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Conversion of St. Paul

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#### From the desk of Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil, January 21, 2024



## **A Great Conversion Story**

Paul was a Jew who was not only proud of his Jewish heritage but also of his Roman citizenship. Born in Tarsus in Cilicia, now known as Turkey, Paul had the opportunity to study under the great Rabbi Gamaliel in Jerusalem. Though he was well-versed in the Scriptures, he became a religious fanatic and was ready to destroy the Christian faith. When Stephen was being stoned to death by Jewish fanatics, Paul was there to support them. In fact, immediately after the martyrdom of Stephen, Paul got actively involved in persecuting the Christians.

However, while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians there, seeing a light from heaven, he fell to the ground. As Paul fell to the ground, he heard the voice of Jesus asking him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Immediately, Paul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" Jesus said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do" (Acts 9:5).

Paul was without sight for three days, and he neither ate nor drank. Ananias, a disciple in Damascus, was sent by the Lord Jesus to Paul with instructions to heal and baptize Paul. While sending Ananias to Paul, Jesus said, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

As directed by Jesus, Ananias went to Paul, helped him recover his sight and baptized him. Thus, Paul was totally converted to the Lord Jesus. Every year, on January 25, we commemorate this conversion of St. Paul as it had so much impact not only in his life but also in the life and mission of the Church.

Paul worked very hard to spread the message of Jesus by preaching and writing. Paul made preaching obligatory. He says, "If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I don't proclaim the gospel" (I Corinthians 9:16). To Timothy he writes, "Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable" (II Timothy 4:2). In his second letter to the Corinthians, he says that he received the ministry of reconciliation from God through Jesus Christ whose love urges him to do that ministry (II Corinthians 5:14 -19).

Paul continued his ministry even in the face of opposition and persecution. While mentioning his ministry compared to the service of others, he writes, "Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times, I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea, and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked" (II Corinthians 11:23-27).

Opposition and Intense suffering did not stop Paul from preaching. He only asked the believers to pray for him to be given greater power to carry out his mission faithfully. He writes to the Ephesians, "Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak" (Ephesians 6:19-20).

We also see him seeking prayer support from the believers in Colossus in his mission of preaching the gospel: "At the same time, pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ for which I am in prison so that I may reveal it clearly as I should" (Colossians 4:2-4).

Paul had a great passion for spreading the message of Jesus because he loved Jesus with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength. In fact, he truly believed that "it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). He was so closely united with Jesus he believed, "I can do everything in Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

It was with such confidence Paul spent all his time, sharing the message of Jesus with others. The 14 epistles Paul wrote also testify to the passion with which he proclaimed the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the feast of his Conversion, let us remember to join him in spreading the message of Jesus with great passion and commitment as he did.

#### **Funny Stories and Great Quotes**



Jonah and the whale: One time, a Christian lady was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing. After a while, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there, do you? "The lady replied, "Of course I do! It is in the Bible." He said, "Well, what about that guy that the whale swallowed? "She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that; it is in the Bible. The Bible says a whale swallowed Jonah, and I believe it. "He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?" The lady said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him." "What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him when you reach hell," replied the lady. (via Fr. Tony)

**Two worms:** A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was in the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms"?

**Fishing:** There was a young boy who wanted to go down to the lake and fish, and his mother asked him to take his little sister with him. He said, "Mom, don't make me take her with me. The last time she came with me, I didn't catch a single fish." The mother said, "I'll talk to her, and I promise this time she won't make any noise." The boy said, "Mom, it wasn't the noise. She ate all my bait!" (via Fr. Tony)

#### Do Escritório do P. José Panthaplamthottiyil, 21 de Janeiro de 2024

## Una Gran Historia de Conversión

Pablo era un Judío que no sólo estaba orgulloso de su heren- La oposición y el intenso sufrimiento no impidieron que cia Judía sino también de su ciudadanía Romana. Nacido en Tarso en Cilicia, ahora conocida como Turquía, Pablo tuvo la oportunidad de estudiar con el gran Rabino Gamaliel en Jerusalén. Aunque conocía bien las Escrituras, se volvió un fanático religioso y estaba dispuesto a destruir la fe Cristiana. Cuando los fanáticos Judíos estaban apedreando a Stephen, Pablo estaba allí para apoyarlos. De hecho, inmediatamente después del martirio de Stephen, Pablo se involucró activamente en la persecución de los Cristianos.

Sin embargo, mientras se dirigía a Damasco para perseguir a los Cristianos de allí, al ver una luz del cielo, cayó al suelo. Al caer Pablo al suelo, escuchó la voz de Jesús que le preguntaba: "Saulo, Saulo, ¿por qué me persigues?" Inmediatamente, Pablo preguntó: "¿Quién eres, Señor?" Jesús dijo: "Yo soy Jesús, a quien vosotros perseguís. Pero levántate y entra en la ciudad, y se te dirá lo que has de hacer" (Hechos 9:5).

Pablo estuvo tres días sin ver, y no comió ni bebió. Ananías, un discípulo en Damasco, fue enviado por el Señor Jesús a Pablo con instrucciones de sanarlo y bautizarlo. Mientras enviaba a Ananías a Pablo, Jesús le dijo: "Ve, porque él es un instrumento a quien he escogido para llevar mi nombre delante de los Gentiles, de los reyes y del pueblo de Israel" (Hechos 9:15).

Siguiendo las instrucciones de Jesús, Ananías fue a ver a Pablo, lo ayudó a recuperar la vista y lo bautizó. Así, Pablo quedó totalmente convertido al Señor Jesús. Cada año, el 25 de Enero, conmemoramos esta conversión de San Pablo que tanto impacto tuvo no sólo en su vida sino también en la vida y misión de la Iglesia.

Pablo trabajó muy duro para difundir el mensaje de Jesús mediante la predicación y la escritura. Pablo hizo obligatoria la predicación. Él dice: "Si anuncio el evangelio, esto no me da motivo para gloriarme, porque me es impuesto una obligación, y jay de mí si no anuncio el evangelio!" (I Corintios 9:16). A Timoteo le escribe: "Proclama el mensaje; sé persistente ya sea que el tiempo sea favorable o desfavorable" (II Timotéo 4:2). En su segunda carta a los Corintios, dice que recibió el ministerio de la reconciliación de Dios a través de Jesucristo cuyo amor lo impulsa a realizar ese ministerio (II Corintios 5:14-19).

