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January 02, 2022 / The Epiphany of the Lord

Saint George

CATHOLIC CHURCH

REV. DAVID BITTMENN, PASTOR
Rev. Kelechi Alozie, Parochial Vicar



A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE on MARRIAGE

A covenant or partnership of life between a man and woman, which is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children. When validly contracted between two baptized people, marriage is a sacrament (Matrimony) (1601).

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DIVORCE

The claim that the indissoluble marriage bond validly entered into between a man and a woman is broken. A civil dissolution of the marriage contract (divorce) does not free persons from a valid marriage before God; remarriage would not be morally licit (2382; cf. 1650)

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ANNULMENTS

A declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic church court) that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union.

The annulment process is frequently misunderstood.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



I am no longer married; I now have a decree of divorce. Does this mean I am not allowed to receive Holy Communion when I attend Mass?

My husband and I were married by a Justice of the Peace. Can we still receive Holy Communion and the other Sacraments?

My husband and I decided to separate and have now divorced. I am wondering about an annulment. If my marriage is annulled, what is the 'status' of the children we conceived? What effect does an annulment process have on them?

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH KUZUY HALL

TUESDAY Evening, JANUARY 18

Doors Open 6:00pm - Seminar begins 6:30pm

PRESENTED BY: Father David Bittmenn, Pastor

Deacon Jesse and Monica Robles - Annulment process facilitators

Free Admission

Questions? Please call (435) 673-2604 Ext 104



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Gratitude in Action: Our Way of Life / Gratitude en Acción: Nuestra forma de Vida

Christ's Epiphany means the *manifestation*, the *appearance*, or even the *showing* of Christ. This was not just for Mary and Joseph, or even Israel for that matter, but for the entire world. When the three Kings paid homage to our Lord, on his humble little throne in the stable in Bethlehem, He became visible to the whole world.

During the Advent season prior to Christmas, we identified three comings of Christ into the world. **The first at Christmas has three distinct parts.**

We recall the *Annunciation* when Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel, and she gave her selfless, resounding 'Yes' to God to become the Mother of our Lord. Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, new life was born in her womb.

The second coming was the *Nativity* at Christmas in an obscure stable.

The third coming is the *Epiphany* when Christ was visibly introduced to the world.

The **second coming of Christ** is at the end of the world, to judge us. Each of us, at our personal, individual death will experience this moment. The human race, as a whole, will experience this judgment at the end of historical time, as we know it.

The **third coming of Christ** is His present coming into our lives each and every day.

Is our body, His tabernacle, adequately prepared? Has it been cleansed to offer Him the **best** we have? Does our light within offer Him security and peace as He patiently waits for us each day to open our heart, our soul and our mind to graciously and gratefully receive Him? Do we in turn offer Him everything we have and everything we receive each day, knowing all is gift from Him?

The season of Christmas is filled with joy, wonder and awe. May we experience it all, and may these feelings abide with us throughout this new year as we expectantly await Christ each and every day of our life!

As you move forward to receive Holy Communion at Mass, remember the oneness with Christ we embrace each time we receive Him into our bodies and souls at this most special moment of the Mass! We are blessed and privileged. May we always remember and never take His presence within us for granted! He came, and continues to come to us, that we might be saved!

(Material referenced from *Food for the Soul* by Peter Kreeft)



~Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach

La Epifanía de Cristo significa la manifestación, la aparición o incluso la manifestación de Cristo. Esto no fue solo para María y José, o incluso para Israel, sino para el mundo entero. Cuando los Reyes Magos rindieron homenaje a nuestro Señor, en su humilde trono en el establo de Belén, se hizo visible para todo el mundo.

Durante la temporada de Adviento antes de Navidad, identificamos tres venidas de Cristo al mundo. **El primero en Navidad tiene tres partes diferenciadas.**

Recordamos la *Anunciación* cuando María fue visitada por el ángel Gabriel, quien le dio su desinteresado y rotundo "Sí" a Dios para convertirse en la Madre de nuestro Señor. Eclipsada por el Espíritu Santo, nació nueva vida en su vientre.

La segunda venida fue la *Natividad* en Navidad en un oscuro establo.

La tercera venida es la *Epifanía* cuando Cristo fue presentado visiblemente al mundo.

La **segunda venida** de Cristo es al fin del mundo, para juzgarnos. Cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra muerte personal e individual, experimentará este momento. La raza humana, en su conjunto, experimentará este juicio al final del tiempo histórico, tal como lo conocemos.

La **tercera venida** de Cristo es Su presente venida a nuestras vidas todos los días.

¿Está nuestro cuerpo, Su tabernáculo, ¿adecuadamente preparado? ¿Ha sido purificado para ofrecerle lo mejor que tenemos? ¿Nuestra luz interior le ofrece seguridad y paz mientras Él espera pacientemente que cada día abramos nuestro corazón, nuestra alma y nuestra mente para recibirlo con gracia y gratitud? ¿Le ofrecemos a su vez todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que recibimos cada día, sabiendo que todo es un regalo de Él?

La temporada navideña está llena de alegría, asombro y maravilla. ¡Que podamos experimentarlo todo, y que estos sentimientos nos acompañen durante este nuevo año mientras esperamos a Cristo todos y cada uno de los días de nuestra vida!

A medida que avanzas para recibir la Sagrada Comunión en la Misa, ¡recuerda la unidad con Cristo que abrazamos cada vez que lo recibimos en nuestros cuerpos y almas en este momento tan especial de la Misa! Somos bendecidos y privilegiados. ¡Que siempre recordemos y nunca demos por sentada Su presencia dentro de nosotros! Él vino y sigue viniendo a nosotros para que seamos salvos.

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A story is told about the devil on the verge of taking over the world. He came in the guise of a cunning and unscrupulous lawyer because, he explained, these kinds of lawyers were into everything in the modern world.

With all due respect to lawyers, there are some that subtly place themselves into more and more elements of life. In this way they become indispensable.

As an adult the child born in Bethlehem under a star would fall prey to the sins of others and the snares of death, but would rise from both of them. In him there was a way out, and sin and death couldn't undo what he did. So sin and death did something subtle and unscrupulous; they disguised Christ's victory as some sort of fraud or impossible way of life. They held out the possibility of an easier way of getting into heaven and they certainly offered all kinds of quick fixes that would make the pain in a hopeless world go away for a little while, but over the long term these quick fixes would increase hopelessness. This last strategy also would make sin seem indispensable. In these ways what was known centuries ago could be ignored. Sin and death would ultimately lose, but they would take a lot of people with them. Picture a particularly immoral seller of quack remedies who would stop at nothing to make a dollar or two at the expense of his customers. The more he pushed ineffective remedies, the more money he would make and the more critical attention he would draw to his scam. His future wouldn't be bright, but he would take a lot of people with him.

Quite a few people today understand that gift-giving and festive gatherings in some parts of the Christian world were practiced on Epiphany rather than Christmas. This knowledge can extend some of the impact of Christmas beyond December 25. However, Christianity wishes to extend the impact of Christmas much longer than Epiphany and even the whole Christmas liturgical season. A babe was born to us and we grow up with him. We continue to pick up this babe and carry him in our hearts. We continue to be delighted by his smiles and discoveries. We take joy in attaching ourselves to him. This is growth. Later on a different kind of growth takes over. We hear his word and we ponder his example through Word and Sacrament. True it is the same word and the same sacraments, but our joy over the same babe pushes us into these things ever more deeply.

The second reading for Epiphany says that the mystery of salvation "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed" to the Church. The reading talks about salvation for everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike. Let us not ignore anything that has been revealed.

Se cuenta una historia sobre el diablo a punto de apoderarse del mundo. Él venía con la apariencia de un abogado astuto y sin escrúpulos porque, explicó el diablo, este tipo de abogado era parte de todo en el mundo moderno. Con el debido respeto a los abogados, hay algunos que se colocan sutilmente en más y más elementos de la vida. De esta manera se vuelven indispensables.

Como adulto, el niño nacido en Belén bajo una estrella caería presa de los pecados de los demás y de las trampas de la muerte pero se levantaría de ambos. En él había una salida, y el pecado y la muerte no podían cambiar lo que hizo. Por esta razón, el pecado y la muerte hicieron algo sutil y sin escrúpulos; disfrazaron la victoria de Cristo como una especie de fraude o una forma de vida imposible. Por esta razón, el pecado y la muerte hicieron algo sutil y sin escrúpulos; disfrazaron la victoria de Cristo como una especie de fraude o forma de vida imposible. Ofrecieron formas más fáciles de llegar al cielo y también ofrecieron todo tipo de soluciones rápidas que harían que el dolor en un mundo sin esperanza desapareciera por un tiempo, pero a largo plazo estas soluciones rápidas aumentarían la desesperanza. Esta última estrategia también haría que el pecado pareciera indispensable. De esta manera se podía ignorar lo que se conocía hace siglos. El pecado y la muerte finalmente se perderían, pero se llevarían a mucha gente con ellos. Imagínese a un vendedor inmoral de remedios falsos que no se detendría ante nada para ganar un dólar o dos del sufrimiento de sus clientes.

