

May 13, 2018

Saint John the Evangelist - Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

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Jesus our Divine Teacher and Risen Lord.

Sunday Masses

7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am

12 Noon and 5:30pm

Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Monday thru Friday Masses

7:00 and 8:15am

12:10 and 5:30pm

Saturday Masses

8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday thru Friday:

11:30am to 12 Noon

5:00 to 5:25pm

Saturday:

11:30am to 12 Noon

4:30 to 5:25pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday

8:45am to Noon

12:45 to 5:00pm

Benediction: 5:00pm

Japanese Mass

1:00pm 2nd Saturday

Throughout the Year

Baptisms and Marriages

By appointment

Visitation of the Sick

Upon request

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday:

Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm

Masses

Rosary

Monday and Wednesday:

Following the 5:30pm Mass

Parish House Office Hours

Monday thru Friday:

9:00am to 12 Noon

1:00pm to 5:00pm

Music Director

Kathleen Martin

Choir Rehearsal:

Thursday at 7:00pm (September thru June)

Wheelchair Accessible

Entrance on 1011 First Avenue



NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



MASS PRAYERS IN LATIN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY & LAMB OF GOD

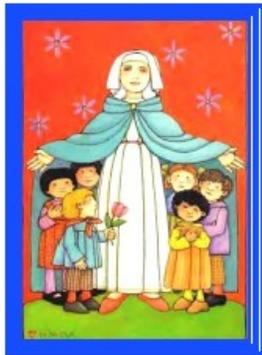
SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS CARDS



PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENVELOPE & RETURN BY
MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR CHURCH
ENTRANCES IN OUR PAMPHLET RACKS AND
ON THE TABLES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week
In Loving Memory Of

MARY & JOHN JENNERJAHN



Affirm Life

By Supporting
Our Parish's 4th Annual

Project: Baby Shower!

Help our Parish's *Project Baby Shower Team*
prepare a layette for the new babies of
expectant mothers at *Pregnancy Help, Inc.*, in
New York City.

The *Baby Shower Tree*, located in our
55th Street entrance, is filled with *Gift Tags* for
the layette items needed to welcome God's gift
of life in these new little girls and boys.

To join our *Project Baby Shower Team*:

1. Choose a Gift Tag from the Baby Shower Tree
2. Buy the Baby Gift
3. Deliver your unwrapped Gift to the baskets by our St. Francis Shrine before Friday, May 25th.

"Every child that is born...has the face of Jesus Christ...the face of the Lord." —Pope Francis



Food For Thought

*"We ourselves feel that
what we are doing
is just a drop in the ocean."*

*But if that drop were not there,
I think the ocean would be less
by that missing drop."*

—St. Theresa of Calcutta

Five Takeaways from "Gaudete et Exsultate"

"Rejoice and be glad!" is what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. It's also the title of Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation on holiness in everyday life. Why should you "rejoice and be glad?" Because God, as the Pope reminds you, calls you to be a saint. But how can you respond to that call?

Well, these five takeaways from Pope Francis' new and very practical exhortation will help you.

1. Holiness means being yourself

Pope Francis gives you many examples of holy lives throughout this document: St. Therese of Lisieux, the French Carmelite who found holiness in doing small tasks; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuit founder who sought to find God in all things; St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratorians who was renowned for his sense of humor.

The saints pray for you and give you examples of how to live, but you're not meant to be cookie-cutter imitations of them. You're meant to be yourself, and each believer is meant to "discern his or her own path" and "bring out the best in themselves." As Thomas Merton said, "For me to be a saint means to be myself."

2. Everyday life can lead to holiness

You do not need to be a bishop, a priest or a member of a religious order to be holy. Everyone is called to be a saint. "Saints next door," Pope Francis calls them. All you need to do is to "live out lives in love" and "bear witness" to God in all you do.

This doesn't have to mean big, dramatic actions. Pope Francis offers examples of everyday sanctity, like a loving parent raising a child; as well as "small gestures" and sacrifices that one can make, like deciding not to pass on gossip. If you can see your own life as a "mission," then you soon realize that as you are simply loving and kind, you move towards holiness.

You also don't have to be "swooning in mystic rapture" to be called a saint or walking around with "lowered eyes." Nor do you have to withdraw from other people. On the other hand, you do not want to be caught up in the "rat race" of rushing from one thing to another. A balance between action and contemplation is essential.