Pablo continuó su ministerio incluso frente a la oposición y la persecución. Al mencionar su ministerio en comparación con el servicio de los demás, escribe: "¿Son siervos de Cristo? (Estoy loco por hablar así.) Soy más. He trabajado mucho más duro, he estado en prisión con más frecuencia, he sido azotado más severamente y he estado expuesto a la muerte una y otra vez. Cinco veces recibí de los Judíos cuarenta azotes menos uno. Tres veces me golpearon con varas, una vez me arrojaron piedras, tres veces naufragé, pasé una noche y un día en mar abierto, he estado en constante movimiento. He estado en peligro por los ríos, en peligro por los bandidos, en peligro por mis hermanos Judíos, en peligro por los Gentiles; en peligro en la ciudad, en peligro en el campo, en peligro en el mar y en peligro por culpa de los falsos creyentes. He trabajado y trabajado y muchas veces he pasa-do sin dormir; He conocido el hambre y la sed y muchas veces me he quedado sin comida; He estado frío y desnudo" (II Corintios 11:23-27).

Pablo predicara. Sólo pidió a los creyentes que Oraran para que se le diera mayor poder para llevar a cabo fielmente su misión. Él escribe á los Efesios: "Orad también por mí, para que cuando hable, me sea dado mensaje para dar a conocer con valentía el misterio del evangelio del cual soy embajador en cadenas. Oren para que pueda declararlo con valentía, como debo hablar" (Efesios 6:19-20).

También lo vemos buscando apoyo en Oración de los creyentes en Coloso en su misión de predicar el evangelio: "Al mismo tiempo, Orad también por nosotros para que Dios nos abra puerta a la palabra, para que podamos declarar el misterio de Cristo, por causa del cual estoy en prisión, para revelarlo claramente como debo" (Colosenses 4:2-4).

Pablo tenía una gran pasión por difundir el mensaje de Jesús porque amaba a Jesús con todo su corazón, con toda su alma, con toda su mente y con todas sus fuerzas. De hecho, realmente creía que "ya no vivo yo, mas vive Cristo en mí" (Gálatas 2:20). Estaba tan estrechamente unido a Jesús que creía: "Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece" (Filipenses 4:13).

Fue con tanta confianza que Pablo pasó todo su tiempo compartiendo el mensaje de Jesús con otros. Las 14 epístolas que escribió Pablo también dan testimonio de la pasión con la que proclamó el mensaje de salvación en Jesucristo. Mientras celebramos la fiesta de su Conversión, recordemos unirnos a él para difundir el mensaje de Jesús con gran pasión y compromiso como él lo hizo.

#### **Historias Divertidas y Citas Geniales**



Jonás y la ballena: Una vez, una señora Cristiana estaba sentada junto a un hombre. Cuando la vio sacar su Biblia, se rió un poco y volvió a lo que estaba haciendo. Después de un rato, él se volvió hacia ella y le preguntó: "Realmente no crees en todo eso que hay ahí, ¿verdad?" La señora respondió: "¡Por supuesto que sí! Está en la Biblia". Él dijo: "Bueno, ¿qué pasa con ese tipo que se tragó la ballena?" Ella respondió: "Oh, Jonás. Sí, creo eso; está en la Biblia. La Biblia dice que una ballena se tragó a Jonás, y yo lo creo". Él preguntó: "Bueno, ¿cómo crees que sobrevivió todo ese tiempo dentro de la ballena?" La señora dijo: "Bueno, realmente no lo sé. Supongo que cuando llegue al cielo, le preguntaré." "¿Y si él no está en el cielo?", Preguntó el hombre con sarcasmo. "Entonces podrás preguntarle cuando llegues al infierno", respondió la señora. (a través del Padre Tony)

Dos gusanos: Un maestro de Escuela Dominical preguntó: "Johnny, ¿crees que Noé pescó mucho cuando estaba en el Arca?" "No", respondió Johnny. "¿Cómo podría hacerlo con sólo dos gusanos"?

Pesca: Había un niño que quería bajar al lago a pescar y su madre le pidió que llevara a su hermana pequeña con él. Él dijo: "Mamá, no me obligues a llevarla conmigo. La última vez que vino conmigo, no pesqué ni un solo pez". La madre dijo: "Hablaré con ella y le prometo que esta vez no hará ningún ruido". El niño dijo: "Mamá, no fue el ruido. ¡Se comió todo mi cebo!". (a través del Padre Tony)



## Uma grande história de conversão

Paulo era um Judeu que não só se orgulhava da sua herança Judaica, mas também da sua cidadania Romana. Nascido em Tarso, na Cilícia, hoje conhecida como Turquia, Paulo teve a oportunidade de estudar com o grande Rabino Gamaliel em Jerusalém. Embora fosse bem versado nas Escrituras, tornou -se um fanático religioso e estava pronto para destruir a fé Cristã. Quando Estevão foi apedrejado até à morte por fanáticos Judeus, Paulo estava lá para apoiá-los. De facto, imediatamente após o martírio de Estevão, Paulo envolveuse activamente na perseguição aos Cristãos.

No entanto, enquanto ele estava a caminho de Damasco para perseguir os Cristãos, vendo uma luz do céu, ele caiu no chão. Quando Paulo caiu no chão, ouviu a voz de Jesus perguntando-lhe: "Saulo, Saulo, por que me persegues?" Imediatamente, Paulo pérguntou: "Quem és tu, Senhor?" Jesus disse: "Eu sou Jesus, a quem estás perseguindo. Levanta-te, porém, entra na cidade, e ser-te-á dito o que deves fazer» (Act 9, 5).

Paulo ficou sem vista durante três dias e não comeu nem bebeu. Ananias, discípulo em Damasco, foi enviado pelo Senhor Jesus a Paulo com instruções para curar e baptizar Paulo. Ao enviar Ananias a Paulo, Jesus disse: "Ide, porque ele é o instrumento que escolhi para levar o meu nome aos Gentios e reis e ao povo de Israel" (Atos 9:15).

Seguindo as instruções de Jesus, Ananias foi ter com Paulo, ajudou-o a recuperar a visão e baptizou-o. Assim, Paulo converteu-se totalmente ao Senhor Jesus. Todos os anos, no dia 25 de Janeiro, comemoramos esta conversão de São Paulo, que teve tanto impacto não só na sua vida, mas também na vida e missão da Igreja.

