



Saint Aidan Parish

Est. 2020

"Grow In Jesus, Engage in Community, and Go Forth to Make Disciples"



October 18, 2020

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

FROM FATHER DAVE, PASTOR

I enjoy receiving mail. I think it goes back to the days before email and texts when I was a student in Rome. The only reasonable means of communication was letters and cards. Every day after leaving the university I would come home and go immediately to the mailbox. When one is 4000 miles away from home and cannot return home for two years mail was like gold. Letters became for me, again and again, a source of strength and encouragement.

Imagine how the Thessalonians must have felt when hearing Saint Paul's words from today's second reading, which are also directed at us. He writes, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen."

In this brief selection, Saint Paul offers two affirmations of the Church in Thessalonica. First, he expresses gratitude as well as the acknowledgement that he, Silvanus and Timothy are remembering them in their prayers.

I think it is always comforting knowing that people are praying for us. I know in my life as a priest I count so much on the prayers of others because I could never do what I do on my own. It is heartwarming when someone says, "Father, I am praying for you."

Sometimes in our prayer lives we can be tempted to succumb to selfishness and make it all about ourselves. As Catholics we are called not only to pray with one another, but also for one another. We acknowledge this reality every time we pray the Confiteor at Holy Mass. We ask for the community to pray for us. We say, "...therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God." It is so important that when we pray, we, like Saint Paul, remember one another. It is equally vital that we let others know that we are praying for them.

Another hazard we can fall prey to in the spiritual life is to fail to give thanks for everything that we have is a gift from God the giver of all gifts. We are not meant to live entitled lives but grateful lives. Even our crosses can become blessings. True faith is one that can thank God for our sufferings and crosses because they always have the opportunity to bring us closer to him.

The second affirmation that Saint Paul offers to the Thessalonians centers on their lifestyle. He points out that they are living every day the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. The word "virtue" comes from a Latin word "virtus" which means "valor, merit moral perfection." Saint Paul was struck by how these people were living virtuous lives working at faith, enduring in hope and laboring in love.

To work at faith is to daily embrace the mystery of prayer in a spirit of dialogue with a particular emphasis on listening. To endure in hope is to be an Easter people that never loses sight of the resurrection. And to labor in love is to keep on giving, even when it hurts, and expecting nothing in return.

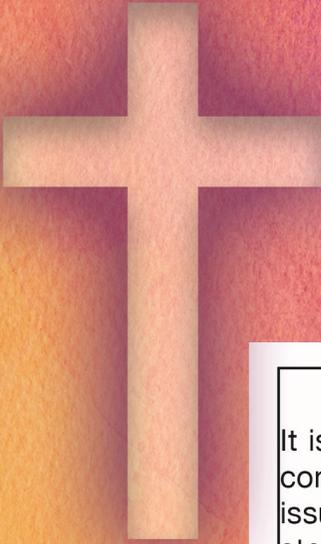
In this month of October, we honor Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. How special it was to see a group of women praying the Rosary on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima at the cross in the Saint Alphonsus Cemetery. Every time we pray the Rosary, we pray those three Hail Mary's at the beginning typically "for an increase of the virtues of faith, hope and love." May God inspire us to grow in faith, hope and love every day.

As was announced previously in an email blast, it is our hope to open our churches on Sunday to celebrate one Mass indoors as long as we have a crew of volunteers to receive parishioners at the door with signing in and taking temperatures. We also need people to clean and sanitize after each Sunday Mass.

Pending the formation and training of a crew for this new ministry, we will make the 7:00 a.m. virtual Mass at Saint Alphonsus public with a maximum capacity of 80 people. The Mass will continue to be livestreamed. In addition, we will add a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays at Saint Alexis with a maximum capacity of 90 people. This Mass will feature contemporary music. People will need to sign up online once these Masses begin. We will continue to follow our outdoor schedule. Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. Thanks for your cooperation during this unusual time.

Finally, please do not forget to complete your census form.

Have a Spectacular Sunday!



