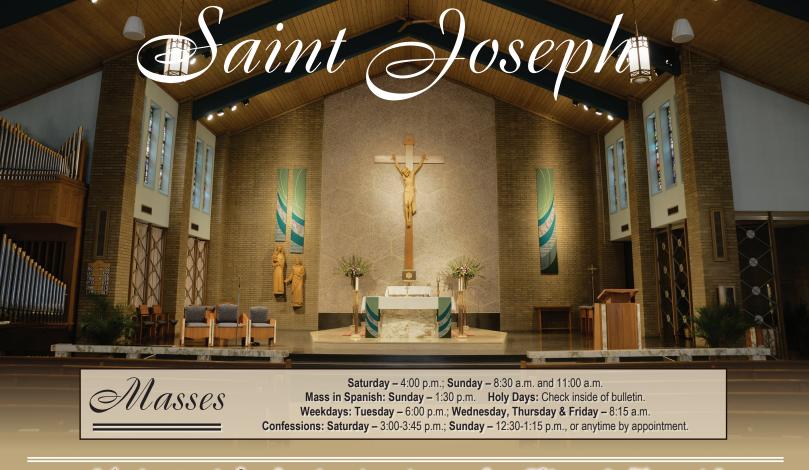
The Catholic Community of



"In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people."

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- PARISH STAFF: Rev. James Hatfield, Pastor; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, Retired; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, Pastoral Associate; Ms. Cindy Teynor, Director of Religious Education; Mrs. Kateri Renicker, Religious Education Secretary; Ms. Mary Maresch, Youth Ministry; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, Director of Music Ministry; Mrs. Jodi Lindberg, Bookkeeper; Ms. Diane Lemmermann, Coordinator of Family Life Center; Mr. Russ Clay, Church and Cemetery Maintenance; and Mr. Neal Kwasnicka, Custodian.
- ♦ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ♦ MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ BAPTISMS Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ♦ BAUTISMOS Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ♦ **NEW PARISHIONERS** Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

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St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7 and 8, 2021 Agosto 7 y 8 del 2021



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 9

No Mass

Readings: 413: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 10

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Betty Bidinger

Readings: 618: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday, August 11

8:15 a.m. David Pruni

Readings: 415: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12

8:15 a.m. Vickie Avon

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114/

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13

8:15 a.m. Father Victor Wesolowski **9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 417: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 14

The Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Al Kopec

Sunday, August 15

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Diane Clugston **11:00 a.m.** Msgr. David Sorohan

1:30 p.m. People of the Parish (Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45/

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Offertory for August 1, 2021

Loose Cash and Checks	\$	2,148.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$	6,110.00
Online Giving	\$	510.00
Total	\$	8,768.00
Contributions needed each week	\$	12,192.00
	Oth	er Funds:
Poor Fund	\$	389.00
Capital Improvement	\$	110.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$	50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, August 10 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo Wednesday, August 11 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham Thursday, August 12 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy Friday, August 13 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope

August 14 and 15, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Lyle Tope

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Cecil, Mary Roberts,

Mary DeBois

Ushers: Steve DeBois, Kateri Renicker, Roy Montan,

Tim Avon

Servera: Kenton Renicker and Flynn Renicker

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Tony Incarnato

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio,

Matt Ritzert

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Jack Burnham

Servera: John Chaney and Jessica Selinsky

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Anne Bruno

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Mary Elco, Jim Elco

Ushers: George Kail, Mike Ernest, Joe Sciarretti Servers: Greg Nguyen and Angel Gonzalez

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.

Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.



When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.

Spiritual Notes:

The prophet Elijah flees for his life from King Ahab and Oueen Jezebel to protect his life. His life as a prophet has been difficult. In today's text, he is in the wilderness praying for death. "Enough, O Lord! Take my life." But his mission is not complete, so God sends a messenger to encourage him and strengthen him for his mission. Nourished by the hearth cake and water provided by the Lord, Elijah is now ready to make the long journey of forty days and forty nights and he arrives a "the mountain of God, Horeb," better known as Mount Sinai, where he will encounter the Lord. The crowds murmur in response to Jesus' declaration that He is "the bread that comes down from heaven." How can He have come from heaven they ask, if "we... know His father and mother?" Throughout this exchange, the hostility the crowd has for Jesus intensifies. His words are hard for them to accept. Like their ancestors who "ate the manna in the desert," they, too, reject the One sent by God. Still, Jesus promises, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." We and the evangelist's audience know there is a deeper meaning to the words. In Ephesians today, we are encouraged to live the new life we have been given by God. This means we should avoid "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting... reviling... and malice." Instead, we are "to be kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving." In other words, as our author commands us "Be imitators of God... and live in love."

For reflection: In what ways does God encourage me as I strive to live out my faith? Do I have negative qualities in my life that need to be removed in order to better live the life God gives?

The flowers in front of the Holy Family are in loving memory of Kevin Green from his family.

Please keep them in their prayers.

Real Presence Real Future Overcoming Anger

"The opposite of love isn't anger, its apathy." While this quote rings true, when the result of anger is un-love, we have reached into a sinful area just as we do when we treat our faith with little concern. Thankfully, we have the perfect role model in Christ. Paul speaks of the sinful results of anger in today's second reading. The reaction of Jesus' adversaries to Him in today's Gospel preclude the anger that will lead to His crucifixion. While anger is a natural emotion, each of us must work to channel it into greater reflections of Jesus.

St. Joseph Church with Father Jimmy Hatfield is planning a pilgrimage to Eastern Europe July 2022.

Plans include visiting Warsaw, Auschwitz, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, and Prague! If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please call the Parish Office! Includes airfare, hotels, most meals, admission fees and ground transportation.



Nathanael Kline, son of St. Joseph Parish, will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the hand of The Most Reverend William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00

a.m. at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Weirton, WV. You are invited to attend in person or by livestream. For more information, you may call 740-512-2991 or to RSVP online you may visit Eventbrite.com. Nathanael is a graduate of the former St. Joseph Elementary School and a 2002 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. He and his wife, Racheal, reside with their five sons at 184 Aberdeen Road, Steubenville, Ohio 43953.



We are excited to announce!! Save the Date

Sunday, October 3, 2021
Tenuta Torciano Winery from San Gimignano,
Italy is returning to Dover! More information
to follow. Seating will be limited!

New Youth and Young Adult Opportunities!!

Youth Group

Join us for ice skating! Youth in 6-12th grade and their families are welcome to join us.

When: Wednesday, August 18th

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Where: Center Ice Sports Complex in Canton Ohio

The cost will be \$8.00 per person

Young Adults:

Join us **Every Sunday** for Potluck Brunch! Young adults 19-35 are welcome! When: 12:00 p.m. Where: Family Life Center.

For more information about these youth and young adult events, please contact the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Mary Maresch, at 330-364-6661, ext. 240, or at stjosephdover.ym@gmail.com.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and the Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988 for information concerning the next period of inquiry.

Parish School of Religion

Registrations for next year's P.S.R. classes have been emailed, to all who registered last year. If you have any questions or concerns, or are a new family to our program and need registration forms, please call the Parish Office. If you need hard copies, please let us know and they will be mailed to you.



Tuscarawas County Catholic School



TCC High School Employment Opportunity

Science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Possible courses include: Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Anatomy. Submit letter of interest and credentials to: Jennifer Calvo, Principal, TCC High School, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or by email at jcalvo@cdeducation.org.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

This workshop is required for all adults ages 18 and over, who volunteer or work in any capacity within the Churches and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Columbus. PGC will be offered on Saturday, August 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Preregistration is required. To register, go to www.virtus.org and follow the registration prompts. There is no cost for this workshop.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy.

Teams, if you need assistance, please contact

Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

Our soup kitchen is once again "eat in." Take home containers are needed

August 11, 2021 – Team D (Lisa Weigand) August 18, 2021 – Team E (Judy Burnham) August 25, 2021 – Team F (Boy Scouts) September 1, 2021 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

Mini Food Pantry

Our mini food pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, is a huge success! We have been able to provide foods for many people in need. If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. The items most in need are:

Canned meats

Beef stew

Rice

Canned chicken
and dumplings

Dry black beans

Small travel-sized
personal toiletries

Tuscarawas County Dress-A-Child, 2021

Dress-A-Child serves students in grades K to 12 whose families meet the federal poverty guideline and attend school in Tuscarawas County. 100% of all funds raised go to clothing vouchers. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so by putting it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Dress A Child" or by mailing it directly to either 4447 Swonger Road NW, Dover, Ohio 44622 or 2406 St. Route 39 NW, Dover, Ohio 44622. We thank you for your continued support!