Paulo trabalhou árduamente para divulgar a mensagem de Jesus pregando e escrevendo. Paulo tornou obrigatório a pregação. Ele diz: "Se eu anunciar o evangelho, isso não me dá motivo para me orgulhar, porque uma obrigação é imposta sobre mim, e ai de mim se eu não anunciar o evangelho" (I Coríntios 9:16). A Timóteo ele escreve: "Proclamai a mensagem; sê persistente quer o tempo seja favorável ou desfavorável» (II Timóteo 4, 2). Na sua segunda carta aos Coríntios, ele diz que recebeu o ministério da reconciliação de Deus por meio de Jesus Cristo, cujo amor o impele para fazer esse ministério (II Coríntios 5:14-19).

Paulo continuou o seu ministério mesmo diante da oposição e da perseguição. Ao mencionar o seu ministério comparado ao serviço dos outros, ele escreve: "Eles são servos de Cristo? (Estou fora de mim para falar assim.) Eu sou mais. Trabalhei muito mais, estive na prisão com mais frequência, fui açoitado mais severamente e fui exposto à morte repetidamente. Cinco vezes, recebi dos Judeus quarenta chicotadas menos uma. Três vezes fui agredido com varas, uma vez fui apedrejado, três vezes naufragei, passei uma noite e um dia no mar, estive constantemente em movimento. Estive em perigo nos rios, em perigo pelos bandidos, em perigo pelos meus companheiros Judeus, em perigo pelos Gentios; em perigo na cidade, em perigo no campo, em perigo no mar e em perigo de falsos crentes. Trabalhei árduamente e muitas vezes fiquei sem dormir; conheci a fome e a sede e muitas vezes fiquei sem comer; tive frio e fiquei nu" (II Coríntios 11:23-27).

A oposição e o intenso sofrimento não impediram Paulo de

pregar. Pediu apenas aos crentes que rezassem para que lhe fosse dado maior poder para cumprir fielmente a sua missão. Ele escreve aos Éfésios: "Rezai também por mim, para que, quando eu falar, me seja dada uma mensagem para dar a conhecer com ousadia o mistério do evangelho do qual sou embaixador preso. Rezai para que eu o declare corajosamente, como tenho que falar" (Efésios 6:19-20).

Vemo-lo também a pedir apoio de oração aos crentes em Colosso na sua missão de pregar o Evangelho: «Ao mesmo tempo, rogai também por nós para que Deus nos abra uma porta para a palavra, para que possamos declarar o mistério de Cristo, pelo qual estou preso, para que eu o revele claramente como devo» (Colossenses 4, 2-4).

Paulo tinha uma grande paixão por difundir a mensagem de Jesus porque amava Jesus com todo o seu coração, com toda a sua alma, com toda a sua mente e com toda as suas forças. De facto, ele acreditava verdadeiramente que «já não sou eu que vivo, mas Cristo vive em mim» (Gálatas 2, 20). Ele estava tão intimamente unido a Jesus que acreditou: "posso fazer tudo em Cristo que me fortalece" (Filipenses 4:13).

Foi com toda a esta confiança que Paulo passou todo o seu tempo, compartilhando a mensagem de Jesus com outros. As 14 epístolas que Paulo escreveu testemunham também a paixão com que proclamou a mensagem da salvação em Jesus Cristo. Ao celebrarmos a festa da sua Conversão, lembremo-nos de nos juntarmos a Ele na difusão da mensagem de Jesus com grande paixão e empenho.

#### Histórias Engraçadas



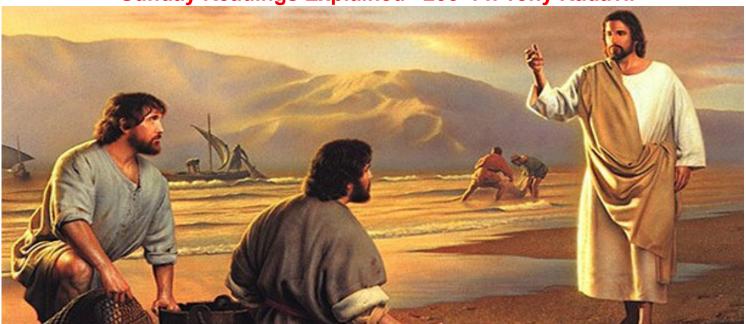
Jonas e a baleia: Uma senhora Cristã estava sentada ao lado de um homem. Quando ele viu tirar a Bíblia, deu uma pequena risada e voltou ao que estava fazendo. Depois de um tempo, ele virou-se para ela e perguntou: "Você realmente não acredita em todas essas coisas, não é?" A senhora respondeu: "Claro que sim! Está na Bíblia." Ele disse: "Bem, e aquela pessoa que a baleia engoliu?" Ela respondeu: "Oh, Jonas. Sim, acredito nisso; está na Bíblia. A Bíblia diz que uma baleia engoliu Jonas, e eu acredito nisso. "Ele perguntou: 'Bem, como você acha que ele sobreviveu todo esse tempo dentro da baleia?' A senhora disse: "Bem, eu realmente não sei. Acho que quando chegar ao céu, vou perguntar a ele." "E se ele não estiver no céu?", perguntou o homem sarcasticamente.

— Então você pode perguntar a ele quando chegar ao inferno — respondeu a senhora. (via P. Tony)

Duas minhocas: Um professor da Escola Dominical perguntou: "Johnny, você acha que Noé pescava muito quando estava na Árca?" "Não", respondeu Johnny. "Como poderia ele, com apenas duas minhocas"?

Pesca: Havia um rapaz que queria descer ao lago e pescar, e a mãe pediu-lhe que levasse consigo a irmã mais nova. Ele disse: "Mãe, não me faça levá-la comigo. A última vez que ela veio comigo, eu não pesquei um único peixe." A mãe disse: "Vou falar com ela e prometo que desta vez ela não fará barulho". O menino disse: "Mãe, não era o barulho. Ela comeu toda a minha isca!" (via P. Tony)

### Sunday Readings Explained - 235- Fr. Tony Kadavil



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; I Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

# **Our Call to Discipleship**

#### Introduction

theme of today's readings. No matter to what life, work or ministry God calls us, God first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance -- to continually becoming new people. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jonah did not respond quickly when God called him, perhaps because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy. Jonah ran away. God had to halt Jonah in his flight before the prophet could respond affirmatively to His second call to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. The people of Nineveh, however, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet. In the second reading Paul urged the community in Corinth, and us, to lose no time accepting the message of the Gospel because Jesus' second coming could occur at any time.

Kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where Jesus is, love, mercy and salvation. appropriate response to Jesus' proclamation of the Good Contrary to Jonah's expectations, the pagan peoples of the News, Jesus invited Simon and Andrew and James and John city "believed in God" and "renounced their evil behavior". to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry. proclaiming God's kingdom in word and deed. In describing not thwart it.

the call of Jesus' first disciples, today's Gospel also God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to Him with conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main total commitment, abandoning our accustomed attitudes and styles of life to follow Him in thought, word and deed.