3. Two tendencies to avoid: Gnosticism & Pelagianism

Pope Francis might send people racing to their dictionaries or theology textbooks when he asks you to avoid two dangers in the spiritual life. The first is Gnosticism, from the Greek word *gnosis*, to know. Gnosticism is the old heresy that says that what matters

most is what you know. No need to be charitable or do good works. All you need is the correct intellectual approach. Today, Gnosticism tempts people to think that they can make the faith "entirely comprehensible" and leads them to want to force others to adopt their way of thinking. "When somebody has an answer for every question," says Pope Francis, "it's a sign that they are not on the right path." In other words, being a know-it-all is not going to save you.

The second thing to avoid is Pelagianism, named for Pelagius, the fifth-century theologian associated with this idea. Pelagianism says that you are saved through your own efforts. Pelagians trust in their own powers, don't feel like they need God's grace, and act superior to others because they observe certain rules.

Today's Pelagians often have, the Pope says, "an obsession with the law, an absorption with social and political advantages, punctilious concern for the Church's liturgy and prestige." It's a real danger to holiness because it robs you of humility, sets you over others, and leaves little room for grace.

4. Be kind

"Gaudete et Exsultate" is filled with Pope Francis' simple advice for living a life of holiness. For example, he says, don't gossip, stop judging and, most important, stop being cruel.

That goes for online actions, too. Pope Francis' comments on this topic are memorable. Online, he writes, "defamation and slander can become commonplace...since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, as people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others... In claiming to uphold other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying and ruthlessly vilifying others." So, to be holy, be kind.

5. The Beatitudes are a roadmap for holiness

As you might guess from the document's title, the Beatitudes, Jesus' list of "blessed are's," are central to this exhortation. The Beatitudes are not only what Jesus means by holiness, they are also a portrait of our Lord Himself. So, like Him, you're called to be poor in spirit, meek, peacemakers, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on.

But to focus on one Beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful." Pope Francis says mercy, one of the central themes of his papacy, has two aspects: helping and serving others and also forgiving and understanding. Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who plot revenge!"

And what is Pope Francis' overall summary of holiness? It's based on the Beatitudes: "Seeing and acting with mercy."

(This article is adapted from "America" Magazine)

dear Padre

When our priest raises the host during the consecration at Mass, a parishioner says out loud, "My Lord and my God!" Am I out of line to feel this isn't right?

The liturgical assembly at Mass isn't a random collection of individuals; rather, the faithful form a holy people to give thanks to God. "They are consequently to avoid any appearance of singularity or division....This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 95-96*). Moreover, unity is achieved in the vocal prayers and responses at Mass, "that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit," we "may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The Eucharistic Prayer—the preeminent prayer of the Church—is voiced by the priest on everyone's behalf. All participate in the collective prayer by our acclamations throughout: the preface dialogue, Sanctus, memorial, and great amen. These express our belief in the mystery of faith and our unity in the Church's prayer.

The revised *Roman Missal* omitted the memorial acclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again," because there's no equivalent text in the original Latin and also because it's more of a proclamation of faith than a prayer.

Likewise, "My Lord and my God" is a proclamation of faith that may be for some an entirely appropriate response for a believer as the host is raised, but the Church provides three communal prayers as acclamations immediately following the consecration. Any personal expression should be prayed silently to preserve the unity of the Mass.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei (Vigil of Sunday Mass)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 MOTHER'S DAY

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Richard M. Cashin
10:30am +Carolyn Roque
12:00pm Mother's Day Novena
5:30pm +Agnes P. Mathers

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

7:00am Mother's Day Novena
8:15am +Ellen Hernon
12:10pm +Aldo Portolano
5:30pm +Anna Lippis

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 ST. ISADORE THE FARMER

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski
8:15am Mother's Day Novena
12:10pm +Eloisa G. Kiamzon
5:30pm +Ramon Calmet

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull
12:10pm Mother's Day Novena
5:30pm +Ubaldo G. Amador

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

7:00am +John W. Kelliher
8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell
12:10pm Intentions of Marie Colwell, Healing
5:30pm Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018 ST. JOHN I

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull
8:15am Mother's Day Novena
12:10pm +Rose Buttigieg
5:30pm +Gilda Merlino

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

8:15am +Kevin Thomas Rooney
12:10pm Mother's Day Novena
5:30pm Intentions of Gertha Meores, Anniversary of Baptism
(Vigil for Sunday Mass)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Requests

2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER \$8,343
2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER \$9,065

THANK YOU! WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO USE OUR ENVELOPE SYSTEM. LET US KNOW IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OFFERING ENVELOPES THROUGH THE MAIL.

FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MURIEL BRAIND, MARY GOLDSTEIN

FOR OUR DECEASED: MARION CANTONE, IAN DOWDING

Please call the Parish House to have a Parishioner's name placed on this list. Check to see if someone who is ill consents to having their name published. We only publish the names of recently deceased.