

September 9, 2012
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saint John Welcomes Deacon Forrest Wallace

Dear friends of Saint John the Evangelist,
brother deacons and Reverend Fathers,

I am grateful to Bishop Frank J. Dewane and to our pastor Father John Ludden for my new assignment to the parish of Saint John the Evangelist. I came to the Naples area five years ago as Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Ave Maria University to help open the new university campus near Immokalee. Bishop Dewane installed Fr. Robert Tatman, who many of you know, as pastor and I served as the deacon of the Quasi-parish of Ave Maria Oratory. One year after I took the job at Ave Maria my family joined me here in Florida. The process of moving for a job is difficult, but moving a whole household raises the bar quite a bit. Since I was commuting back and forth to Cincinnati, Ohio every other week, bringing six of our eight children, my mother and Elvis (our dog) to SWFL largely fell into the capable hands my beloved wife Mary. I am most grateful for the love, care and courage of my partner of 32 years. We have moved seven times and to new states four times. Each time saying to one another, "I think we will be here for the rest of our lives." So we are not saying that any more. But please know that to all of us Saint John already feels like home.

My life in the Church has taught me many valuable lessons, and perhaps the most important is to *wait on the Lord*, and His Church. I was ordained in 1993 by Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap., who was at the time the new Bishop of Fall River, Massachusetts. When he arrived my formation class had already been studying for two and a half years. We expected to be ordained the following year. Bishop Sean decided to let us cool our heels for two additional years so that he could be sure of the men he was about to



Deacon Forrest and his family came to Florida from Cincinnati, Ohio. Professionally he has worked in public affairs and product management positions for Fortune 500 companies in the financial services industry. He received his undergraduate degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ, and his MBA from Thomas More College in Villa Hills, KY. Deacon Forrest with his wife Mary have 8 children (4 boys and 4 girls) and reside here in the Saint John Parish in Naples.

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www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com
Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. — Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m., 1 & 5 p.m.

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions**Requested by****September 8, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Lillian Dunnabeck Husband

Vigil Masses3:00 PM + Mike Vondrasek Mary Ann Harper
5:00 PM + Patricia Curcio The Family**September 9, 2012 Sunday**7:00 AM + Theresa Massa Carole Calandrucci
9:00 AM + William Malley, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D'Antuono
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + June Baca-Regalado Mary Asta
5:00 PM David & Trina Goduti's Wedding Anniversary
Fred & Barbara*Wine & Host in Memory of Vincent A. Cinque- Requested by Eileen Cinque***September 10, 2012 Monday**

8:30 AM + Maurice Glennon The Family

September 11, 2012 Tuesday

8:30 AM + Vincent A. Cinque Dolores Kernochan

September 12, 2012 Wednesday

8:30 AM + Vincent A. Cinque Jim & Darlene Follese

September 13, 2012 Thursday

8:30 AM + Marge Smith Debbie Scott

September 14, 2012 Friday

8:30 AM + Anthony "Tony" Scully Sal & Catherine Celebreto

September 15, 2012 Saturday

8:00 AM + Theodore Brandt Dolores Kernochan

Vigil Masses3:00 PM + Jerry LeBeau Mary Ann Harper
5:00 PM + Joseph Carolla Josephine Mello**September 16, 2012 Sunday**7:00 AM + Marie Ann Koerner Jim & Marianne Walter
9:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Antuono Mr. & Mrs. A. D'Antuono
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz Joanie Schultz
5:00 PM + Mary Richard William & Patricia Pfau**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, September 8, 2012**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]**Vigil Masses**

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Sunday, September 9, 2012Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**Monday, September 10, 2012**

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12, 2012The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26**Thursday, September 13, 2012**St. John Chrysostom
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38**Friday, September 14, 2012**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17**Saturday, September 15, 2012**Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**Vigil Masses**

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Sunday, September 16, 2012Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 is available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the Parish Life Center, Classroom 5. A trained childcare provider is available during these nursery hours.

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM

You're Invited to Two Mass Tapings at St. John

The taping of two Masses for the Diocese of Venice will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 18 at St. John the Evangelist. The Masses are televised for those who are unable to attend Sunday Masses in one of the parishes of the Diocese.

The first Mass taped will be the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time and will air September 30. The second Mass taped will be the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Times and will air November 4. Fr. Len will be the celebrant for both Masses.

There will be a 15 minute break between each Mass. Light refreshment will be available for those who attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass that day and plan to stay for the taping. Taping should last about an hour and a half. All parishioners are invited to attend the tapings.

Televised Masses for Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte, Glades and Desoto counties air on WFTX-TV FOX 4 on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Deacon Forrest Wallace Joins Saint John Parish Family

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distribute in his diocese. Sometimes the wisdom of the Church is evidenced in the patience of her servants. Cardinal O'Malley is a patient man.

