



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES of **Saint Joseph · Saint Juan Diego Saint Padre Pio · Saint Scholastica**



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

September 6, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

SATURDAY 4:00 pm	September 5—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Tangie Lee Gatto (PapPap & Gramm)
SUNDAY 9:00 am 11:00 am	September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Arturo Mascilli, Sr. (The John Scott Family) † Stephen Miketic (Joan Langham)
TUESDAY 8:00 am	September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary The people of Saint Joseph Parish
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	September 9—Saint Peter Claver † Uncle Bill Rowen (Carmen & Joyce Stelitano)
THURSDAY 8:00 am	September 10—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Nora Durkin (Mary L. Walsh)
FRIDAY 8:00 am	September 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Concetta Liberto (Joseph & Maria Riga)
SATURDAY 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	September 12—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wedding of Richard Wagner & Mary Alice Mertz † Margaret Tomko (Pauline Iurlano)
SUNDAY 9:00 am 11:00 am	September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time † James F. O'Donnell (Family) † Frank Sacco (Kathy & Tony Ferraro)

SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

SATURDAY <i>Madonna Church</i> 4:30 pm	September 5—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Nicholas Troyan (Wife, Evelyn, & Family)
SUNDAY <i>Saint Mary Church</i> 11:30 am	September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Jim Habay (Wife, Chris)
MONDAY <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	September 7—Labor Day † Dick Manton (Bobbie Kennedy)
TUESDAY <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary † The Zygello, Majewski, Wisniewski & Rolewicz Families (Frank and Mitzi Merigliano)
WEDNESDAY <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	September 9—Saint Peter Claver † Father Joseph Swierczynski (Sister, Loretta)
SATURDAY <i>Madonna Church</i> 4:30 pm	September 12—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Donald "Chief" Ferraro (Hilda & Family)
SUNDAY <i>Saint Mary Church</i> 11:30 am	September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Lou Pugliese (Barbara & Family)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Madonna: In Honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday
(Evelyn Troyan & Family)

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of September 6

Saint Scholastica: The Kartsonas Family (Aunt Mayme)

SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

SUNDAY <i>Saint Francis of Assisi Church</i> 8:00 am <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 10:00 am	September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Leo Chini (Carole) † Chuck Welsh (Sister, Patty)
THURSDAY <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	September 10—Weekday in Ordinary Time The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish
FRIDAY <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	September 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time † For those who died on 9/11
SATURDAY <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	September 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time Christina Eve Werries-Theoharis (Mom & Dad)
SUNDAY <i>Saint Francis of Assisi Church</i> 8:00 am <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 10:00 am	September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Joseph Galore (Wife, Catherine) † John J. Jesih (Maria Miller & Gena Meloni)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

SATURDAY 5:00 pm	September 5—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Stephen F. Miketic (Joyce Miketic)
SUNDAY 9:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Gil Frauenheim (Jer & Carole Werries & Family) † Mary Jane Northrop (The VanDemark Family)
TUESDAY 10:00 am	September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary † Natalie Certo (Family)
WEDNESDAY 10:00 am	September 9—Saint Peter Claver † Gil Frauenheim (Virginia Ware)
THURSDAY 10:00 am	September 10—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Regina Schepis (Kathleen Piper)
FRIDAY 10:00 am	September 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time The people of Saint Scholastica Parish
SATURDAY 5:00 pm	September 12—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Joyce Ferrelli (Bill Eckert)
SUNDAY 9:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dom Chrysostom (The VanDemark Family) † Louis Kopec (Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bonessa)

REST IN PEACE

Saint Juan Diego

† Josephine Frustaci • August 24, 2020
† Edward Kopala • August 26, 2020

Saint Padre Pio

† Donald M. Sasinoski • August 24, 2020

LITURGICAL LIFE



DAILY MASSES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church <i>Monday through Friday</i>	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church <i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple
	Saint Edward Church <i>Thursday, Friday, Saturday</i>	
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Monday through Friday</i>	Fr. Mike Decewicz