Sin embargo, al cristianismo le gustaría extender el impacto de la Navidad mucho más tiempo que la Epifanía y toda la temporada litúrgica de Navidad. Un bebé nació para nosotros y crecemos con él. Sin embargo, al cristianismo le gustaría extender el impacto de la Navidad mucho más tiempo que la Epifanía y toda la temporada litúrgica de Navidad. Un bebé nació para nosotros y crecemos con él. Continuamos recogiendo a este bebé y llevándolo en nuestros corazones. Seguimos encantados con sus sonrisas y descubrimientos. Nos alegramos de atarnos a Él. Esto es crecimiento. Más tarde, un tipo diferente de crecimiento se hace cargo. Escuchamos su palabra y meditamos su ejemplo a través de la Palabra y el Sacramento. Es cierto que es la misma palabra y los mismos sacramentos, pero nuestra alegría por el mismo bebé nos anima a meditar más profundamente en la palabra y los sacramentos.

La segunda lectura para Epifanía dice que el misterio de la salvación "no había sido manifestado a los hombres en otros tiempos, como ha sido revelado ahora por el Espíritu" a la iglesia. La lectura habla de la salvación para todos, judíos y gentiles por igual. No ignoremos nada de lo que se ha revelado.



LITURGIES AND MINISTRIES

Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 01/01

8:00 am Carlos Dubois
5:00 pm Sharyn Axelson Birthday by family
† Alfred Jankus

Sunday, 01/02

9:00 am † Walter Vodge Wapienik
Little Anthony
† Horst Duesterwald
11:00 am † Audrey Jonas
The Bondad Family
1:00 pm † Erasto Noe Salazar Perez
† Jose Arturo Sandoval
† Cesar Mendoza Olivas

Monday, 01/03

8:00 am Kelly & Kim

Tuesday, 01/04

8:00 am † Phyllis Knight
Kelly & Kim

Wednesday, 01/05

8:00 am † Robert Kowalski
Kelly & Kim

Thursday, 01/06

8:00 am † Melanie Redman
† Dr. Harold Fromm

Friday, 01/07

8:00 am Patricia Rausch

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3 pm



*Our Lady of Grace
Candle
burns this week
in memory of*

Helen Skarzynski

January 2022

Saturday Mass @ 5:00 pm	Jan. 8
Lector	David Chapman
Host	Ester Bargar
Kuzy Hall Host	Mary Skomal
Kuzy Hall Host	Tim Kockler
Sunday Mass @ 9:00 am	Jan. 9
Lector	Art Hurtado
Host	Jennifer Jordan
Kuzy Hall Host	James Lancy
Kuzy Hall Host	Maggie Lancy
Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am	Jan. 9
Lector	Kimberly Jones
Host	Sharon Hillberry
Kuzy Hall Host	Monica Moreno
Kuzy Hall Host	Irene White



Stephen Ministry
Christ caring for People through People
Walking with Others during Troubled Times
Saint George Catholic Church



STEPHEN LEADERS: Father David Bittmenn – Pastor, Carole Drake, Herrold Egger, Diane Gutierrez

To ask about a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please feel free to speak with one of these Leaders or call the parish office (435) 673-2604 and ask for Father Dave or Carole.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: Bonnie Arndt, Ghislaine Brassine, Janice Crum, Marie Dorish, Mary Hogan, Brenda Martinez, Inge Matteucci, Teresa Mendez, Deacon Carlos Mendez, Nadia Neumeier, Joan Opheikens, Sharon Paetzke, Mary Ann Smith.

These Ministers can help you during a difficult time in your life. Please know they are trained, supportive and everything is confidential.

Information

Church Office

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Office Hours

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Retired..... Rev. Glenn Dare

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Online Giving Linkplease visit our website

Bulletin Ministry.....sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com

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Gift Shop (Sharon Rawlins)...688-1948

Parish Council parishcouncil@sgcatholics.com

Safe Environment...Carole Drake, Local DSE
435-673-2604 or cdrake@sgcatholics.com

Baptism Preparation

English: Call the Parish Office to register
Spanish: 1st & 2nd Sat., 2:00 pm (Scanlan)

Baptism

English: 4th Saturday at 9:00 am

Spanish: 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am

Marriage Preparation

English: Contact the Parish Office

Spanish: Contact a Deacon

Deacons

Rigoberto Aguirre628-9107
Rogaciano Tellez.....652-9219
Jesse Robles (jrobles@sgcatholics.com)...909-953-0240

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday during 8:00 am Mass
Call Parish Office for home/hospital anointing

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday....5:00 pm; (7:00 pm Spanish)
Sunday9:00 am, 11:00 am; (1:00 pm Spanish)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 8:00 am; (7:00 pm Spanish)
First Saturday..... 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

8:00 am, 6:00 pm; (8:00 pm Spanish)

Confession

Saturday3:30 - 4:30 pm
Church or by appointment

Mission Churches Mass Schedule

Saint Paul's - Hurricane (171 S. Main)

Sunday Mass—12:30 pm

San Pablo Mission - Beryl Junction (721 S. Highway 18)

Sunday Mass—4:00 pm

Saint Christopher's - Kanab (39 West 200 South)

Daily Mass - 8:00 am, Saturday - 5:00 pm, Sundays - 9:00 am

Zion Park - Springdale (Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd.)

SCAP...Sundays at 8:00 am
Palm Sunday through December 1st



Coming Soon!!

Our Senior Singles Social Group is planning a free monthly movie night the second Friday of each month starting January 14th in the conference room of the Scanlan building. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with the movie beginning promptly at 6:30. Most selections will run two hours or less, with none over two and a half hours. A 50-50 drawing will be held with all proceeds going to the Washington Fields Church building fund.

Our first movie will be “A Man for All Seasons,” an Oscar-winning biopic of St. Thomas More, who stood up to Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a divorce. Paul Scofield, Orson Wells, Wendy Hiller, and Robert Shaw star in this classic movie.

Hope to see you there!!



Bulletin submissions for January 16th due on January 5th

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS

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This weekend's 2nd collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Building Fund

If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Building Fund through our online giving.

La segunda colecta de esta fin de semana beneficia al Fondo de Construcción de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George

Si tiene sobres del Fondo de construcción, puede usarlos para esta colección. También puede contribuir al Fondo de Construcción a través de nuestras donaciones en línea.

Weekly Collection Report

Collection (11/07).....\$ **11,630**

Capital Improvement Project (September)

Building Fund Saint George..... \$ 4,431

Building Fund Washington Fields..... \$ 4,351

Diocesan Development Drive - DDD (Sept.)

Online Giving, Checks, Cash..... \$ 7,516

Diocesan Quota.....\$110,600

Diocesan Payment thru 9/01.....\$ 46,952

DIOCESAN QUOTA DUE..... \$ **56,132**

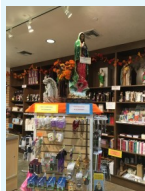
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist.

As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía.

Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.



The Gift Shop will be **Closed** for the Christmas holiday Friday, December 24 - Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

We will reopen on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10am - 2pm.

Monday Church Tours

Call Sharon Paetzke at 435-656-4618 to schedule. This tour is an informative activity for parishioners and their guests.

Next weekend's second collection benefits the Church in Latin America.

Thank you for your generosity.

La segunda colecta próximo fin de semana beneficia a la Iglesia en América Latina.
Gracias por su apoyo.

Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!

The Saint George Catholic Church would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contributions to the Children's Giving Tree. We were able to help many families with their Christmas gifts.

God Bless you!!



Scripture Readings for the Week of January 2nd

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

January 10 Everyday God 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Kuzy Hall 2nd Floor

Kuzy Hall Schedule - January 3 - 8

Monday 01/03

9:00 - 11:00 am Music Practice	<i>Rm # 2</i>
4:30 - 6:30 pm Altar Servers	<i>Rm # 2</i>
6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Support Group	<i>Rm # 1</i>
7:00 - 8:00 pm V Encuentro	<i>Rm # 3</i>

Tuesday 01/04

10:00 - 11:00 am Grief Support Group	<i>Rm # 3</i>
6:00 - 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<i>Rm # 4</i>
6:30 - 8:30 pm Women's Group	<i>Rm # 3</i>
6:30 - 9:00 pm K of C Council Meeting	<i>Hall</i>
6:30 - 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<i>Rm # 2</i>
8:00 - 9:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way II	<i>Rm # 2</i>

