALING:

Shannon Morvant Olivero
Jackie Morvant Bush, Gary Guidry
O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre
Kim Riley, Julie Kirkland
Hunter & Guastella family & friends

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

All Living Veterans
Patrick Lofton, Anne, William,
Thomas and Marguerite Hart

SPECIAL MASSES:

For conversion of sinners.
Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
For a successful surgery-Troy Gomez

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Kevin Steel, *Deacon*

MASS SCHEDULES:

ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am
Weekdays – 7:00 am
Saturday – 8:00 am
Confessions:
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
Youth & Young Adult Mass
Sunday – 8:00 pm
Weekdays – 7:00 am
Saturday – 8:00 am
Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Both Churches: Adoration & Confessions Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm