



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a welcoming and responsive faith community, nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharistic Table. We are open and trusting in the love of Jesus Christ to advance the power of the Holy Spirit, within the parish and beyond, by living the Gospel.

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CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM



SCHEDULE OF **OUTDOOR** MASSES

SUNDAY MASS:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 7 PM

SUNDAY: 8 AM, **9:30 AM** & 7 PM

DAILY MASS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM (MON-FRI)

8:30 AM (SATURDAY)

HOLY DAYS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM; 7:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 11 AM

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DEACON JACK'S (PASTOR'S) PAGE

Have you noticed the different nuances of the definition of the word “good” in the dictionary? Language is complicated partly because the exact meaning of a word changes depending on how it is used. Translating something from one language to another adds further complications. The Book of Genesis, originally written in the Hebrew language uses a Hebrew word for good as in:

God looked at everything He had made and found it very good. (Gn1:31)

that includes *beautiful* in the definition. Re-read this as God looked at everything He had made and found it very beautiful.

Creation is beautiful, our faith is beautiful and the Church is beautiful. Bishop Baron created the Catholicism series of videos in part to re-awaken our sense of the beauty of Catholicism. The readings for the twenty-third Sunday mirror some themes I had at a recent Diaconate retreat on Beauty (virtual retreat over the computer because of the needs for social distancing). The themes were created in two different Catholic monastic traditions.

Saint Anselm (1033 – 1109) Benedictine monk, philosopher, theologian and Archbishop of Canterbury wrote in *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God was a Man") that the Incarnation was necessary to atone for mankind's sin. Jesus became man to offer the perfect sacrifice to the Father since Jesus is the only man who was without sin. This understanding for the reason of the Incarnation has dominated the thinking of the Church and is reflected in the words of the Exsultet. The Exsultet, chanted by the deacon (or a priest, or a lay cantor if need be) intones one of the most evocative and poetic hymns of praise in all liturgy: the Easter Proclamation – also known as the Exsultet. About three quarters through the Exsultet, the lyrics are:

*Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault
that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*

The Exsultet, named after the first word of the Latin original, is chanted once a year at the Easter vigil liturgy. The liturgy's symbolic movement moves from darkness to light. The “truly necessary sin” of Adam initiates the darkness on all of humanity but is also called the “happy fault” because it brings about God's action to send His Son, the Light of the World.

Saint Anselm's view emphasizes God as the Judge, the human race after the fall as sinners, Christ as the sinless victim and salvation necessary to repay our debt. We hear in the first reading of this Sunday God saying that the wicked shall surely die but fault shall be assigned to one who hears the Word of God and does not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way.

A different view of the *reason* for the Incarnation was developed by (John) Duns Scotus (1270 – 1308) Franciscan friar, university professor, philosopher, and theologian. This Franciscan theologian did not see the reason for the Incarnation originating by any action of man but totally as an action of God. God's first intention—from all eternity—was that human nature be glorified by being united to the divine Word. The Incarnation was to happen regardless of the first humans' innocence or sinfulness. For God is love, perfect love who created us unique among the creatures as described in the first reading at the Easter Vigil:

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;
and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky
and over the cattle and over all the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them. (Gn 1:26-27)*

Duns Scotus does not say there was no Original sin, and there is no need for reconciliation with God due to our sin, it drills down (as theologians so often do) to the point that Original sin was not the reason for the Incarnation. Franciscans spirituality building upon this considers any of our actions as trivial to the actions of God. A God who is Love and it was Love that sent the Son to be with us (Emmanuel) whether we needed it or not. *(To be Continued NEXT WEEK)*

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 READINGS

Sunday Readings
September 6, 2020
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 **Ez 33:7-8**

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

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

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

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

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

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works."

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

PARISH NOTICES

**PER DIOCESE REGULATION,
FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE
WORN, COVERING NOSE & MOUTH
Throughout OUTDOOR MASS.**

CONFESSIONS:

**SATURDAYS FROM 3:45 TO 4:45 PM BACK IN
THE CHURCH'S SACRISTY & CHAPEL
(6 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING) WITH NO MORE THAN
10 PERSONS TOTAL IN THE NARTHEX AT ONE TIME.**

Reading 2 **Rom 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 **Mt 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."