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a

stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own; we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all: His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

Learn how you can share your gifts time, talent, and treasure to support your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Other Information To Note:

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions August 2021

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform Herself in the light of the Gospel.

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Lectio Divina SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"Whoever seeks the truth seeks God, whether he is conscious of it or not."
+Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Monday, August 9 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Religious, Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 As Jesus and his disciples were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were overwhelmed with grief. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, "Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes," he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, "What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?" When he said, "From foreigners," Jesus said to him, "Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you."

Meditation: On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus' prediction that he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion – the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the "Son of Man" because this was a common Jewish title for the "Messiah." So why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the "Suffering Servant" make atonement for sins through his suffering and death. Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things (those include anything against the ten commandments, anything contrary to the truths of sacred scripture and the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church) and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection.

Prayer: God of our Fathers, who brought the Martyr Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross to know your crucified Son and to imitate him even until death, grant, through her intercession, that the whole human race may acknowledge Christ as its Savior and through him come to behold you for eternity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: No one is overly fond of paying taxes, especially when one thinks they might be unreasonable or unjust. And yet taxes provide much in the way of necessary civil services. When questioned about paying the temple tax, Jesus replied to his disciples: We must pay so as not to cause bad example. In fact, we must go beyond our duty in order that we may show others what they ought to do. The scriptural expression to "give no offense" doesn't refer to insult or annoyance; rather it means to put no stumbling block in the way of another that would cause them to trip or fall. Jesus would not allow himself anything which might possibly be a bad example to someone else. Do you evade unpleasant responsibilities or obligations?

About Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: Born Edith Stein of Jewish parents, Saint Teresa Benedicta was a brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was fourteen. She was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her

Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Gottingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, an approach to philosophy, and earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. After living in the Cologne Carmel (1934-1938), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Tuesday, August 10 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14 The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

Meditation: This passage of the gospel is surprising to many. Who would have thought that the disciples would ever have an ego problem, let alone discuss with Jesus who is the greatest? Think about it – are we not guilty of having done the same thing at one or more times in our own lives? The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us, and can raise its ugly head at times. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody" who gets lost in the crowd? Even the Psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor* (Psalm 8:5). And so we might meditate on what kind of glory do we seek in correlation to answering "who is the greatest in God's kingdom?" The answer is simple: the one who is humble and lowly of heart; the one who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant and child before God.

Prayer: O God, giver of that ardor of love for you by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service and glorious in martyrdom, grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus' story about a lost sheep tells us much about God and his kingdom. Notice how the shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God (Luke 15:7). Those who seek after the lost are needed more than ever in today's "me, myself and I" world. Do you pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

Wednesday, August 11 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Clare, Virgin

Holy 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."

Meditation: What can we learn from Jesus' instructions today about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over

our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit. Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. This is what it means to have compassion for someone, which can lead to healing.

Prayer: O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate you one day in the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Trappist monk Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, once said: "Compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another." In our growing world of independence we walk around life at times with a belief that we are somehow separate from one another. This growing mindset of disconnection from God, other people, and so forth, often leads to a state of imbalance, which can bring about states of stress, anxiety, and depression, which can then lead to other problems and issues. What we fail to recognize is the fundamental belief that we are all connected with one another as children of God, and as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. And therefore recognizing this real dependence on God for everything and this interdependence on one another to help us walk side-by-side on this life's journey that God has given us is a reminder that we all make mistakes, we say things we should not have, we all support causes and beliefs that are wrong simply because we got caught up in the way of the world instead of embracing the way of God and his son, Jesus Christ. And so extending compassion to one another is a way of reaching out to help each other, to reconcile, to repair any damage, and to help restore one another to a life in Christ. Look back for a moment - in your waywardness in life (yes, we are all guilty of this!) how many times has someone reached out to you in compassion? Isn't it time for us to imitate Christ and reach out in compassion to someone who has strayed?

Thursday, August 12 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Meditation: Since God constantly has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13).

Prayer: O God, who made Saint Jane Frances de Chantal radiant with outstanding merits in different walks of life, grant us, through her intercession, that walking faithfully in our vocation, we may constantly be examples of shining light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: No offense our neighbor can do to us can compare with our own personal debt to God for offending him. We have been forgiven an enormous debt we could not repay on our own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely and willing gave up his life for our sake to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Saint Paul says, "you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and that price was Jesus' death on the cross. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross, Jesus not only brought forgiveness and pardon for our offenses, but release from our captivity to Satan and bondage to sin. If we want mercy shown to us – and we all do – then we must be ready to forgive others from the heart as God has forgiven us. Do you hold any grudge or resentment towards anyone? Ask the Lord to purify your heart that you may show mercy to all people.

Friday, August 13 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saints Pontian, Pope and Martyr, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12 Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery." His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

Meditation: Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands.

Prayer: May the precious long-suffering of the just, O Lord, we pray, bring us a great increase of love for you and always prompt in our hearts constancy in the holy faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Both marriage and the single life are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Despite what we may think or fee, our lives are not our own – they belong to God. He gives strength, joy, and blessing to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life.

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THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



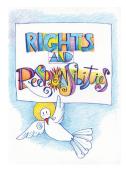
LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

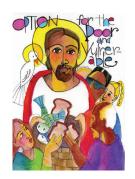


RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

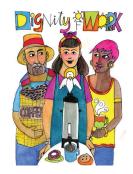


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



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Calendario Litúrgico:

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La Iglesia

Recemos por la Iglesia, para que reciba del Espíritu Santo la gracia y la fuerza para reformarse a la luz del Evangelio.

Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real Superando la ira

"Lo opuesto al amor no es la ira, es la apatía." Aunque esta frase suena real, cuando el resultado de la ira es el desamor, es porque hemos llegado a un área de pecado, así como cuando no tratamos con cuidado a nuestra fe. Afortunadamente, tenemos el modelo perfecto en Cristo. San Pablo habla en la segunda lectura, de los pecaminosos resultados de la ira. En el evangelio de hoy, la reacción de los enemigos de Jesús hacia Él, da lugar a la ira que luego lo llevaría a Su crucifixión. Aunque la ira es una emoción natural, cada uno debe trabajar para saber canalizarlo dentro de las grandes reflexiones de Jesús.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.

Notas Espirituales

Un tema repetido en las quejas o murmuraciones del pueblo contra Moisés y el Señor. En el texto de hoy acusan a Moisés y Aarón de haberlos sacado de Egipto "a este desierto para que toda la comunidad muera de hambre!" En respuesta, el Señor les envía codornices y maná, "pan del cielo," no sólo para proporcionar para ellos sino también para poner a prueba a ellos, "para ver si siguen mis instrucciones." Estos regalos del cielo sirven para demostrar a los israelitas "que yo, soy el Señor, su Dios." Acaban de partir a Egipto, una tierra con cientos de dioses, pero es el Señor quien se preocupa por ellos y que los invita a una relación exclusiva.

El evangelio de hoy continúa la historia de los panes y los peces como los discípulos siguen a Jesús a Cafarnaúm, "a través del mar" de donde fueron alimentados. Él desafía su motivo para seguirlo, alegando que lo están buscando "porque han comido de los panes hasta saciarse." Más importante que la comida que les dio, que es "la comida que perece," es "el alimento que permanece para la vida eterna." Comparan la comida que les dio el maná a sus antepasados que comieron en el desierto. Pero Jesús les dice que no es Moisés sino "mi Padre (que) nos da el verdadero pan del cielo." Su respuesta es para pedirle que "nos dan siempre de ese pan."

El autor de Efesios alienta a su pueblo "ya no viven como los gentiles." Abrazar la fe cristiana, se les llama a "poner distancia del viejo hombre" y "revestir el nuevo hombre, creado según Dios en la justicia y santidad de la verdad."

Para reflexionar: ¿Me olvido a veces las formas en que Dios me ha bendecido en el pasado? ¿Rezo por un hambre más profundo para el pan del cielo?



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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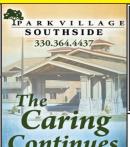
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