In the additional two years of formation two of my classmates discerned that they were not called to serve through diaconate. The rest of us got a better and deeper education than we had expected and further developed our spiritual lives. I bring this up because I have enjoyed the ability to preach homilies in the four dioceses in which I have lived: Fall River, MA; New Orleans, LA; Cincinnati, OH; Venice, FL. It is a faculty which I take seriously. In our Diocese of Venice Bishop Dewane requires that Deacons who desire to preach at Mass must take instruction in Venice and be approved by a review board of evaluators. In other words, patience is required. As with the ordination experience, sometimes we have to wait on the Church so that we can be prepared for her duties.

My hope in serving at Saint John is that I will be a useful servant. Having worked and taught at Ave Maria I realized there were many intellectual and theological giants there, and I was not one of them. What I offered the community there and what I offer to the family of Saint John the Evangelist is the perspective of a family man who loves the Church. It is the theology-of-the-kitchen-table. God asks us to do His will every day in the simple, small things that make up our daily life. One of my favorite spiritual writers, Fr. Jean Pierre de Caussade, calls this the *Duty of the Moment*. The Will of God is what is in front of us at the moment. It is not glamorous. It is washing dishes, cutting the grass, loving a child, or making a living. I have always explained this to my children and my students as, "Line up every day and play every play." I look forward to doing the Duty-of-the-Moment with and for the Saint John the Evangelist family.

I thank you for the warm welcome that we have received and look forward to being with you for some time to come.

In the peace of Christ,

Deacon Forrest Wallace

"So You Could Not Keep Watch With Me for One Hour?" Next event September 17

Planned Parenthood will have completed three years of abortions in Naples on Monday, September 17. Over 1,200 babies have been destroyed by surgical abortion and who knows how many more by use of the abortion pill (RU-486). Please join the Sidewalk Witnesses for Life on Monday, September 17 in front of Planned Parenthood on the corners of Goodlette and Creech Roads.

The Sidewalk Witnesses pray in front of Planned Parenthood every Monday from 8:30am until about 3:00 p.m. On Monday, September 17, we would like to invite as many as possible to join us anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to be a visible witness for the sacredness of LIFE and to end the killing of life at Planned Parenthood.

Parking and shuttle service will be available from the parking lots located at the west end of Creech Road just prior US41. There will be signage pointing to these parking areas. There are no sign ups or special programs slated; just your presence is needed. However, if you want to wear a white shirt and bring black balloons, that would help demonstrate our grief over the evil that prevails there.

We continue to present ourselves in a quiet, prayerful manner, praying for the exploited women, the babies being aborted and all those involved in the abortion industry.

Annual Kristallnacht Convocation Sunday, November 4 at St. Agnes Parish in Naples

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County invites everyone to participate in the annual Kristallnacht Convocation, on Sunday, November 4, 3:00 p.m., at St. Agnes Parish in Naples. This program is held in remembrance of the Holocaust. The keynote speaker is Rabbi James Rudin. For details, call 239.263.4205.

SAVE THE DATE

St. John the Evangelist

Annual Columbus Dinner/Dance

Friday, October 5 • 6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

in the PLC Ballroom



See future bulletins for more information.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Fr. Len Gioeli | Associate |
| Fr. Thomas Kelly | Associate |
| Deacon Hal Brenner | |
| Deacon Rob Chalhoub | |
| Deacon Frank Panicia | |
| Deacon Forrest Wallace | |
| Deacon Al Groh | Senior Status |

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

General Manager
Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records
Melanie Harrison: Ext. 113

Assistant to the Pastor
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Tom Oram: Ext. 179

Choir Director
Ellie (VanderMeuse) Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

Communications
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

Memorial Garden
Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

Religious Boutique
Jackie Gibson: 513.0511

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry
Bill Maguire: 566.8740, Ext. 177

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry
Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com
Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can **e-mail:** kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2012 & 2013 availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

The spirit-filled community of St. John the Evangelist is committed to following the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church through stewardship and serving its parishioners, the community and those most in need.

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Adult Faith Enrichment Presents...

Catholicism for Catholics & The Eucharist

Wednesday, September 12th
5:30pm-7pm
St. John's Library

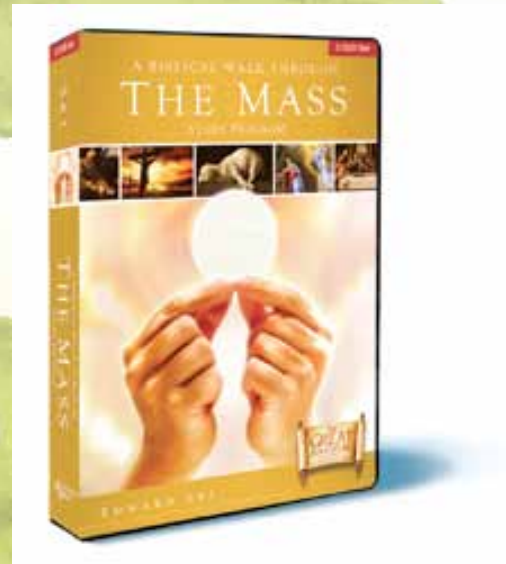
Join us for *Catholicism for Catholics!*
We gather at the same time as Faith Formation, the
Children's Choir and just before Youth Ministry
(come on in even if you're late!)
Come EVERY week for some fun and fellowship!