I have called you by your name, giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am *the Lord*

and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 18, 2020

THE TRAP

It is a scene that could be taken from the daily news feed. A young upstart is confronted by two established leaders. While holding opposing views on many issues, the two band together in an attempt to trap the newcomer. This is not a story from the daily news, however. The newcomer is Jesus in today's Gospel passage. The two established leaders, one a Pharisee and the other a Herodian, think they can trap Jesus by posing a question about the payment of taxes. No matter how he might respond to their question, they would have the means to discredit him. Jesus sees through their hypocrisy and does not fall into their trap. His response gets at the heart of what is truly important: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

God creates all that is. Each of us is a marvelous creation of God. All that we have is created through the grace of God and the ways in which we humans use the gifts that have been given to us by God. Thinking about Jesus' question from this perspective leads us to ask ourselves what belongs to God. As the Lord tells Cyrus in today's first reading, each of us is called by name. We belong to God. If we are truly honest in our reflection, the conclusion we will reach is that everything is God's. We are to be good stewards of it all. Jesus' instruction to give "to God what belongs to God" calls us to take seriously the realization that all we are, have, and will be is a gift from God, given to us in trust, that we might use it to further God's kingdom on earth.

THERE IS NO GOD BESIDES ME

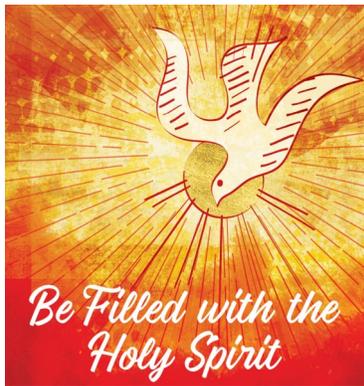
Most of us can admit that we do not readily think of our lives and possessions as belonging to God. Doing so calls us to think much more deeply about how we use our time, material goods, talents, and gifts in our daily lives. When we take to heart that everything that we are and have belongs to God, we learn to put God first. No longer can materialism or worldly success be our god, nor the unbounded activity that fills much of our lives. Each of us has been "loved and chosen" by God to bring Christ's presence to the world, through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Thessalonians 1:4). We do this by giving what belongs to God back to God through the proper use of our lives, gifts, and resources.



**We Welcome Into The Church
Our Newly Confirmed**

October 17, 2020

Maia Carrico
James Cerny, Jr.
Maura Flynn
Taylor Graber
Layne Haught
Jenavieve Karlovits
Owen Kirkpatrick
Luke Myers
Dante Pittorino
Peter Ricci
Lily Tucker
Benjamin Vernon



UPCOMING WEDDING



BANNS II:
Maria Ignelzi
Saint Aidan Parish
&
Nicholas Taglianetti
Saint Ferdinand Parish

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY AND
MISSIONARY COOPERATION SUNDAY**

We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can:

- PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work
- OFFER financial HELP
- CHARITY through the second collection for our parish missionary group and the World Mission Sunday collection of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This year we are supporting the **Assumption Sisters of Nairobi**. They are a congregation of native Kenyan women, who are called to live the gospel message of Jesus so that "...all may have life and have it in full." (John 10:10)

Please be as generous as possible.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our parish families of Saint Aidan who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, especially:

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| Dick Anderson | John Hunsinger |
| Harriet Beach | Vitus Kaiser |
| Brian Bart | Al Korade |
| Rachel Borck | Lois Leahy |
| Jeannie Bukaukus | Shari Lennon |
| Emma Bullick | Gene Lersch |
| Leo Cicco | Mary Maloney |
| Rick Collins | Eugene Mancino |
| Andy Cooke | Gerard McArdle |
| Connor Cunic | Liz McArdle |
| Diane Depp | Michelle Mehok |
| Don Depp | Ron Mehok |
| Gloria Dudowski | Diane Miller |
| Julie Ewell | G. James Neelan |
| Nancy Greer | Irene Schultz |
| Patricia Gross | Janice Spowal |
| Stanley Hofstetter | Amber VanVickle |
| David Hoza | David Zappa |
| Gilbert Huckestein | Prayer Shawl Recipients |

If you know of a parishioner or have a loved one who is ill, please contact the Parish Center and let us know. We will place that person's name on the prayer list for **four weeks**. Intentions may return to the list upon monthly requests. Contact the Parish Center at 724.935.4343 or 724.935.1151 to add a loved one onto the list.

FALL DAY OF CLEAN UP!



Final day of Fall Clean up will be held at Saint Alphonsus Church on **Saturday, October 31**. Join fellow parishioners in tending to the grounds that have been entrusted to our care.

We will be removing seasonal flowers, leaves and general clean up and winterization of the grounds. Bring your gloves, shovel, rake or any gardening tools in general.