Wednesday 01/05

6:00 - 8:00 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group	<i>Rm # 3</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm CERS	<i>Rm # 1</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way	<i>Rm # 2</i>

Thursday 01/06

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Mary Hogan	<i>Rm # 3</i>
5:00 - 8:0 pm Sponsors Meeting Confirmation	<i>Hall</i>
7:00 - 10:00 pm Misioneros de Jesus y Maria	<i>Rm # 2</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm Deacon Tellez Marriage Prep	<i>Rm # 3</i>

Friday 01/07

1:30 - 3:00 pm Mary Hogan	<i>Rm # 3</i>
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Saturday 01/08

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Altar Servers	<i>Rm # 3</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way	<i>Rm # 3</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way II	<i>Rm # 2</i>



Everyday God Meeting Schedule 2022



January 10
January 24
February 14
February 28
March 14
March 28
April 25
May 9
May 23



Christmas Flower Offering In Memory Of

Fred Carrubbe, Janet & Charles Broome, Sister Marla Eck, O.P, James & Estelle Pilney, Mary Alice & Robert Keller, Robert Castillo, Sr., Andrew Castillo, Toni Dewberry, Rita Castillo, Francis Garcia, Britney Reyes, Bill Kirby, Bradford Family, Joseph Galayda, Helen Galayda, Emma Malone, Liz Benette, Joe Galayda Jr., John Galayda, Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Halliday, Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Heaton, Leslie & Olive Stith, Ronald L. Stith, Robert, Frances & Leonard Jurado & Godparents, Ramona Orteza, Veloce & Giehlen Family, "Pops", Carmen C. Gabriel, Mariano A. Gabriel, Raoul C. Gabriel, Sennen Gabriel, Frank D. Brooks, Mariano G. Choa, Phyllis H., Eleisa L., Albert L., Fred & Gus L., Alex H., Ralph H., Dora T., Helen H., Louis D., Isabelle N., Holy Souls, Robert Bourget, Deacon Mark Bourget, Debbie Bourget, Mike Hunter, Mark Jr. Bourget.

Scanlan Conference Room Schedule January 03 - 07

Monday 01/03

7:30 - 10:30 am	Counters
7:00 - 8:30 pm	RCIA

Tuesday 01/04

10:00 - 11:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday 01/05

7:00 - 9:00 pm	Spanish Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
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Thursday 01/06

6:00 - 8:00 pm	Adult English Bible Study with Fr. Dave
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CHANGING of the GUARD at the THRIFT STORE

This kind of headline is almost guaranteed to cause some people to skip the article. A changing of the guard means that a big job is opening up and the article is bound to ask for people who could assume a sizable responsibility. Better to lie low and wait for someone else to fill the bill. But since you've made it this far, hang on for a few more minutes.

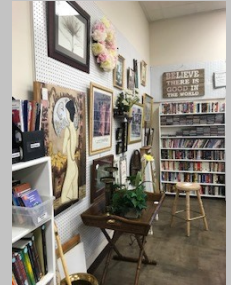
The last time we searched for a new manager for the thrift store, applicants were slow in coming. Finally, someone asked Jackie Rickman to apply and she did. She got the job and has been with us for nine years. She's seen a lot of changes and made a lot of friends. Last April, she relinquished some of her responsibilities but she didn't want to leave completely. She continued at the store until a new set of circumstances forced her hand. At the end of December, she will leave the thrift store for good. It's sad because she really made a difference and will be greatly missed.

Greater responsibilities bring with them greater rewards. There's a reason why people remember presidents more than they remember vice presidents. It's the same reason why we celebrate saints during the liturgical year while those who lied low are difficult to remember.

If you have managed before or if you know the thrift store well, don't stop reading. Think over the possibilities. Don't let fear get the last word. If you know someone who has managed before or knows the thrift store, and you don't want to ask them to consider the job then call Father Dave in the office. He'll ask. Such people can only say no.

The thrift store continues to be a help to St. George as a whole and bolsters the parish's reputation. A new manager isn't reinventing the wheel but will be standing on the shoulders of giants.

The thrift store manager oversees cashiers, organizes store receipt and deposit records, deposits money at the bank, grows in knowledge about local and national thrift store trends, works with the parish Business Finance Manager, tweaks the process of how items are handled from donation to sale, should have some experience with volunteers, needs effective communication skills, and works on long-range plans for marketing, personnel, and space aspects of the store. Don't be shy. Step right up and contact the Business Finance Manager in the parish office for a more complete job description.