#### First Reading, Jonah 3:1-5

The first reading shows us that we should respond promptly to God's call for repentance. The Book of Jonah was written in Palestine around the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. after the Babylonian exile. Some of the Jews were quite nationalistic, filled with a smug sense of their superiority over all other nations. Like Jonah, they wished God would destroy the nations they perceived as His enemies. For Jonah, the Ninevites were terrible people doing terrible things. The story of Jonah was intended to rebuke the Palestinians' smallness of vision, and to teach them that God had care for other peoples besides themselves. The first two chapters describe how God responded to Jonah's flight from His call and the mission He had assigned the prophet, exposing him to a deadly storm and an excruciating experience in the belly of a whale.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus entered Galilee and At God's second call to preach repentance in Nineveh, Jonah began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for obeyed – and he was disappointed seeing the ready repentance. But Jesus added the Good News that the response of that evil city to God's message of repentance and a change of life! Jonah had not even finished the first there is the Kingdom of God. Then Jesus called on his day of his preaching journey before the people had totally listeners to believe in the Gospel or the Good News of God's turned around - doing visible penance while asking and Since discipleship is the hoping for God's love, reconciliation and forgiveness. But perhaps the greater change, the more radical turnabout, They promptly accepted his call. The two greatest aspects of happened in Jonah himself. Jonah had been an arrogant, discipleship in Mark are being with Jesus and sharing in his bigoted, narrow-minded prophet. But he finally realized mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great that God's love is not limited – God's forgiveness is not to be spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of contained – God's offer of salvation is for all – and we'd best

#### Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Church in the Modern World makes clear that it is pre-reign in our lives. cisely through engagement with the concerns of the world that Jesus' followers are to exercise their disci- Believe in the "Gospel" or "Good News." ready to go wherever Jesus is asking us to go.

Gospel Reading, Mark 1: 14-20

Invitation to repentance: It is highly likely that Jesus Call of the apostles: Just like Matthew's, Mark's acstrangers. Even if they had not personally met each (metanoia), a change of direction and priorities in our their teachers and attached themselves to them. lives. For Jesus, repentance is not merely saying, "I'm sorry," but also promising, "I will change my life." Real sorry," but also promising, "I will change my life." repentance means that a man has come, not only to be sorry for the consequences of his sin, but to hate sin itself. We often think of repentance as feeling guilty, but it is really a change of mind or direction -- seeing things from a different perspective. Once we begin to see things rightly, it might follow that we will feel bad about having seen them wrongly for so long. But repentance starts with the new vision rather than the guilt feelings. By true repentance we are giving up control of our lives and throwing our sinful lives on the mercy of God. We are inviting God to do what we can't do ourselves -- namely to raise the dead -- to change and recreate us. "Repent" is used in the present tense - "Keep on repenting!" "Continually be repentant!" This means that repentance must be the ongoing life of the people in the kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is the theme of Jesus' preaching. This Kingdom is any society where God's will is done as it is done in Heaven. Hence, a person who does the will of God perfectly is already in the Kingdom of God. Matthew, as a devout Jew, consistently uses the phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" while Mark, a Gentile convert, uses the phrase "Kingdom of God," without any scruples about using God's name.

The second reading also urges us to be converted and We probably shouldn't interpret the "Kingdom of God" to accept the "Good News' preached by Jesus. Thinking as Heaven where God rules. In telling us that the Kingthat the end was near and the second coming of Jesus dom has come near, Jesus is telling us that we can would happen soon, Paul preferred that no one get dwell in this Kingdom now, provided we repent or turn married and that slaves not try to gain their freedom (1 away from the idols that crowd our lives and do the will Cor 7:8, 17-24). But the Pastoral Constitution on the of God as it is done in Heaven, thus allowing God to

pleship. Saint Paul had to be strict and detailed in his preeminently Good News that Jesus came to bring to moral teaching to the Christians in Corinth because men. It was the Good News that God is our loving and Corinth was a bawdy seaport with a typical seaport's forgiving Father and not a punishing judge, and that He set of ethics and some very bizarre philosophical ideas. wants to save us through His son Jesus. So St. Paul calls Hence, Paul spent all of chapter 7 on marriage and sex- it Good News of truth (Gal.2:5; Col.1:5), Good News of ual morality. He told the Corinthians to live in total hope (Col.1:23), Good News of peace with God and freedom and detachment because nothing they had, man (Eph.6:15), Good News of God's promise of salvawhether things or personal attachments, was permation (Eph. I; 13, 3:6) and Good News of immortality nent, and everything could disappear at a moment's (2Tim.1:10). To believe in the Good News simply notice. Whether life is very good or very bad, nothing means to take Jesus at his word, to believe that God is lasts except the fundamental values of truth and love, the kind of God that Jesus has told us about, to believe of freedom and justice. In the end, it is what we are, that God so loves the world that He will make any sacrinot what we have that counts. Hence, let us ask to fice to bring us back to Himself. To believe in the have the freedom to follow the call of God and to be "Good News" involves a total commitment - the investing of one's whole self in God without any guarantees or preconditions.

and the four followers he summoned here were not count of this call is very brief. Jesus calls two pairs of brothers Andrew and Peter, James and John inviting other before this time, they were aware of each other's them to become his disciples. The men respond immeaspirations and objectives. Jesus used exactly the same diately, leaving their nets, their boats, and their father words John the Baptist had used: "Repent, for the King- to follow Jesus. These fishermen immediately accept dom of Heaven has come near." The Greek word used Jesus' invitation to use their skills to "fish for peo-"metanoeo" means to change one's mind or direction. ple." Abandoning their nets is a way of speaking of Repentance means that we make a complete change of what must be left behind when one embraces radical direction in our lives. This involves a radical conversion discipleship. Usually rabbinical students sought out



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great background. In Cicero's ranking of occupations kingdom, recruiting people for it, and drawing them (De Off 1.150-51), owners of cultivated land appear first into a community that experiences God's reign. and fishermen last. What Jesus needs are ordinary folk who will give Him themselves. What Christ needs is not Life messages our ability, but our availability. What Jesus teaches His disciples is not a course of study, but a way of life to follow. Hence, Jesus offers these men the opportunity to observe him at close range on a daily basis.