Here is a snapshot of the coming weeks events:

Catholicism for Catholics

- Wed., Sep. 12th** Eucharist Discussion
Wed., Sep. 19th Biblical Understanding of the Mass
BEGINS (5 weeks)
Wed., Sep. 26th Biblical Understanding...part II
Wed., Oct. 3rd Biblical Understanding...part III
Wed., Oct. 10th Biblical Understanding...part IV
Wed., Oct. 17th Biblical Understanding...part V
Wed., Oct. 24th Halloween for Catholics

We will meet every Wednesday that Faith Formation is in
class.



Wednesday Nights in the Library

5:30pm-7:00pm

**Join us EVERY Wednesday that
Faith Formation is in session!
Every Week Will Be Different!**

Future Topics May Include:

How NOT to Share Your Faith
Why Does the Church Teach *That*?
Intro to the Theology of the Body
Parenting...mind, body & spirit

Adult Faith Enrichment serves our parish by facilitating our spiritual growth and enabling us to know, love and serve God in this world in order to be with Him in the next. We are committed to serve in accordance with the Magisterium, authentic Catholic teaching based on primary sources such as Sacred Scripture & Tradition, Church Fathers & Doctors, as well as Magisterial documents in order to aid us on our spiritual journey of continued conversion.

Hymns for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8 & 9

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| Entrance Hymn: | 196 | Ready the Way |
| Preparation Hymn: | 426 | We Remember |
| Communion Hymn: | 513 | Song of the Body of Christ |
| | 412 | Open My Eyes |
| Closing Hymn: | 387 | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee |

Next Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, September 29 at Holiday Inn Airport

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, September 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

Our speaker is Jane Guenther. God helped her to turn dyslexia into a blessing and allowed her to totally focus on knowing Him. From birth the gift of perseverance has prevailed.

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Fernande Benjamin, 10711 Tropical Moon Court, Estero, FL 33928, 239.390.2727, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by September 21.



Faith and Wine

Trey Radel, Republican Nominee for U.S. Congress, to Present "Is There Room for God in Politics"

Thursday, September 13th, 2012

Please join us as we welcome Trey Radel on **Thursday, September 13th**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples). Mr. Radel will speak to us on what is sure to be a thought-provoking presentation- the intersection of God and Politics.

Mr. Radel is a husband, a father, an entrepreneur and the Conservative voice of Southwest Florida. Mr. Radel is now a candidate to represent Florida's 19th Congressional District. Most recently, he hosted one of Florida's premier Conservative TV & Radio Talk Shows - Daybreak, on TV-6 & 92.5 Fox News. He and his wife recently launched US Forces Fund, a nonprofit focused on helping injured soldiers returning home from abroad. Before the TV & radio show, Mr. Radel served Southwest Florida as a journalist, working as both an Anchor and as a Reporter in the field.

We encourage you to pre-pay for this event by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can simply sign up and drop off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." at Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur- in The Mercato- 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor (**note that you can no longer sign up at the Parish office**). The cost is \$10 if you prepay and \$15 at the door.

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women, all at different places along their faith journey, who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. Sponsorship opportunities are available - please e-mail Mary Beth Clary at mbclary@porterwright.com for more information. Join us and find out why more than 200 women have been attending Faith and Wine events!

St. John Youth Ministry

St. John Bosco's Vision for Youth Ministry: Part One

St. John Bosco is called the *Apostle of Youth*. He is known affectionately as Don Bosco, *Don* is Italian for Father. Don Bosco was a pioneer in the field of youth ministry — perhaps the first youth minister in Church history!



Bill Maguire
Director
of Youth Ministry

Don Bosco's guiding principle was *Loving Kindness*. This was expressed by his three mottos:

- "Give me souls; take away the rest."
- "It is enough that you are young for me to love you."
- "For you I study, for you I work, for you I live, for you I am even ready to give my life."

St. John Bosco received his mission to become the Apostle of Youth as a young boy. He was visited by Jesus in a dream. In his dream, he was

on a playground surrounded by other boys. The boys began to misbehave, curse and blaspheme. John lost his temper, jumped in and tried to stop the boys by force: shouting at and fighting with them.

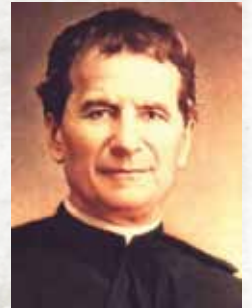
Suddenly, John saw a man, whose face was illuminated by light and wearing a white flowing mantle. The man called to John and told him that he would be the leader of these unruly boys. He spoke these words: "You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows but with gentleness and kindness." The boys in the dream then turned into the wild animals they were behaving like. The man told John: "What seems so impossible you must achieve by being obedient and acquiring knowledge."

Once he grew in humility, virtue, faithfulness and knowledge, John would witness a change in the boys who would be under his charge. At the conclusion of the dream, the man gave John a glimpse into the fruits of his future work: the wild animals were suddenly changed into gentle lambs.

From then onward, the image of Jesus that Don Bosco chose to emulate was the Good Shepard. He took the great St. Frances deSales as his spiritual father. St. Frances de Sales, renowned Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was known as the Gentle Saint. Don Bosco was convinced that the key to winning the hearts

of young people for Christ is practicing *Loving Kindness*. This would be achieved not through force, shouting and losing one's temper, but rather through gentleness and tireless patience. Perhaps this is why Don Bosco recognized the necessity of going to Confession on a regular basis and frequent reception of Holy Communion!

I look forward to sharing more of Don Bosco's vision for youth ministry with you in the coming weeks. It is with his spirit that I hope to animate youth ministry here at St. John the Evangelist. *St. John Bosco, pray for us!*



St. John Bosco
—from Jmrasor/
Wikipedia

Upcoming Events:

High School Youth Group

Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
PLC Ballroom
Start Date: September 16

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday evenings ~ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Seminar Room Claussen Center
Start Date: September 12

Adult and Young Adults

Please prayerfully consider joining our team of leaders.

Registration

Please register your son or daughter. Registration forms are on the Youth Ministry section of the parish website. Registration fee is \$65. **Scholarships and financial aid are available!**

Bill Maguire, M.T.S.

bill@saintjohntheevangelist.com

(mobile) 239.330.5955



Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

Homebound

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

Al & Ann Kerns 514.1553

Lectors:

Victor Yepez 290.9090

Daily Mass Lectors:

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Develops programs for adults to grow as Catholics through activities such as retreats, small groups meetings, lectures, seminars, social action and workshops. Stephanie Wardein: 289.5541; Perpetualimagesofnaples@gmail.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. Next meeting is September 20. Guest Speaker Jill Sanders, PhD., is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Fort Myers. Licensed in Utah and Florida, she performs court-ordered parenting evaluations and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. She is a member of the Association of Family Law Professionals (Lee County, Florida), the Florida Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. Dr. Sanders may be contacted at 239.789.5078 or jillsandersphd@msn.com. www.aga-fl.org

AA. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., PLC; Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. PLC.

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners

by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: grenardo@comcast.net

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

Choirs:**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team who help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh and do whatever it takes to help each other. We don't meet on a regular basis, so please call Jim or Darlene: 495.9741

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

Evangelization. Designed to psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic Church. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 6 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 498.7523

Grief Support. Sessions will resume on the second and fourth Tuesdays in September — September 11 and September 25 — at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4 of the Parish Life Center. Dee Donnelly: 594.7193

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10:00-Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets

for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties, & prayer shawls. Anne Orem: 566.9636

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

Mah Jong. Wednesday, 12-3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Angie Cornelius: 498.4512

Religious Gift Shop. SUMMER HOURS:

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These hours are in effect until October. Jackie Gibson: 513.0511

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long. Thank you to all who supported this ministry during this past season. Sing-a-longs at the local nursing homes and assisted living facilities will reume in October, 2012 through April, 2013. Schedules will be printed in the bulletin as they become available. Remember there are many in these places who would enjoy your joy-filled visit all year round. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Library. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m., Room 15 Claussen Center. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the morning mass (9:15 a.m.).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

Bradley N. Chartier
U.S. Army

BM2 Charley Davidson
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Specialist Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Thomas Flood
U.S. Army

Lt. Colin Flood
U.S. Army, Special Forces

Sgt. Michael Flood
U.S. Army

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division *
LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza
(Serving in Afghanistan)

Sgt. Patrick H. Hamner
U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon

PFC. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett
U.S. Marine Corp

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
(USMC)

PFC. Ryan D. Novak
(USMC)

Lt. Martin Palmer
U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

Lt. Gregory Spencer
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN) Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray every morning in the Church except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. (*We have printed guides with the prayers.*)

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Albert J. Mansolilli and Virginia Matthews

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Joan Abele | Alexandria Dolkas | Jeanne Majeske | Joseph Ryan |
| Tom Abele | Pamela Doyle | F. Mansfield | Sherry |
| Nancy Andree | Rudy Dualsky | Judy Mazza | Maria Scarcella |
| Jacob Andrew | Michael Dunlop | Melina Megaris | Cathy Schloendorn |
| Howard Aurelius | Elsa Everstijn | Nancy Meleo | Daniel Schoenbauer |
| Joan Backe | Evelyn Felice | Lena Migliore | Carol Seiffert |
| Makayla Basile | Thomas O. Flood | Ed Moriarty | Joanne Scimone |
| Don Beaton | Donna Flynn | Joe Moylan | Jane & Bob Shengulet |
| Rick Becker | John A. Fazackerley | Pat Moylan | Rosalie Senatore |
| Ysabel Benitez | Rosario Gianino | Rev. Richard Mueller | Ralph Sirico |
| Gloria Bergeron | Elida Gil | Sebastian Nagy | Jean Smith |
| Linda Berry | Joan Granieri | Irene Nardandrea | Jeff Smith |
| Mary Bessnar | Charlotte Hallohan | Peter Nicolletta | Donna Stevens |
| Sandy Boucher | Gerald Heyen | Dennis Noone | Susan Stokes |
| Pauline Bowen | Mary Kay Hoban | Ann O'Brien | Katie Sullivan |
| Rosie Boyce | Karen Hohne | Ed O'Brien | Pat Sutter |
| Marianne Brooks | Bob Homan | Jordan Obrochta | Tara and children |
| Matt Brown | Jeff Horkey | Joseph & Mildred Ondrusek | Rita Taranto |
| Christine Cassara | Val Hunt | Edmund Ostos | Frances Todd |
| James Castaldi | Mario Incatasciato | Michael Paul | Patricia Trapnell |
| Nelly Celli | Ann Marie Johnson | Diana Pecaro | Winona Ugone |
| Dick Clark | Cade Joslin | Joe Pohrer | Ryan Ulrich |
| Karen Collins | Pat Kellington | Angela Preuss | Dolores Varone |
| Daniel Corboy | Marita Kelly | Mildred Purdy | Pat & Eloisa Velasquez |
| Thomas Cress | Debbie Kendall | Maynard Quigley | Michael Wilson |
| Edna D'Antuona | Col. Al LaBarbara | Theresa Ripp | Susan Winn |
| Roberta Dabronzo | Brian Lee | Don Robinson | Helen Zaks |
| Owen Destino | Wayne Lee | Rose Russo | |
| Carol Dickeson | William Line | | |
| Donna DiMaggio | | | |

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Name _____
Please print first and last name

Requested by _____

Your Phone Number _____ Date _____

LET US PRAY...

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



After numerous iterations and several failed attempts, we have finally chosen appropriate light fixtures for the chandeliers and wall sconces in the church. I have certainly learned a very valuable lesson in all of this. The lesson is that I have absolutely no business attempting to pick out light fixtures or any other fixtures for the church. I knew I was lacking in this department,

however, after this process it became very evident. After choosing a chandelier that I really liked, Fr. John informed me that my choice would fit well in a 1950s Catholic Church. Luckily, I had several others assisting with the selection process and they ultimately arrived at the fixtures we will install next month. Yes, I said next month. There is a lengthy delay in the production of these fixtures which will delay the lighting project. We will be able to perform some of the other work before the arrival of these fixtures. Thank you for your continued patience and I can only look forward to our very “bright” (no pun intended) future in the church.

“Andrea’s Angel” (as I have referred to this statue) arrived this past Wednesday and was installed in the southeast corner of the Memorial Garden. We will have some type of official unveiling and dedication on Sunday, September 30 in recognition of the first anniversary of her passing. Andrea was a fixture here at St. John the Evangelist and was loved by everyone who knew her. This statue will be a magnificent way to remember Andrea’s presence as an angel in our lives. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of this beautiful statue, please contact me at 566.1678.



I have had several questions from parishioners recently regarding the “expired” tax law for IRA owners to make qualified contributions to the charity of their choice. Below is the best information I can find.

Parishioners who would like to make a gift to St. John the Evangelist or the Diocese of Venice directly from their individual retirement account this year may have to think twice before donating. The tax code provision that allowed IRA owners to contribute up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to the qualified charity of their choice—without recognizing the donation as income—expired at the end of 2011, and Congress has given no indication if it will be renewed.

Parishioners need to know the rules as they stand now, or they could be in for an unpleasant surprise during next year’s tax season.

The Pre-2012 Donation Rule

As it existed through December 2011, the “donation rule” worked as follows: an owner of an IRA who was over 70½ could directly transfer IRA funds to the charity of his or her choice without counting the donation as income. Because IRA owners who have reached age 70½ are required to withdraw a certain amount, called a minimum distribution, from their IRA assets each year and count this as taxable income, the donation rule was attractive to clients who wished to minimize income.

Minimizing income is a goal for many IRA account owners aged 70½ and older. Increased levels of income can push retirees into higher tax brackets for Social Security tax purposes, and can also make them liable for higher Medicare payments. Until the end of 2011, it was possible to exclude the entire required minimum distribution from income, assuming that the IRA owner’s annual minimum distribution requirement was below \$100,000 and he or she donated the entire amount.

The taxable gifts were not deductible under the pre-2012 provision, but the income-reducing benefits made it a smart choice for many IRA owners.

Donating IRA Funds in 2012 and Beyond

Congress has a history of reinstating expired tax code provisions and applying them retroactively. It is possible, therefore, that Congress could act at some point this year or next to reinstate the donation rule for gifts made in 2012.

If the account owner is confident that he or she wants to make the donation regardless of the tax treatment, the IRA sponsor can transfer the gift directly from the IRA to the qualified charity. If Congress does act to retroactively reinstate the donation rule, the gift will be excluded from income just as under the pre-2012 rule.

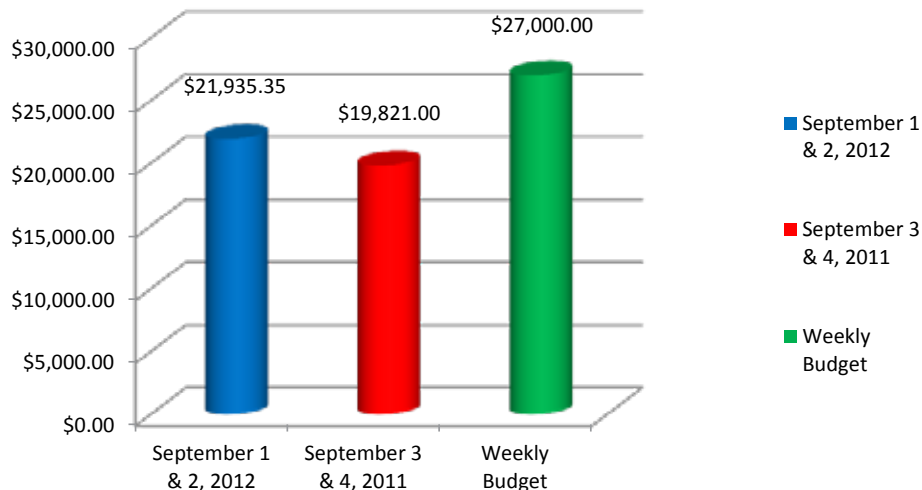
If Congress does not act to reinstate the donation rule, any charitable donation made from the parishioner’s IRA would be treated in the same manner as a gift made from any other source. This means that the distribution from the IRA would be recognized as income by the account owner, and the gift would later be included on his or her tax return as an itemized deduction. While the deduction would offset income, the benefit is not nearly as great as it was when the income was not recognized in the first place.

And now you know the rest of the story!

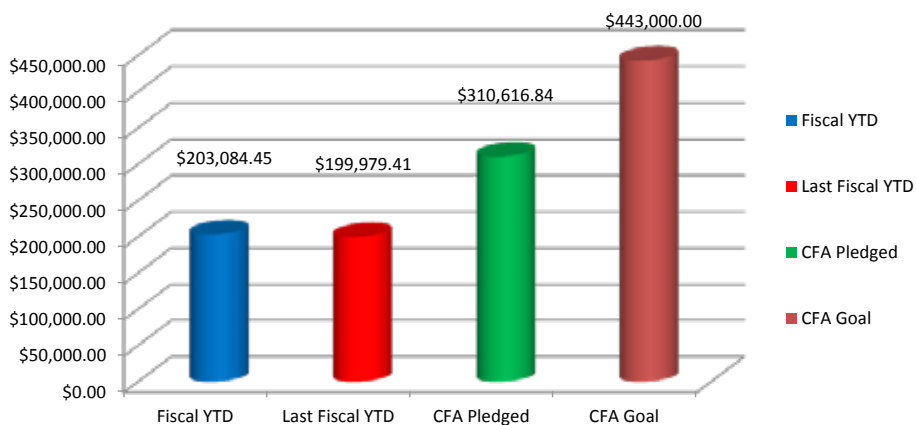
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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GUEST SPEAKER
Sheila Hopkins

Associate Director for Social Concerns/Respect Life
Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, Tallahassee



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1:30 PM
Incarnation Parish Center
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During this election season, our parish will be utilizing materials from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Venice on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Distribution of other election-related materials on church property will not be permitted.

Among other activities, posting fliers or signs, passing out campaign literature, and leaving unauthorized materials anywhere in the building or on car windshields, are prohibited.

We appreciate your compliance with this policy.

Isaiah 35:4-7A
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

The Word & Life

The Gift of Hearing

“Ephphatha!” – that is, “Be opened!” These are the words of Jesus to the deaf man. In Jesus’ day, a deaf man was considered to be of no use to society. Physical impediments were viewed to be symptomatic of individual or familial sin. The lack of hearing also brought with it a speech impediment. Living with disabilities in first century Israel would have filled a man with fear and anxiety in terms of security and the future. “Be opened!” These are words of hope and words of healing given by Jesus to a man who hungered for belonging and security. The words and action of Jesus bring back the fullness of life and promise. The man experiences a new way of life. He is able to hear clearly and to express the thoughts of the mind and heart.

When we were baptized these same words were uttered to us as the priest or deacon touched our ears. These same words, just like the man from the district of the Decapolis, bring us life and secure for us a destiny of hope and promise. Through baptism each one of us enters into a life that enables us to hear an alternative wisdom than that of the world. We are asked to proclaim one faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. As we grow in Christian faith, we listen to words of healing, restoration and forgiveness.

Today’s story of healing is very significant for the history of salvation because it took place in the Gentile world – a world deemed beyond God’s interest and favor. When Jesus heals this man, he is showing that no one, absolutely no one, is beyond God’s love and concern. Why is this important to us? It is important to us because no person should ever be considered unworthy of our love and acceptance. If we have closed our minds and our ears

Reflection Questions

1. What voices do I listen to?
2. What influences my decision making?
3. Do I listen to the wisdom of Jesus Christ?
4. In what ways have I been deaf to God’s message?
5. Do I freely proclaim my faith?
6. Do my words reflect the compassion and concern of Christ?
7. Where is Christ asking me to be open with my family and in the way I live?
8. What is the gospel teaching me right now?

to the needs of others because of something they have said or done, we cannot adequately express a lively faith. Jesus continues to offer hope for others of: “Ephphatha!” – that is, “Be opened!” Jesus encourages us to embrace the life that he lived and the compassion that he shared. The cries of the hungry and poor of the world fall upon deaf ears. Those who remain hidden because of prejudice and discrimination experience the muting of their voice because they are deemed unimportant. In the midst of these sinful attitudes that are contrary to the gospel proclaimed, the one from Nazareth, cries out “Be opened!” Be open to his presence in the guise of the lonely, the forgotten and the unwanted. Who are these people? They are the men and women of the road who, for whatever reason, wander up and down our highways – yes, the ones we see from time to time coming out of the woods with a sleeping bag rolled up under their arms. These are the ones who wander into food pantries looking for something to eat. These are the very ones with sun scorched faces who often ask for money for alcohol to dull their emotional pain. When we are confronted by these complex situations in life, we are asked to take a radical stance and allow the wisdom of Jesus to dictate.

**Reflecting
on the Sunday Readings
with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**



Prayer

Let us pray the words invoked at our baptism: “May Christ soon touch our ears to receive his word and our mouths to proclaim his faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.

— (Adapted from the Rite of Baptism)

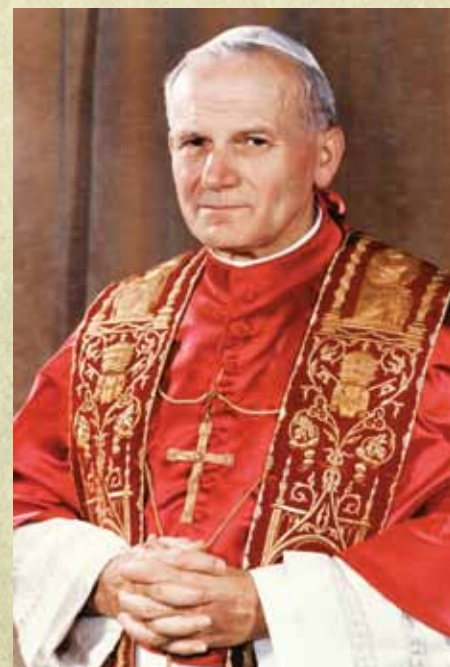
Wisdom of the Fathers

“Ephphatha, be opened!” (Mk 7:34). The words spoken by Jesus at the healing of the deaf mute ring out once more for us today; they are stimulating words of great symbolic intensity which call us to open ourselves to listening and to bearing witness.

Does not the deaf mute mentioned in the Gospel bring to mind the situation of those who are unable to establish a communication which gives true meaning to life? In a certain way, he reminds us of those who shut themselves up in a presumed autonomy, which leaves them isolated from God and often from their neighbor as well. Jesus turns to this man to restore to him the capacity to open himself to the One who is Other and to others, in an attitude of trust and freely-given love. He offers him the extraordinary opportunity to meet God who is love and who allows himself to be known by those who love. He offers him salvation.

Yes, Christ opens man to a knowledge of both God and himself. He who is truth (cf Jn 14:6) opens man to the truth, touching him from within and thus healing “from within” every human faculty.”

— *Homily of Blessed John Paul II, given on September 10th, 2000.*



Pope John Paul II
(Catholic News Service)

Sunday, September 9th: 5 PM Mass Worship Aid

the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Song

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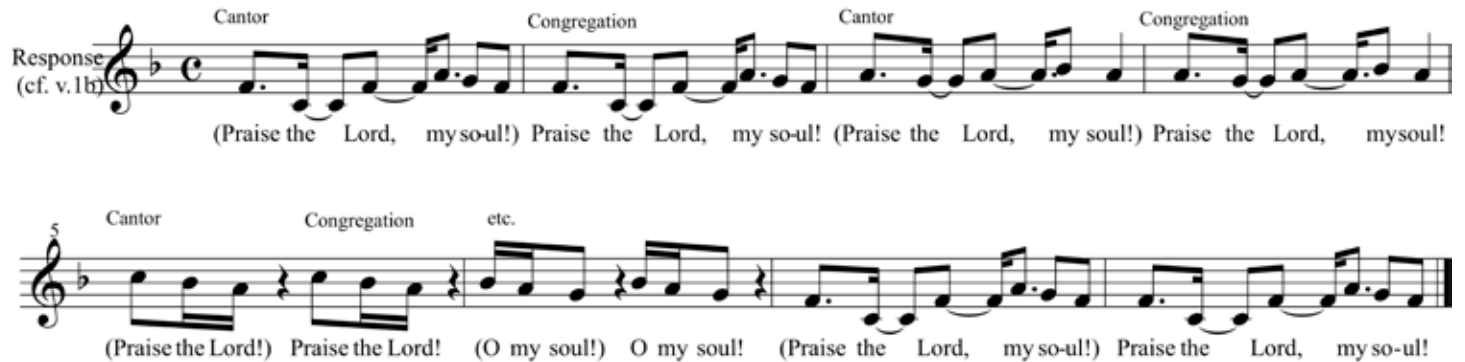
Bob Hurd

Kyrie • *spoken*

Gloria • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Response (cf. v. 1b)



Gospel Acclamation

• *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song

Better Is One Day

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Verse 1)

Verse 2)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty,
 For my soul longs and even faints for you.
 For here my heart is satisfied within your Presence
 I sing beneath the shadow of your wings *(to chorus)*

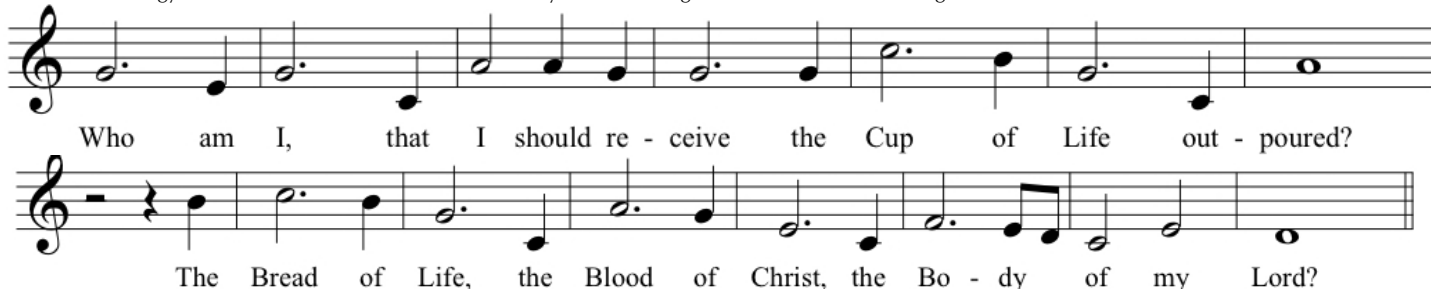
One thing I ask and I would seek:
 to see your beauty,
 to find you in the place your glory dwells
(repeat, then to chorus)



Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (B) • Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass*

Our Father • *spoken*

Agnus Dei • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)



Verse 1) Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!
 Cause me to see you as you are:
 The King of glory, the Lord of love
 The Shepherd of my heart!

Verse 2) Too great for me, this wisdom of the Lord:
 to hold the Savior in my hand.
 And greater still, the gift of God:
 That I should be one with Him!

Br.) Lamb of God (*Lamb of God*), Holy God (*Holy God*)
 I come to receive you now. Come into my heart,
 Fill my life, with your very Presence, Lord!

Coda) Lamb of God (*Lamb of God*),
 Holy God (*Holy God*), Lamb of God (*Lamb of God*), Holy God (*Holy God*)—Lamb of God!

412 Open My Eyes Jesse Manibusan

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Verse
 Let the poor man say, "I am rich in him."
 Let the lost man say, "I am found in him."
 Oh, let the river flow!
 Let the blind man say, "I can see again."
 Let the dead man say, "I am born again."
 Oh, let the river flow! Oh, let the river flow—

Chorus
 Let the river flow, let the river flow
 Holy Spirit, come, move in power
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow!

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What is Conscience?

In ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*** (no. 17), the Catholic Bishops of the United States Conscience remind us:

“The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. ...Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”

Conscience is a judgment of practical reason that helps us to recognize and seek what is good, and to reject what is evil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778, 1796).



The Second Vatican Council wrote:

“Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16).

Conscience does not simply “come to us”! Throughout our lives, we have to spend time *forming our consciences* so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular situations.

How Do I Form My Conscience?

As the bishops note in ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***, we need to form our consciences in an *ongoing manner*. How do we do this?

- 1) When examining any issue or situation, we must begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) We must **study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) We must **examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices.
- 4) We must **prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* adds:

- 5) The **prudent advice** and **good example** of others support and enlighten our conscience.
- 6) The **authoritative teaching** of the Church is an essential element.
- 7) The **gifts of the Holy Spirit** help us develop our conscience.
- 8) Regular **examination of conscience** is important as well (p. 314).



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Reflections on Conscience

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1777 Moral conscience,¹ present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to **do good and to avoid evil**. It also **judges particular choices**, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.² It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a **judgment of reason** whereby the human person recognizes the **moral quality of a concrete act** that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.

¹Cf. *Rom* 2:14-16. ²Cf. *Rom* 1:32.

Reflections on Conscience Formation

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1784 The education of the conscience is a **lifelong task**. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. **Prudent education** teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults.



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The education of the conscience **guarantees freedom** and **engenders peace** of heart.

1785 In the formation of conscience the **Word of God** is the light for our path,³ we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also **examine** our conscience before the **Lord's Cross**. We are assisted by the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**, aided by the **witness or advice of others** and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.⁴

³Cf. *Ps* 119:105. ⁴ Cf. *Dignitatis Humanae* 14.

Reflection Questions

1. What is conscience?
2. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
3. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
4. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

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| 21 | Willemstad, Curaçao |
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| 23 | Philipsburg, St. Maarten |
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