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—SEPTEMBER 12

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Bill Siple
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SUNDAY MASSES—SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church	Fr. Lee (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Bill Siple
12:00 noon	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30-12:00 noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-9	Romans 13:8-10	Matthew 18:15-20
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Monday—September 7

1 Corinthians 5:1-8	Luke 6:6-11
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Tuesday—September 8

Micah 5:1-4a	Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
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Wednesday—September 9

1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Luke 6:20-26
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Thursday—September 10

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13	Luke 6:27-38
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Friday—September 11

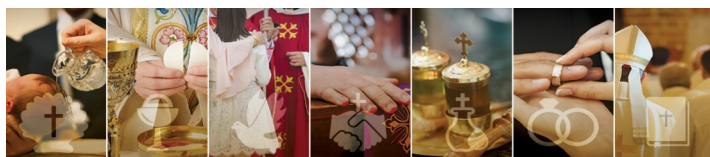
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27	Luke 6:39-42
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Saturday—September 12

1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Luke 6:43-49
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Sunday—September 13

Sirach 27:30—28:7	Romans 14:7-9	Matthew 18:21-35
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SACRAMENTS and MORE

BAPTISMS: Celebrated during any of the weekend liturgies or after the last Sunday liturgy (11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 12:00pm at Saint Scholastica). First time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

WEDDINGS: Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church at least six months before the desired date.

FUNERALS: Offered at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Please contact the appropriate parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

MASS INTENTIONS: Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See diopitt.org/compliance or contact the parish office for details.

MEMBERSHIP: To register at one of the Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic parishes, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form at the end of this bulletin or contact the appropriate parish office.



Collection for August 29 & 30:

Saint Joseph Parish: <i>Needed each week:</i>	\$7,954 \$10,500
Saint Juan Diego Parish: <i>Needed each week:</i>	\$4,408 \$7,550
Saint Padre Pio Parish: <i>Needed each week:</i>	\$3,013 \$6,950
Saint Scholastica Parish: <i>Needed each week:</i>	\$4,939 \$7,950

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Editor's Note: This article was written by Sister Mary McClone, a Sister of Saint Joseph.

Seeing Like a Prophet

Three sculpted monkeys sit, each responsibly covering eyes, ears or mouth. Wordlessly, they depict a Confucian teaching: "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." That counsel may contribute to a peaceful life, but it doesn't fit the tradition of Jesus and Ezechiel.

Let's start with Ezechiel. Pity this poor prophet! Perhaps his greatest burden was the fact that, unlike the monkeys, he had eyes to see, ears to hear, and a voice with which to speak in the name of God. God has appointed Ezechiel as watchman over the house of Israel. He wasn't called to be a sentry warding off marauders. That would have been easy. No. Ezechiel's much more arduous mission was to protect his people from the evil in their own community, the thankless task of saving people from themselves.

The prophet who has received the costly blessing of sharing the concerns of God's heart acts like someone so impelled by divine beauty that he or she cannot be idle while people defile creation or debase others. Prophets denounce sin because they themselves are offended and they are painfully aware that silence equals complicity.

People often think of the prophet as a naysayer like the cartoon character who carries a sign proclaiming, "The end is near!" but says nothing about what people should do next. Today's readings portray prophets as people grounded in hope. Prophets recognize evil for what it is: a toxic degradation of what can and should be. The prophet names evil in order to reveal the alternative. The prophet of today's Scriptures has a task like that which Langston Hughes assigned to artists when he said, *"Perhaps the mission of an artist is to interpret beauty to people - the beauty within themselves."*

God warned Ezechiel that if he didn't speak out, he would be responsible for the fate of evil people. His vocation was not to denounce sin, but to save sinners. Genuine prophecy is motivated by love: love of God's creation and God's people, the offended and the offenders alike.