Call to make fishers of men: In the ancient world fishing was a metaphor for two distinct activities: judgment and teaching. "Fishing for people" meant bringing them to justice by dragging them out of their hiding places and setting them before the judge. And "fishing" was also used of teaching people, of the process of leading them from ignorance to wisdom. Both cases involve a radical change of environment, a break with a former way of life and en-

trance upon a new way of life. We are the fish and back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him. what God promises us who are dragged out of the water in the nets to die is a resurrection, a new life, a new 2. Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of family, a new future, all under God's control, all within the Kingdom of Heaven, which has come near in Jesus. make personal efforts to see the Light of Christ and to We have very little control over our own lives, but as

that responding to the command to repent and die to Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God. self, that being raised to a new life by God, is not only

However, Jesus, as rabbi, takes the initiative and calls right for us, but a message we need to share with the some probably less-than-ideal candidates to be his stu- entire world. The disciples will be trained to do predents. The disciples were simple fishermen with no cisely what Jesus is doing right now: proclaiming the

1. Let us appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and

our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and made manifest in Matrimony, or Holy Orders. God is relentless in calling us

calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us grow in holiness, learning the truths that are revealed fish caught in the net of God's love, we can trust that through the Church and receiving its Sacraments. Let we are under God's control. a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the We have to believe that being captured by God's love, light, so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Capital Campaign



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Capital Campaign Growing in Faith, Building on Our Foundation for the Future

Capital Campaign Goal: \$7 million Family Pledges: \$3,936,659.12 Participating Parish Families: 649 Payments received: \$1,238, 211.16

We thank all of you who have already made the pledges and made the initial payments. If you still have not had the opportunity to turn your pledge in, please do so by mailing it to the rectory office, delivering it to the office, or dropping it in the offertory basket. We need every parish family to participate in the Capital Campaign to accomplish the ambitious goal of doing the maintenance and renovation work of the church building, Holy of Holies, parish hall, maintenance work of the school buildings, and the construction of a new Family Life Center, which will also serve as a gym for our school children.

### Eucharistic Revival Talks at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Come! Listen to the Presentations. Learn more about the Eucharist. Join the discussion. Strengthen and deepen your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The talks will be at 6 pm in the church. See the schedule below.

February 19, 2024: Mass: Rites and Countries: Deacon Tom Alayu

March 18, 2024: Roman Missal: Fr. Jim May

April 15, 2024: Saints and the Eucharist: Deacon Mike McKenna

May 20. 2024: Eucharistic Miracles: Deacon Ed Wolf June 17, 2024: Eucharistic Devotions: Deacon Tom Alayu



## Saints of the Week

Tuesday, January 23 Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Born 3rd c-Died 304



He is the patron saint of Lisbon and Valencia.

#### Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin Born 1838-Died 1918

A German-born American religious sister who was a member of the Sisters of St Francis of Syracuse, New York, and founding leader of its St. Joseph's Hospital.



Wednesday , January 24 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1567-1622

Francis de Sales was a Bishop of Geneva and is revered as a saint in the Catholic Church. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation.

#### Thursday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

On January 25, the faithful celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church.



Friday, January 26 **Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops** 1st c AD

They were two of St Paul's most loyal disciples. Saints Timothy and Titus were apostles of an Apostle. They shared in, and cooperated with, the ministry of St. Paul.





St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines.

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the rectory office.

If the Mussallem Galleries buy your antiques, they will make a donation to our SEAS Capital Campaign. You may give the proceeds from the sale of antiques to our Capital Campaign, or you may keep it for yourself.

You can visit Mussallem Galleries at 5801 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, FL 32216. (Philips Highway and Bowden Road) Open Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. 904-739 -1551. www.mussallem.com



Wine and Beer Available

Saturday - February 10, 2024 o 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



TICKETS - \$25

### Filipino Carolers

Many thanks to our Filipino Carolers who collected \$901 for our Capital Campaign Fund during the Christmas Season.



### Monthly Discernment Evening, Feb. 5

This invitation is for young men, ages 16+, seeking to learn more about priestly vocations. Father Clay Ludwig will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at the Marywood Chapel, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns, followed by a meal and small group discussion at San Juan de Rio Parish Family Center. There is no cost to attend. To register, email vocations@dosafl.com.





#### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU **KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

•Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

•Has a child over the age of seven who hasn't been bap-

•Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246,

ext 112 or by email at kallio@seaspcfl.org.













St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School 4600 Belle Terre Parkway Palm Coast, Fl



Catholic Open House



Sunday, January 28 1:00pm-2:30pm





Refreshments served

For more information please call: 386 445-2411

### **Outreach Ministry**

This Ministry wants to recognize our GENEROUS parishioners because of your contributions and donations to the Outreach. Another year has passed, and your generosity has never waned despite all that has transpired. Your support to the Outreach provides financial and food assistance on behalf of SEAS Church to those in need in Flagler County. You are ALL members of the Outreach whether you donate food, money, or volunteer.

Please see below the 2023 Statement for Activities of the Outreach. GOD bless you All.

	SEAS Outreach Ministry Statement for Activities	
	For the year 2023	
Contribution	\$ 114,607.95	
Disbursem	\$ 114,813.65	
Financiall	670	
Families	- Food Pantry	2,458
	- Angel Tree / Gifts for Kids 268	120
	- Thanksgiving Dinners	86
	Total Families - Helped	3.334



#### **Bread & Wine**

donated this week by Vincenzia Tronolone in memory of **Marie Dominick Tronolone** 



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- Avoid capital gains taxes.
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Questions? Contact Kelly Wood, 904-208-6931, kwood@dosafl.com



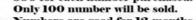


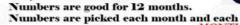


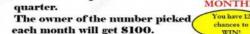












The owner of the number picked QUARTERLY

each quarter will get \$200.

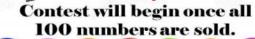
After each drawing the number picked will go back into the

container with all the other number. After each drawing the winner will be notified by phone or text and the name will be posted in the bulletin.

Money raised from the SEAS 100 CLUB will go to the SEAS CAPITOL CAMPAIGN.









### Adoration—Saturday Group

All are invited to join the Group Eucharistic Adoration led by one of the deacons on Saturdays at 9:15 am. Adoration booklets will be available. For more information, Marilou Mallada at 609-468-1477.

#### SEAS Black Catholic Guild

Please join us on the second Tuesday of every month from Sept-June at 1:30pm in Seton Hall Come a little early for refreshments and fellowship time and stay to pray for our families, church, community, and country. All are welcome. Contact Madeline (386) 864-0911.

### Cancer Support Group

Meets in Rectory Meeting room every 2nd Thurs. at 9:30 am and every 4th Thurs. at 2:30 pm. Join us for support, education and resources. Contact Louise 386-235-5310



### Caregiver Support Group

Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment for participates to develop informal mutual support and social relationships as they deal with a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's/Dementia. We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday at 3:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

### Seasons of Hope

For those who have lost a loved one, the Grief Support Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Rectory Meeting Room. To sign up please call (386) 445-2246 or contact Healthministry@seaspcfl.org



### Charismatic Prayer Group

Please join us on Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Russo Room



### **Cursillo-Ultreya**

Please join us the third Wednesday of month at 6:30 in the Russo room for Ultreya! Please bring a covered dish to share! Anyone interested in Cursillo is encouraged to attend. Join us for a night of fellowship, witness and song! De Colores!"

### Faith & Fellowship

Faith On Friday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Deacon Ed, the diocesan bioeth-icist, will be giving a talk on the Pope's view of the ethical use of artificial intelligence and how these technological advancements should be used in an ecumenical way for all of humanity. To follow on Social Media or for more info, visit the SEAS website. at seaspcfl.org/community-groups.

### Feeding Hands Mission at SEAS

Hopelessness ends. Enjoy a free hot meal every first and third Monday of the month at Seton Hall from 5 pm to 6.30 pm. Dine in or Drive-thru-Carry Out. Anyone in our community who is struggling financially to feed them-



selves or their children is invited to share a free hot meal with us.

#### **Health Ministry**

The Health Ministry meets at 9:30 AM on 2nd Tues of the month in the Cody Room. Please call Louise Kummer for more info at 386-235-5310 or Pam Cowles at 386-523-7152. We need of volunteers for shopping, light housekeeping, wellness checks and rides to Mass.

### **Knights of Columbus Auxiliary**

The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary meets the third Thursday of the month at 11.00 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting room. Come join us and be a part of this organization of the Knights of Columbus, which does so much for our parish.

### Lay Carmelites

If you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 and are looking to deepen your faith, come join the Lay Carmelites. We are a Christ centered community that strives to get closer to God through scripture, prayer, meditation and contemplation. We meet the second Saturday of every month. For more information contact Ramonita Fiorentino @ 445-7477

### **Legion of Mary**

The Legion is a lay apostolic organization that meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

### Listening for God

The 'Listening for God' Ministry will be on the first Friday of the month from 6:30pm -7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For more info call the rectory or 386-264-2049.



#### Our Lady of Fatima Portuguese Committee

Meetings are at 7:00pm on Wednesdays in the Rectory Meeting Room.



### Mother of Perpetual Help (MPH) **Monthly Schedule**

First Wednesday Novena will be held at the Cody Room from 3:00 - 4:30 pm first Wednesday of the month.

### Mother Seton Rolling Library

The aim of this library is to spread the word of our faith via Catholic books. The cart is available in the Gathering Space after all Church Library weekend masses. These books are free. Meetings are on Fridays at 9:30am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

Our St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet every Second Friday of the month at 9:30 am until 10:30 am. in the Russo. Please join us. All are welcome!



Praise and Worship Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and the Principal Choir on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome.



### **Portuguese Rosary Society**

Praying of the Rosary in Portuguese every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in a Rectory Meeting Room.



#### **Rosary Cenacles**

The Rosary Cenacles is in response to Our Lady's call which was made known in her message to Fr. Stefano Gobbi. We pray for the Holy Father and his intentions, for priests, to end abortion and for world peace. We say fifteen decades of the rosary. All are welcome to attend weekly meetings on Wednesday's at 1:00pm.

For more information call Marie Estabrook 386 447-0847

### **Rosary Makers Ministry**

Our Ministry is devoted to our Lady of Fatima and assembles rosaries to be distributed and sent to other parts of the world free of charge. Join us to pray the rosary on Mondays at 9:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. We offer training and supplies to all members.

#### Secular Franciscans

The Secular Franciscans meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 in the Cody Room.

If you are interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscans, please join us. Please call Pam Cowles 386-523-7152 for more information.

### **Sunday Scripture Prayer Group**

Come join us each week for reflection on and sharing Sunday scriptures, the Bible, the Living Word of God. Our goal is to enrich each other by sharing the Living Word of God. We meet weekly each Friday at 1pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

### **Homebound and Living Alone?**

Do you have a friend or a family member who is a parishioner, homebound, and living alone? If you think they would like to get a phone call from a member of our parish, please give us a call at 445-2246, and we will make arrangements to have someone CALL them.

#### **Catholic Charities**

Human trafficking is a situation in which an individual is compelled to work or engage in commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion. If the individual is under the age of 18 and engaging in commercial sex they are experiencing trafficking regardless of force, fraud, or coercion. National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free at 1-888-373-7888 or text "Be free" to (233733). For more info, contact Ruby Peters, at rubygeerspeters@gmail.com (904) 448-6555.

### In Need of Counseling?

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of Catholic therapists in the diocese for those in need of counseling and support. More information is available at https://family.dosafl.com/therapists.



NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition.

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### Teleministry

This new ministry has been busy calling new parishioners. We would also like to be able to call the retired elderly of the parish who can no longer attend mass. We need you to let us know who they are and their phone numbers. Leave their name and number at the rectory at 445-2246.

### Diocese of St. Augustine- How to Report Abuse

**ATTENTION:** The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208 -6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

**ATENÇÃO**: A Diocese de St. Augustine toma muito sériamente todas as alegações de má conduta sexual e resolve todas as alegações de forma rápida, confidencial e completa. Para denunciar abuso(s), ligue para a polícia ou para o Department of Children and Families pelo (800)962-2873. Ou ligue para o Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator pelo (904)208-6979 ou por e-mail inquiries @dosafl.com . Para denunciar abusos cometidos por um bispo ligue para (800)276-1562 ou visite a website www.reportbishopabuse.org.