STEPHEN MINISTRY

offers

Small Group Grief Support

Groups will meet for a 6-week period of time

Meetings will be for one hour once a week

**Each group will be comprised of five to eight people, including a
Small Group Facilitator**

Daytime group will meet:

10am on Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Evening group times will be 6:30pm on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday

Start dates will be set as need is determined

Saturday group will meet at 10am (if there is a need)

(All meeting locations will be on the campus of the Saint George Catholic Church)

Weekly gatherings will be followed by a short “social” time.

Questions or to Register, Call (435) 673-2604 Ext 104

Confidentiality is a high priority

THE 2023 BISHOPS SYNOD AND OUR PARISH, PART ONE

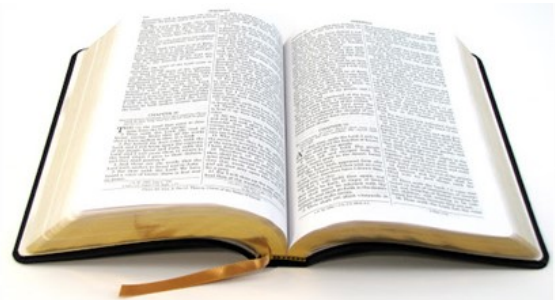


Most of the time when bishops gather with the pope in a synod or a council - both words mean about the same thing – there is an agenda. This will be the case when bishops representing all the areas of the Church meet in 2023. What is different is that parishes throughout the world are asked to help flesh out the agenda for this meeting. More specifically, parishes are asked to host listening sessions designed to focus upon the topic of the 2023 synod. Results from these listening sessions will be reported to the diocese and then forwarded to Rome.

For the next several weeks, articles in the bulletin will explain more about the 2023 synod and the associated parish listening sessions. Initially these explanations will describe the theme of the synod, the spirit in which people connect with the synod through listening sessions, and the details of the listening sessions. Let's start with the theme of the synod.

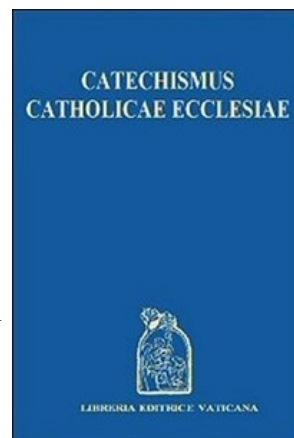
In a twist of words, the synod's theme is synodality. Synodality is the way the Church is a living manifestation of communion in Christ. Expanding on this idea a bit, "communion" includes unity and participation. Being in Christ means sharing his mission and one of his essential missions is evangelization. So the theme of synodality examines Church unity, participation in the Church, and the mission of evangelization in the Church.

We do not create this unity, this participation, and this evangelization (mission) ourselves. Rather, we cooperate with the way of unity, the way of participation, and the way of the evangelizing mission that are already in Christ. So the unity, participation, and evangelization (mission) Catholics discuss and consider are from Scripture and Tradition because they are the best expressions of life in Christ. This replaces other ways of consideration, such as opinion polls and parliamentary or legislative approaches where groups within the Church compete with each other to advance a particular position.



This brings us to the spirit in which people connect with the synod through listening sessions. One way to describe this spirit pays particular attention to *sensus fidei* (the sense of the faithful) and the idea of dialogue. *Sensus fidei* is a particular understanding of the faith

that comes to all believers, lay and clerical, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This understanding "is a sort of spiritual instinct that enables the believer to judge spontaneously whether a particular teaching or practice is or is not in conformity with the Gospel ("Sensus Fidei In The Life of the Church" from the *International Theological Commission*, or *ITC*, #49)" *Sensus fidei* is a kind of empathy or a knowledge of the heart (*ITC*, #50-51). It is a "second nature" or a "sixth sense." *Sensus fidei* is more instinctual and spontaneous than the reasoned-out approach theologians take in their books. Both ways of understanding the faith are useful and they should overlap with each other. The International Theological Commission notes that "in the actual mental universe of the believer, the correct intuitions of the *sensus fidei* can be mixed up with various purely human opinions, or even with errors linked to the narrow confines of a particular cultural context.... Not all the ideas which circulate among the People of God are compatible with the faith (#55)." Like other spiritual gifts, *sensus fidei* grows with use (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #93).



Next week's article will continue with the other description of the spirit of the listening sessions, dialogue.