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PARISH MASS INFORMATION

***OUTDOORS,
WE ARE BACK TOGETHER!!***

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ST. JAMES/SCHOOL BREEZEWAY**

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TO REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS

**PLEASE NOTE: DAILY WEEKDAY MASS ONLY
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DEACON KEITH'S HOMILY (SEPTEMBER 6, 2020)

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time A - September 6, 2020

The Gospel acclamation said, "God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." I am sure most of us recognize that big green book of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is a wonderful source for all of us as we continue our life in Christ. However, it has a big weakness! That weakness is typically the user. It seems to me on social media, most people use the Catechism as a weapon to prove a point. Unfortunately, the point they make grossly tarnishes God's revelation to mankind and provides road blocks for us in bringing the truth of God's work of reconciling Himself to the rest of creation. There are two major points that must be considered about the big green catechism book in our reflection on today's scripture which calls us to a more effective participation in reconciling the world to God. Those two points are: first, the big green book has a particular order, and second, it is incomplete. But first let's consider the readings.

The first reading boldly affirms our responsibility to bring the truth and good news to the world. The prophet provides that if we – the watchmen - do not speak we will be held responsible for the death of the wicked. When paying careful attention to the reading, it is clear that the Lord begins the calling of the sinner and the commissioning of the watchman. Reconciliation is God's initiative!

The Gospel provides two different types of people that we are called to share the truth and beauty of this work of reconciliation. The first is the struggling person within the Church, the second are the gentile and tax collector. Both the gentile and tax collector are outside the Church. Outside the Church as maybe meaning not having any relationship with God in any way. Jesus tells us that if we can't convince the person within the Church of his actions that conflict with reconciliation with God, we must treat him like one who is outside the Church. Or, one who doesn't have a relationship with God. Conversations with one who may know God will be different than one who does not know God. We must have conversation with all.

Last Saturday we had our annual deacon retreat. The theme was "The Transcendent Reality of Beauty as a Road to Evangelization." The leader took us on a Trinitarian journey of experiencing this relationship of beauty through the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit and its rich history within the Church. Nearing the end of the talk she provided two ancient and both accepted theologies within the Church reflecting on how do we see the world in light of the incarnation. One view from St. Anselm and the other from Blessed Don Scotus. Anselm's theology viewed: God = judge, humanity = sinner, Christ = sinless victim, and salvation = repayment of a debt. Don Scotus' theology viewed: God = love, humanity = beloved, Christ = Emmanuel, and Salvation = reconciliation. Again, both accepted theologies. But, can you hear the difference? For me, it was wonderful to hear Don Scotus' words. Because that is how God called me into a deeper relationship. "I no longer call you servant but friend". He didn't call me in guilt or fear but in love. I am sure many of you were called that same way.

Let's consider the order of the big green Catechism book. If one were to open the book and look at the table of contents, one would notice that about 580 pages are about building a relationship with the God of love. And, 100 pages, two-thirds the way through the book, discusses the 10 commandments as they could be applied in our time. However, we see on social media people jumping to the sin section to prove their point. But, who are they proving their point to? Someone with no relationship with God?

In the second reading Paul is clear that relationship is primary when he says, "'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law." Since Vatican II the Church decided to return the most ancient and most effective evangelical theology and first focus "the wicked" – as Ezekiel might call them - on their relationship with God. All of the Popes since have provided direction in their encyclicals that support that desire of the Council. Saint Pope John Paul II, in the encyclical Splendor in Truth, uses the story of the rich young man as the basis for his encyclical. The young man follows all the commandments, but when ask by Jesus to go give everything to the poor and follow him – or give away what you have and make room for Jesus in your heart – the rich young man couldn't enter into the relationship. Pope Benedict XVI wrote an encyclical called God is Love. It is an incredible love story. Pope Francis continued the tradition with the Laudato Si. Each of these and many more of their encyclicals and over 2,000 years of this written love story from many theologians – which can't be contained between the two green covers of the catechism - provide the language to the beauty of the God who wants to share His life with us.

Brothers and sisters, God has been working a long time at this reconciliation business. He has invited some of the worse scoundrels into relationship and they have accepted because of the beautiful words of another in relationship with God. It is clearly easier and more effective to share with others the way in which you see the beauty of God's grace fill your weary bones with faith, hope and love. As we continue to social distance, take the time to better know the One who invites all to the table of His son.

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

With confidence that where two or three are gathered together in Jesus' name, He is in our midst, let us express our prayer and petitions:

For the Church; that we may be a community that continues Christ's mission of evangelizing and reconciling those who are estranged, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For an end to violence in our cities and neighborhoods; that God will touch hearts so that all will value the dignity of each person and seek ways to help one another fulfill one's potential, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For the gift of listening; that the Spirit will open our minds and hearts to hear what others say and to be attentive to the word of God spoken deep within our hearts, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For all who labor; that God will renew and strengthen all who work to advance the good of society, protect them from harm, and help them to use their gifts and talents fully, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For all who are struggling with addictions; that God will open the path to freedom for them and guide them to beneficial resources, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For all who have died, for our loved ones who have died, that God will welcome them into the fullness of His vision that we begin to know through the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

For these intentions, the intentions shared by the community throughout the week that we bring to the Altar, and all those intentions written in the silence of our hearts, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer

All good and gracious God, open Your heart and receive our prayers and petitions and grant them through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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September 5/6, 2020

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm response today: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (PSALM 63)

Pope Francis' September intention: "We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner."

Vocation Prayer: "God, I know you will call me for special work in my lifetime. Help me follow Jesus each day and be ready to answer your call. AMEN" (from *Catholic Prayers and Practices*)

Mass from SJE each Sunday at **11:00 am** on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjecarmichael.org>

Opportunities to grow in the spiritual life:

Websites: Parish: www.sjecarmichael.org

Diocese: www.scd.org

U.S. Bishops: www.usccb.org

General Catholic: www.americancatholic.org

www.catholic.org www.saintoftheday.org

Contact www.christthekingretreatcenter.org or call 916-725-4720 for daily reflections. (Give them your email address.)

Daily three minute retreat: www.LoyolaPress.org

We recommend that you also listen to Catholic/Relevant Radio on 1620AM and send inquiries to:

askfather@relevantradio.com Also check out EWTN T.V.

CALENDAR:

The Religious Education children who wish to receive the sacraments of First-Reconciliation, First-Holy-Communion and Confirmation will need to return their Gold-Books, Sponsor/Mentor booklets and Service-Hours prior to receiving these sacraments. The following dates have been scheduled:

First Confession (in Church): Saturday, September 12th at 10 am
Please be here by 9:30 am for preparation and review

Confirmation Class Confessions (in Church): Saturday, September 19th at 10 am

Please be here by at least 9:30am

Confirmation: Saturday, September 26th at 10 am

Please be here with your sponsor, by at least 9:30 am

First-Holy-Communion: Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am

Please be here by at least 9:30 am

The plan (to date) is that the Confirmation Mass and the First-Holy- Communion Mass will be held outside in the Breezeway by St. James' Hall.

Personal Note: Who will replace me as Religious-Education Director? Ask Fr. Bernardin about that!

God bless & guide your/our week!

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses for the Week of September 7-12, 2020

Monday: Labor Day

6:30 am Felicidad Espiritu +

8:30 am Robert Pitvorec and Family (I)

Tuesday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30 am Gabriele Rothwell and Family (I)

8:30 am Lillian Chirco +

Wednesday: *St. Peter Claver, Priest*

6:30 am Elpidia Arquillano +

8:30 am Noah Heskett (I)

Thursday:

6:30 am Thomas Gibbs +

8:30 am Robert and Nancy Puryear and Family (I)

Friday: *Patriots Day (9/11 Remembrance)*

6:30 am Isabelo Arquillano +

8:30 am MaryJo Kwett +

Saturday: *The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 am Bob and Mary Gibbs and Family (I)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Russ Davis, John DePiazza, Rick DiRegolo, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Escalante, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Anthony Gabriele, Lillian Geoffrey, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, George Heffner, Dick Hill, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Michelle Keyawa, Sayed Kian, Pat Lobrovich, Kim Louder, Karen Lydon, Angelica & Cheryl Martin of Tennessee, Jennifer Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Michael Niekamp, Tony Nolasco, Gilles Ouellet, Lynn Parry, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Max Rankin, Jeff Reynolds, Ruth Salazar, Rena Scherman, Robert Scholtes, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Lili Simic, Joan Smith, Russ Spear, Hank Thompson, Kim Van Blaricom, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Theresa West (Cheryl Martin's daughter) and all those with COVID-19.

SJE PARISH NOTICES

Offertory Procedure (COVID-19): (REVISED 7/26/2020)

Per the 5/20/2020 Diocesan Guidelines, "a box must be placed at a convenient and secure location (**new wood "Offertory" Boxes are on both sides of the Breezeway entrance**) where Parishioners are to place their Offertory as they come in for or leave Mass". Ushers will also carry Offertory Baskets between the chair rows for convenient "No Contact" offertory depositing.

Mail-In to the SJE Office or On-Line Giving is also welcome.

WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION

Is the **Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**—at all Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our parish priests. To donate online, visit www.scd.org/dpr2020

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If you can, SVdeP could use **peanut butter and jelly**.

Donations can be given to an usher.

YOU make a difference! God bless you! Wear a Mask! Stay safe!

SVDP DONATION TRUCK DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

--CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!--

On Saturday, **September 26th** and Sunday, **September 27th** the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the SJE parking lot from 9 am-12 pm to accept donations.

So clean out your closets (I know you have time)!

Donations should be gently used clothing, small furniture and household items in good condition.

Please NO appliances, tv's, computers or e-waste.

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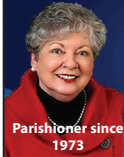
A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get this lawn mower to start!!!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." The man replies, "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

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