**ATENCION:** La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a inquiries@dosafl.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562

PAUNAWA: Ipinagbibigay alam na lubos na pinahahalagahan ng Diyosesis ng San Agustin ang mga paratang sa anumang uri ng abusong sekswal, at agad na masusing sinusuri ang anumang alegasyon habang pinananatiling kumpidensyal. Kung meron kayong nalalamang alegasyon tumawag agad sa Pulisya o kaya ay sa Department of Children and Families (800) 962-2873. O tawagan ang Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator sa (904) 208-6979 o kaya ay mag-email sa inquiries@dosafl.com. Kung ang irereport nyo naman ay isang Obispo, tumawag sa (800) 276-1562 o kaya ay tumungo sa www.reportbishopabuse.org



Monday, January 22 7:00am Connie Bova 8:30am Jeffrey DiVito

Tuesday, January 23 7:00am Jeffrey DiVito 8:30am 1st year Anniversary

Carolyn Walsh

Wednesday, January 24

7:00am Frank & Julia Orlando 8:30am Denis Murphy

Thursday, January 25

7:00am Dr. Avelina B. Torres 8:30am Al & Caroline Wolff

January 26 Friday,

7:00am **Avelina Beten Torres** 

8:30am Richie Rentz

Saturday, January 27

8:30am Maria Loura & Alexandre

& Elena Teixeira Gloria Calobrisi &

4:00pm Lauren Anderson 6:00pm(\*)

Helen Chappo 6:00pm(P) Manuel Diamantano Dagrass

Sunday, January 28

8:00am Mary Raquepau 10:00am **SEAS Parishioners** 12:00pm Nicole Whalen 5:00pm(Sp) Charlie Rosa 5:00pm(\*) Macario Austria

\* St. Stephens



# **Prayer Garden**

Our Prayer Garden is a peaceful place for prayer and meditation. Purchasing a brick in the Prayer Garden for someone who has Feb. 11, 2024 — 2 p.m. Confirmation died is a wonderful way to remember that the person is still with you in thoughts and through prayer. The purchase of a brick is \$100.00; please consider honoring a loved one. Contact the Rectory Office for more details.

### In Memoriam

We remember all our departed brothers and sisters with love and gratitude.

Lawrence C. Penna

April 10, 1923 -December 26, 2023



Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



January 22 5:00pm Seton Hall



**Knights of** Columbus Sunday, January 28 **Adults \$8.00** Children free!





#### **Cold Weather Shelter** Help Church on the Rock Bunnell

When the weather dips below 40 degrees, the county provides a location for those without 4 walls to sleep. This is done in co ordination with Sheltering Tree, headed by Sue Bickens. Please contact Déacon Bob at 630 640 3552 if you are available to as-

### Sunday Readings

Readings may be found on page **986** of St. Augustine Hymnal.

#### Readings for the Week of January 21

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 Monday Day of Prayer for the Legal Pro-

tection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Vincent, Dea con and Martyr and Saint Mari-

anne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doc tor of the

Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28,

29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps

117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Memorial of Saints Timothy and Friday

Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-<mark>8</mark> or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34 Memorial of Saint Angela Meri

Saturday

Sunday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;

1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



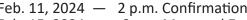
## Catholic Schools Week 2024

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### Mark Your Calendar



Feb. 15, 2024 — 6 pm -Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with Healing Service by Fr. Martin Ibeh

March 4-7, 2024 —Lenten Retreat by Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.

April 21, 2024 — 2 p.m., First Holy Communion

Sept. 9-12, 2024— Parish Mission by Fr. Wade Menezes



#### IN MEMORY OF:

Roseann & Jim Bradley; Marian Morrissey; Fred Gross; Robert Schnurr; Maria Teresa Saluto; Rafaela Diaz; Mary De la Rosa; William McBride; Emile Mazzawi

#### FOR INTENTIONS OF: Kelly Girtin;

In our Holy of Holies, we have ten candles always burning around the tabernacle, just as in the temple in Jerusalem there were ten lights always burning around the Ark of the Covenant. They indicate the presence of our precious Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The candles used are seven day candles and may be purchased either in memoriam or for the intentions of a loved one for a \$10 donation through the Seton Shop. This space lists the names of those for whom candles have been purchased.

### **Please Pray for Our Military**

Although we pray for all of our military, space does not permit everyone's name to be printed.

Please advise when a person below is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have the name of someone listed for 4 weeks. As a courtesy please notify the office when the name can be removed or if you wish to have the name continued. Be sure to get the person's permission first!

God bless them all & continue to pray for them!

Charles Salerno TSgt (US Air Force/Germany)
CPT. Brendan Leonard (US Army)
Stephen Hayes (US Air Force/Iraq)
Kevin Daley (US Navy)
LCP Dylan Vanore. USMC

### **Please Pray for Our Sick**

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Please contact the parish office if you wish to have the name of someone listed for 4 weeks. As a courtesy please notify the office when the name can be removed or if you wish to have the name continued.

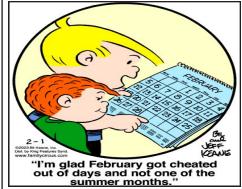


#### Mass on TV for the Homebound

https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule Sunday Mass-8:00am

DIRECTV—Channel: 370/DISH—Channel 261
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We are already into a busy, action-packed pro-life year. The first 2024 Stand for Life on Friday, January 5 proved to be very exciting. As we all know, everyone is not PRO-LIFE. On January 5 a young lady joined us with her "witness sign" - "Keep Abortion Legal and Safe". She had a perfect right to express her "stand" and was quite vocal in the beginning. She stated to me that "some people should never be born". As I began to calm her down she said "I don't want to talk to you". My reply "just stay calm." At about 4:40 she left the center median and placed the sign in her car parked in front of Seton Hall. Feedback from the 26 pro-life witnesses was: "we have been praying the rosary for her". We are thankful for all who set aside this hour once a month to pray and witness for LIFE here in front of SEAS.

We also have parishioners who witness at the 3 abortion facilities in Jacksonville. All these efforts are blessed by our Merciful and Loving God. If you would like to join us, please contact the SEAS Respect Life Coordinator for locations and possible car pool opportunities. There are as many as 30 clients seen daily at these facilities and they are open 6 days a week -- you do the math and please keep on PRAYING. As of November 2023 there were 78,250 abortions in the state of Florida.

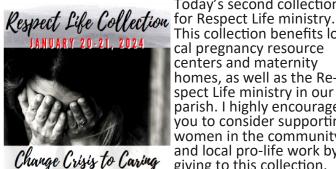
The parishioners are also very busy filling the bassinet in the gathering area. All baby items are greatly appreciated. Diapers size 3 thru 6 and wipes are needed at this time. Please stop by and see the recent thank you notes from Alpha Women's Center and the current list of needed items.

The October/November Baby Bottle Drive for Alpha Women's Center raised \$3,518.90, \$2,082.90 in coins. If you still have a bottle - 300 were distributed, only 200 were returned, please feel free to return them to the bassinet -empty or full.

Thank you for your participation today in the diocesan Respect Human Life collection.