In today's Gospel, Jesus outlines his methodology for dealing with community members who perpetuate evil. He proposes a four-step, incremental approach to call members of the community to amend their ways, beginning with a one-to-one conversation about the issue, additional witnesses are called in if necessary, and then going to a synod, or formal gathering of the Christian community. If even the third step fails to bring the person around, the community must take a public stand and declare that the person refuses to be in communion of mind and heart with them.

Jesus designed this pedagogy to bring people back to community. It demands immense integrity on the part of those who initiate it and the community that moves it forward. Jesus is teaching us that when someone is doing

something wrong, our responsibility is to try to win that person over. Put in starkly simple terms, Jesus says, "When someone offends you, do everything in your power to help him or her." In Jesus' approach, our focus belongs on the person, not the offense. He wants us to be concerned that a choice for evil is ultimately as detrimental to the evil doer as it is hurtful to the community. He teaches that we are responsible to try to save the sinner.

This week, Christians throughout the world begin an annual celebration of the **Season of Creation** (*September 1 - October 4*). This year, we are confronting the interrelated challenges of environmental crisis, institutionalized racism and the COVID-19 pandemic. Pope Francis suggests that the Spirit may be working uniquely through this trifecta. The addition of COVID-19 to the crises of Earth and relationships has proven that everyone on Earth is intimately connected. This leads us to understand these three crises as intertwined pandemics that threaten us all and endanger our common future.

Like the exile for Israel, COVID-19 combined with climate change and our growing awareness of systemic racism may be a blessing in disguise offering us a graced chance to change the course of our history. The evils facing us are global rather than personal. Our response must be tailored to the need. Whether we start by addressing health, racism or climate, the others will come along in the wake.

It's time to open our eyes and ears so that we can assume our responsibility and speak in the name of God on behalf of creation and the people of the Earth. Ezechiel reminds us of our responsibility, and Jesus has promised to be with us in the process. The moment has come to remember that we are Christians, people baptized to be prophets and not blind, deaf and silent sculpted monkeys.

Second Collection for the Holy Land will be taken at all the Masses the weekend of September 12-13. This was originally scheduled for Good Friday on April 10TH. However, our churches were not open for services on that day. Please show your usual generosity in support of the holy places where Jesus walked and talked, lived and died, rose again and ascended into heaven.

Second Collection for the Bishop's Education Fund: This annual collection, which will be taken up the weekend of September 12-13, supports tuition assistance grants to Catholic students attending parochial schools in grades K-12 in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To contribute, please use your envelope or write "Bishop's Education Fund" on your check.

Labor Day Mass will be offered on Monday morning, September 7TH at 9:00 o'clock in Madonna of Jerusalem Church in Sharpsburg. All are invited to come and pray for those who labor by the sweat of their brow and the ache of their back. This will be the only Mass offered that day in the churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings!

The month of September brings us to a time of formally beginning the process of the canonical merger of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. To that end, the members of the Parish and Administrative Staff and the Finance and Pastoral Councils will be meeting extensively with diocesan officials to begin the work necessary in order to bring together the parishes of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica by July 1, 2021.

- **The Pastoral Council of the LAV will meet on Tuesday - September 8TH - 7:00 pm.** Members include: Boo Benckart, Fr. Dale DeNinno, Don DiGirolamo, Maria Durrant, Elaine DuVall, Maureen Frank, Jim Hastings, Patty Markelewicz, Joan Miller, Karen Pastor, Tom Pohl, Corrado Riccelli, Joanne Saunders, Jimmy Smerdell, Ben Urso and Jojo Veltri.
- **The Finance Council of the LAV will meet on Thursday - September 10TH - 7:00 pm.** Members include: Tom Bigley, Fr. Dale DeNinno, Bill German, Frank Hughes, Fred O'Brien, Rich Pietroski, Melissa Scheffler, Bob Sodini, Linn Swanson, Charles Szymanski and Chris Wilson
- **Key Staff Members of the LAV will meet on Tuesday - September 15TH - 1:00 pm** with representatives of the Office of Parish Services in the Diocese of Pittsburgh via Zoom. The staff members include: Ginny Ambrose, Delia Barr, Fr. Mike Decewicz, Fr. Dale DeNinno, Lori McKinniss, Fr. Bill Siple and Debbie VanDemark.
- **A second Zoom meeting** with Key Staff Members will be held on Monday, September 21ST at 1:00 pm with the Office of Parish Services.
- **The Finance and Pastoral Councils will meet on Thursday - September 24TH at 7:00 pm** in a Zoom meeting with the Office of Parish Services. Members of both councils serve in an advisory capacity to the pastor.
- **The Parish and Administrative Staff will meet on Tuesday - September 29TH - 1:00 pm.** Parish staff members include: Ginny Ambrose, Delia Barr, Andy Bechman, Fr. Mike Decewicz, Fr. Dale DeNinno, Tom Octave, Fr. Bill Siple, Meredith Troyan, David Volcheck and Deacon Bob Wertz. Administrative staff members include: Rosemarie Haas, Lori McKinniss, Kathi Sterling, Debbie VanDemark and Marilyn Welsh.

The Men's Shelter Meal sign up for September 26 is now available on our website. Please visit LAVCatholic.org/shelter and sign up to provide a portion of the evening meal. Thank you for helping those in need!

St. Joseph Preschool is offering virtual online learning for three and four year olds. The program is month to month and includes the materials and supplies needed to complete each lesson. Classes begin September 8. For more information or to register, contact Terri Weir at terri@stjosephohara.com.

This year's Men Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in the South Side Slopes takes place on Saturday, November 21, from 8:30am to 7:45pm. Due to COVID, they are allowing only 40 attendees for social distancing purposes. Please contact Jim Fanning at 412-680-7419 or jim.fanning@nm.com, or Bob Auray at 203-444-8184 or bob.auray@gmail.com. The theme for this year is "*Hope does not disappoint*" from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. The suggested offering is \$125.00.

The Season of Creation, a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together, continues through October 4. "Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots," writes Pope Francis. "We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation." One resource to help you observe the season is "Lens on Creation," featuring photographs and reflections by Paul Jeffrey. Search online for "EarthBeat Lens on Creation" for more information and to sign up.

Respect Life Committee News:

The bishops have asked every parish to look after the needs of expectant mothers this year. Due to the generosity of a parishioner, the Respect Life Committee has been able to financially support the missions of three local pregnancy care centers: Genesis, Birthright, and the downtown Catholic Charities Center which are all experiencing increased need for their services during this time.

Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life annual Fall Campaign will begin on September 23 with a sunrise Mass at Epiphany Church at 6:00 am followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. An evening Praise and Testimony event will take place at the Ark & Dove Retreat Center at 6:00 pm. Go to 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com for more information.

Are you tired of the tone of our politics? Have you had it with the "say and do anything to win" attitudes that seem to reign at the highly publicized political extremes? Join us for a different approach. "Faith & Politics" is a five session online series exploring the ways that our lives of faith and our political beliefs interact with each other. Our goal is not to win a debate, but to join in an honest exploration of the roots of our beliefs, to consider practices that open us to genuine dialogue, and finally to enter into honest and respectful conversations with each other. Whether or not any of us change our minds, we hope to understand each other better. We will meet online on five Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45pm, beginning on September 17. Register with Andy Bechman at andybechman@saintscholastica.com by Monday, Sept. 14. There is no fee for the series.

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rubber bands, plastic cups and spoons, and cardboard boxes. Items can be dropped off in any of the parish offices. Contact Meredith Troyan at meredithtroyan@saintscholastica.com with questions.

Families, check out our new weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word! Videos are available on our website at LAVCatholic.org/mass-videos. This is an opportunity to learn about the weekly readings in a kid-friendly and approachable format. Please note that we are not currently holding the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Saint Scholastica's 9:30 am Mass due to Covid-19.



Fall Kick-Off Events: We are excited about the beginning of the new school year! All LAV middle and high school students are invited to our first Youth Ministry events of the fall to gather with their friends for food, fun and activities. High school students, join us on Saturday, September 19 at 5:15 pm. Middle school students, join us on Saturday, September 26 at 5:15 pm. Both events will take place outdoors at Saint Joseph Church.



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Mark Grgurich, Principal

Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy

CDTCA will be opening our doors on Tuesday, September 8, with full five day per week instruction. Families may also opt to learn virtually at home. We are excited to get this school year started!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, September 6	3:00pm	Women's Shelter Meal	St. Joseph, upper parking lot
Tuesday, September 8	7:00pm	CALIX Holy Hour	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Tuesday, September 15	7:00pm	A.R.M. Reflection	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Membership Form

Check One:

- ☐ St. Joseph Parish
☐ St. Juan Diego Parish
☐ St. Padre Pio Parish
☐ St. Scholastica Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Check One:

- ☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Requesting Envelopes

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at lowerallegheynyvalleysvdp@gmail.com or 412-254-4446.

The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry is not currently accepting donations of clothing. However, they are in need of non-perishable food items such as canned soup, canned beans and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, and particularly canned chicken, tuna and peanut butter. Please leave donations in plastic bags. Gray bins are in the Saint Scholastica church entrance. If you would like to donate McDonald's or Giant Eagle gift certificate, please bring them to the Saint Scholastica parish office.

Collection bins for local Food Pantries are located in the following Church entrances:

Saint Edward Church and Saint Francis Church are collecting paper products and peanut butter.

Saint Joseph Church is collecting non-perishable items. Please leave donations in the drawer in the vestibule.

Saint Scholastica Church is collecting paper products (bathroom tissues and napkins) and cleaning products (dish and laundry detergent and bar soap) and any non-perishable items. Please put donations in the red collection bin.

Clothing Donations: The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a clothing collection bin in the back parking lot of Saint Francis Church.

The LAV parishes provide a hot meal for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry.

Flocknote: Staying connected with our parishioners has always been a priority, but the COVID-19 pandemic has made the need for fast and effective communication more important than ever before. As we continue to adjust to the changing world around us, we want to make sure that we are keeping our "flock" informed of updates and changes as quickly as possible. **Flocknote** is easy to use, safe and effective. It allows messages to come directly to you via text messages or email. No accounts, apps, log ins or passwords are necessary. You can, however, choose to make an account so you can manage preferences. Please do join us.

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ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

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A.R.M. Reflection

I would like to share with you this reflection from the book, "The Book of Awakening" by Mark Nepo.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes. Marcel Proust

In the movie Phenomenon, John Travolta's character has done everything he can of to keep this pesky rabbit out of his garden. He's even put in fencing that goes three feet underground, and still everything he plants is nibbled through.

Suddenly one night he wakes and realizes he's been going about his all wrong. In the moonlight, he quietly goes to his garden and opens the gate, then sits on his porch and waits.

To his surprise, as he begins to fall asleep, the rabbit scurries out to the gate. While he'd been trying to keep it out, the rabbit was trapped in his garden, and he was inadvertently keeping it in.

How often do we barricade and fence up our lives against hurt and loss, thinking we're keeping the painful things out, when they're already trapped inside us eating at our roots, and what we really need to do is to open the gate and let them out?

Recovery is how those suffering from addiction can open the fence in their lives, letting loose the chains of shame, resentment and loss, allowing the sufferer to feel the freedom of the open pasture of a life in recovery.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 pm: CALIX Holy Hour in Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 pm: Presentation on Psalm 22, "From Despair to Hope" in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. The presentation will be also be streamed on Facebook Live and then posted to our website.

Those attending are reminded to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.