We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and be done by noon. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated! In the event of rain, we will try to convene the following weekend.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

If you have a loved one who passed away this past year, you should've received an invitation to attend a Mass of Remembrance for them on either Tuesday, November 3 or Thursday, November 5. Please email MaryEllen with your responses at mependel@saintaidanparish.org or call the Parish Center at 724.935.4343.

ALL SOULS DAY LISTING

Reminder to send us the name of your loved ones in order for them to be remembered during the month of November.

You can find it on our homepage of the website at this at saintaidanparish.org. We will be creating a listing of all those to keep in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch | |
| 4:00 p.m. | † Catherine Young - The Hahn Family |
| Sunday, October 18 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 7:00 a.m. | For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Aidan Parish |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Evelyn and John Cognetti - Sandy and John Cognetti |
| 9:00 a.m. | † Patricia Murray - The Phipps Family |
| 10:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving for All Priests - Judy Schrecker |
| Monday, October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Martha Cenkner - Rose Ciganik |
| Tuesday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Special Intention for Michael Beljan-Mary Anne Dille |
| Wednesday, October 21 - Weekday | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Rob Senita - His Brothers and Sisters |
| Thursday, October 22 - St. John Paul, II | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Alfonso and Elisa Bellisario - Donato Bucci and Family |
| Friday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † MaryAlice Beneviat - Natalie and Shannon Beneviat |
| Saturday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Sister Agnes Deley, VCN - Michael and Margaret Belcik |
| 4:00 p.m. | † George J. Kavinsky - Mary Beth Kavinsky |
| Sunday, October 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 7:00 a.m. | † Rosemarie Stefanski - Armella Laukin |
| 8:00 a.m. | For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Aidan Parish |
| 9:00 a.m. | † Paul Turnley - The Palguta Family |
| 10:00 a.m. | † Jim Klimaszewski - Joan Spencer |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I am the LORD, there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not. (Is 45:1, 5)

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading: For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

Gospel: At that Jesus said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

SAINT AIDAN INCOME

October 5 through October 11, 2020

| | Regular | Electronic | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$ 21,253 | \$ 37,507 | \$ 58,760 |
| Parish Share | \$ 2,592 | \$ 8,055 | \$ 10,647 |
| Mary Fund | \$ 220 | \$ 20 | \$ 240 |
| Catholic Education | \$ 196 | \$ 110 | \$ 306 |
| Holy Days | \$ 40 | \$ 38 | \$ 78 |
| Future Diocesan Collection | \$ | \$ 62 | \$ 62 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ 78 | \$ 1,038 | \$ 1,116 |
| Statue/Pavillion/Deck Donation | \$ 100 | \$ | \$ 100 |
| Votives | \$ 64 | \$ | \$ 64 |
| TOTAL | \$ 24,543 | \$ 46,830 | \$ 71,373 |



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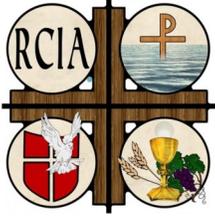
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FAITH FORMATION



THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? LET'S TALK!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a no-pressure environment where you can explore the Catholic faith and grow in your relationship with God.
Contact Darcy Osby at dosby@saintaidanparish.org or 724.935.4343 ext. 213.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

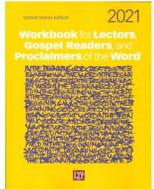
All parents who are having a child baptized for the first time need to attend a baptism formation session before the baptism. Please see the website under "Faith Formation" and then "Baptism Preparation" to sign up. Parents are encouraged to attend a session before the baby is born so that baptism can be scheduled as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Darcy Osby at dosby@saintaidanparish.org.

Via Zoom!
New and expectant parents are invited to join us.
Thursday, November 19 or
January 21, at 6:30 p.m.



WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS

If you are planning to lector for Masses at either church, please pick up your 2021 "Workbook for Lectors" in the foyer of the Parish Center. They will be in a box, and we only ask that you sign your name on the sheet provided, in order to keep track of them. We would like to have everyone trained and be available to read at both churches. *Thank you!*



PUZZLE
Find the right shadow.

MISSION
I will remember to obey the laws of my God and my country.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE A

COLOR
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

BLESSED SEELOS ACADEMY

INTERESTED IN CUB SCOUTS?