#### **Contact Numbers**

SEAS Respect Life Coordinator - Priscilla Positano 352-697-9436 pcposi2324@gmail.com Pregnancy Help Line - 800-848-LOVE Human Trafficking Hotline - 888-373-7888



Today's second collection is This collection benefits local pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, as well as the Respect Life ministry in our parish. I highly encourage you to consider supporting women in the community and local pro-life work by giving to this collection.

#### **Daily Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration after all the weekday Masses at 8.30 am till 10 am. Kindly join us and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Eucharistic Adoration Hours**

The hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy of Holies are from 6:30 am to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration on Fridays from 9 am to 9 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed on the altar Monday to Saturday for adoration after the 8.30 am Mass until 10 am.

Please remember that if the Holy of Holies is filled you are encouraged to pray in the main worship area of the church.

#### **Adorers Needed For:**

Sundays: 2-3pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Mondays: 10-11pm, 11pm-12am Tuesdays: 4-5pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Wednesdays: 6-7pm, 10-11pm

Thursdays: 1-2pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 8-9 pm, 9-10pm,

10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Fridays: 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Saturdays:2-3pm, 11am-12pm,9-10pm,10-11pm,11pm12am

Anyone interested in spending time with Our Lord in Adoration should contact Candice Ringberg (386-213-0863 or candiceringberg@gmail.com) for

#### "La Llama de Amor del Inmaculado Corazón de María"

Cuando: Miércoles/Hora: 6:30pm Plataforma Zoom: Zoom.us (Bajar Zoom en las aplicaciones) Meeting ID: 2239918037 clave: lallama Preguntas: Alba Dimas, 939-332-5615 Norma Maisonet, 917-834-6181 email: flameoflovepcfl@gmail.com

### Las Reunionés del Comité Hispano

Son el último lunes del mes a las 6:30 pm en el Cody Room adjunto al salón social. Este comité sirve para hablar de todos los asuntos de la comunidad hispana de la parroquia. Todos invitados. Para mas informacion llamar a Marina Medina a la oficina al 386 -445-2246

#### Acompañamiento en el proceso del Duelo

"Si estás pasando por la pérdida de un ser querido, dile sí a Jesús y María que quieren acompañarte en ese dolor. Únete al grupo "Acompañamiento en el proceso del Duelo" una vez a la semana y nos ayudamos uno al otro. Para más información comunicarse con Marina Medina en la oficina.

#### Noches de Formación de Fe para Adultos

Son cada miércoles a las 6:30 pm en el Rectory Meeting Room. El propósito de estos seminarios es para ampliar y profundizar nuestro conocimiento y experiencia de la fé. Incluyen series en estudio bíblico, teología y misión. Todos son invitados. Para más información llamen Padre Rob Trujillo al 386-445-2246.

#### **Sacraments**

Every First and Third Sunday of the month after Noon Mass. One preparation class is required. Classes are offered every second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please contact the Rectory office in advance.

Holy Matrimony

Please contact the Rectory office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick**If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing please call the Rectory office. We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45-3:45pm, Sunday 30 minutes before Mass, & by appt.

#### **Devotions**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

9 am to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Fridays till 9 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed on the altar Monday to Saturday for adoration after the 8.30 am Mass until 10 am.

8 am Monday-Saturday; Before all weekend Masses

#### Miraculous Medal Novena

After 8.30 am Mass every Tuesday.

### **Religious Education**

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Classes for Grades 1-8 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at the Rectory office (386-445-2246; extension 112)

#### **Children's Catechism Classes**

All children from 1st through 8th grade who are not attending Catholic school should be attending PREP classes. Children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes six Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation prior to each Sacrament.

#### **Confirmation Formation**

Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes three Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation and the annual Confirmation retreat.

For more information about Catechism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246 extension 112.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please call the Director of Christian Formation at the Rectory office if any non-Catholic is interested in joining the Catholic Church (386-445-2246; extension 112). Classes will begin in October.

### Holy Orders and Religious Life

If you believe that you or someone you know has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Jared DeLeo at frjared@saccfl.org



#### **Quotes of Saints**

O Blessed Host, in golden chalice enclosed for me, That through the vast wilderness of exile I may pass - pure, immaculate, undefiled; Oh, grant that through the power of Your love this might come to be.

O Blessed Host, take up Your dwelling within my soul, O Thou my heart's purest love! With Your brilliance the darkness dispel. Refuse not Your grace to a humble heart.

O Blessed Host, enchantment of all heaven, Though Your beauty be veiled And captured in a crumb of bread, Strong faith tears away that veil.

- Saint Sr. Faustina (Kowalska)

"Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking,

- St. Irenaeus

The Eucharist is everything, because from the Eucharist, everything is.

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andréw and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?



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3:30pm Feeding Hands—Seton Hall Great Adventure Bible Study—Seton Hall 5:00pm

Coffee & Donuts (and 11:00am)—Verandah

6:30pm 6:30pm ELS Class -Men's Club

SUNDAY, January 21

9:00am

Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church 9:00am Great Adventure Bible Study—Seton Hall Legion of Mary Meeting-Rectory Meeting Room Ladies Guild Arts & Crafts-Russo Room 9:00am 9:00am

10:00am

Spanish Choir-Church 5:00pm

6:00pm

Portuguese Rosary Society-Rectory Meeting Room St. Thomas Community—Kerygma Group Spanish Prayer Group—Seton Hall 6:00pm

7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, January 24
9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church Seasons of Hope Grief Support—Rectory Meeting Room Rosary Cenacle—Rectory Meeting Room 10:00am

1:00pm 5:00pm Spanish Bereavement- Rectory Meeting Room Spanish Ministry Meeting –Rectory Meeting Room Spanish Baptism Class-Rectory Meeting Room 6:30pm 7:30pm

**THURSDAY, January 25** 

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church 1:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting—Russo Room 2:30pm Cancer Support Group -Rectory Meeting Room

6:00pm Life Teen-Youth Room

6:00pm Portuguese Bible Study-Rectory Meeting Room

Spanish Community—Russo Room Divine Mercy Cenacle in Spanish—Cody Room 6:30pm 7:15pm

FRIDAY.

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am mass -10:00am -Church

9:30am Library Ministry-Rectory Meeting Room

1:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer Group—Rectory Meeting Room

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet—Church Edge Middle School Group-Seton Hall 6:00pm

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church

9:00am Adoration Prayer Group—Church

SUNDAY, January 28

8:00am Coffee & Donuts—Seton Hall K of C Pancake Breakfast-Seton Hall 8:00am

4:00pm Spanish Choir—Church

Need to update this list? email pjenkins@seaspcfl.org

#### **Prayer And Devotional Groups**

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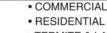
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