Seelos Academy Cub Scout Pack 956 welcomes any prospective Cub Scout boys, in Kindergarten through Fifth

Grade, with their families, to attend our Cub Scout Pack 956 Sign-Up Night. Sign-Up Night will be held **Wednesday, October 28, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** outside at the Blessed Francis Seelos Academy Playground. Masks, social distancing and other safety precautions will be in effect. We will have information about our Pack at the event, and parents can also officially sign-up their boys to join Cub Scout Pack 956. For any questions, please contact Kelly Carroll at 412.576.3610

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FISH FRY FREEZER SALE!

Due to the Fish Fry being abruptly cancelled due to COVID-19, we still have a small amount of food items in our freezer and pantry. To clear out this space, we are offering these food items to our parishioners at cost!

Frozen cod, shrimp, clam chowder and tomato Florentine soup, as well as large cans of applesauce are available for purchase.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please go to our website under EVENTS and then FISH FRY to order and pay online.

Pick ups will be after 9:00 a.m. Mass October 18 at Saint Alphonsus, after 4:00 p.m. Mass October 24 at Saint Alexis, and after 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 25 at Saint Alexis. We can arrange another time if necessary. Quantities are limited, so don't miss your chance on these great deals!



CHRISTMAS IN APPALACHIA

It's that time of year when we start thinking about what we will send to St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. For over twenty years, our parish has generously provided gifts for their annual Christmas Store which provides presents to needy families who would otherwise have little or nothing for Christmas.

Due to COVID-19, the Mission will be opening up their Christmas Store early in order to have enough time slots for everyone and so that they can meet social distancing requirements. Because of our regulations here, we have decided to keep it simple and collect gift cards to present to them from our parish. Cards from **Target**, **Walmart**, and **Amazon** will be most beneficial. You may drop your gift cards in the front foyer of the rectory or in the basket at Mass beginning Sunday, October 25.

If you prefer to order a gift and have it sent there directly you may send it to:

St. Vincent Mission/Christmas Store
6369 Hwy. 404
David, Kentucky 41616

Please indicate that you are a member of Saint Aidan Parish in your gift note.

St. Vincent Mission is an outreach organization that works with those in need with a Food Pantry, Emergency Assistance Program, Education, Home Repair Program, and Grow Appalachia, a food security program.

Its Christmas Store makes it possible for hundreds of individuals to receive Christmas gifts.

Questions? Please contact Barb Griffith at 724-612-6643

OUR CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00 p.m. Live Anticipated Mass Outside – Saint Alexis parking lot

SUNDAY:

7:00 a.m. Live Stream Mass – Saint Alphonsus Church. (No distribution of Communion)

8:00 a.m. Live Mass Outside - Saint Alexis parking lot

9:00 a.m. Live Mass Outside - Saint Alphonsus parking lot

10:00 a.m. Live Mass Outside – Saint Alexis parking lot

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m. – Inside at Saint Alexis Church

Face masks are required.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Confession will be offered outdoors at the Saint Alexis location.

ADORATION

Tuesdays, at Saint Alexis Church from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be music, a reading, silence, and benediction. All are welcome! People are still welcome to pray anytime day or night outside of the old church as the Eucharist will still be reposed within the tabernacle near the window. Praying before the Eucharist in Adoration can be a true rest stop for the soul.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Six Steps to SANITY is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's addiction. The session will begin at Saint Irenaeus Church, Oakmont PA in the Social Hall on Tuesday, October 20, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will last for 12 consecutive weeks. Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry and support group adapted from the bestselling book, "Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children," by Allison Bottke, for people who are dealing with addiction in their families.

Using the Setting Boundaries Companion Study Guide workbook, parents and families will learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction. Learning and applying these steps with other families will produce healing and sanity in their lives along with education and support. For questions or to register for the session, please call 412.607.8328.

THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS, T.O.R. SHARE HIS MERCY VIRTUAL BENEFIT

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R invite you to join us for our Share His Mercy Virtual Benefit 2020:

"The Difference Jesus Makes" on **Saturday, October 24, from 7:00-8:15 PM.** Join us as we livestream from Father of Mercy Chapel, the heart of our home. The evening will include a keynote address by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, testimonies from our sisters, those with whom we minister, and community friends, and original songs from our sisters. We look forward to sharing about the difference Jesus has made in our lives and the lives of our 'extended family'!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year, with the funds raised allowing us to live our life of prayer and fraternity, to support the formation of our sisters, to develop vocations, and to participate in works of mercy to the poor and the formation of students on college campuses. There is no registration necessary for the event. To support or donate toward the Virtual Benefit, visit www.franciscansisterstor.org/donate/donate-online or contact Sr. Anna Rose at 740-544-5542 ext. 135. We hope you can join us!

THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS, TOR OF PENANCE OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER INVITE YOU TO
Share His Mercy VIRTUAL BENEFIT 2020
SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 7 PM - 8:15 PM EST THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES

You are invited to join us as we livestream from Father of Mercy Chapel to share our mission and how Jesus makes a difference in our lives and the lives of those we serve! Please invite your friends to this free event!

Our keynote speaker:
Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville

The evening's program will include testimonies from our sisters:
Sr. Sarah Rose, Sr. Agnes Therese, and Sr. Rita Clare (pictured above)

Our sisters, those with whom we minister, and community friends will share testimonies of the difference Jesus has made in their lives. You'll also hear original songs from our sisters!

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PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT

Miracles for *Mary*



The Oven Pizza Co. and **Miracles for Mary** are pleased to partner together to help raise money to support the after care for Mary Maloney. The Oven Pizza Co. is preparing Take & Bake meals - which includes pizza, kids bread or sweet sticks and a salad, to be finished at home for a great family meal.

*A portion of the proceeds of this event will be donated to **Miracles for Mary**.*

♥ Online Orders for the Take & Bake Meals will be accepted from **now until 10/18**

♥ Pick up for the Take & Bake Meals will be from **5-6 pm on 10/20**

♥ Go to: <https://www.theovenpizzaco.com/>

♥ Click: Order Online for Pickup for 10/20

♥ Click: Choose a Menu Drop Down to select **Miracles for Mary** to place your order

♥ During Meal Pick Up, you can also grab your **Miracles for Mary** mask/bracelet

With every gift of:

\$2 - you will receive a **Miracles for Mary bracelet**

\$10 - you will receive a **Miracles for Mary mask**

*100% of your gift will go to **Miracles for Mary***

PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT ♥ PRAY BELIEVE REPEAT

CHOSEN

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not

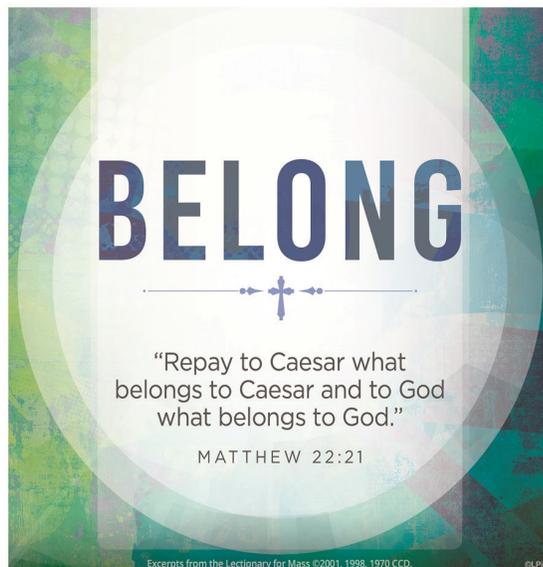
always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DOES THE CHURCH HAVE DIFFERENT LITURGICAL CYCLES?

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.



The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures

of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within

the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **(temporarily closed)**

JOIN US!

To become a registered member of the parish family, please visit our website at www.saintaidanparish.org. Introduce yourself to us at Mass!

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Saint Alexis.
Confessions will be held outside during COVID-19.

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Alexis Church.

Prayer Ministry- To initiate a request for urgent prayers contact the following people:
Barb Busi at 412.366.4829, Norma Heyl at 724.935.1094 or Jo Labrise at 724.935.3826.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to pray for others, please contact them.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. Please contact the Parish Center Office at 724.935.4343.

HOLY ORDERS

For information about the priesthood or the vowed religious life, please contact Fr. Dave or the Vocation Office of the diocese at 412.456.3131 or visit pghpriest.com.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. or at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Alexis during the COVID-19 by appointment. Arrangements should be made through the Parish Center several months in advance. Parents need to be registered parishioners and complete a pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Communal anointing is celebrated periodically. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to being admitted to the hospital. Individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass and want to receive the sacraments are asked to please call the Parish Center.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

412.456.3093 (Office)

1.888.808.1235 (Hot Line)

PA Child Line - 1.800.932.0313

Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME!