


June 19, 2016
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jesus gives us hope.

“For you, O Lord, are my hope.” (Psalm 71:5)



On Day One in Vacation Bible School which was held all last week, the children learned how prophets foretold of Jesus, the Light of the World. He fulfilled all of their prophecies exactly! (John 1:1-34, Isaiah 9:2) Sal the Salamander, Bible Buddy, reminded the kids that JESUS GIVES US HOPE! It was a great day filled with songs, snack, crafts, games, bible adventures and Kid Vid Cinema.

For more photos from VBS Days One and Two see page 16 and 17



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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Thursday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions Requested by

June 18, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Esther Davis	Dave Davis
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM		Dan Haver	Deborah Marsh
5:00 PM	+	Rachel Emanuel	A Friend
June 19, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Kevin J. Ferreira	Perez Family
9:00 AM	+	Ambrogio & Antonia Nardulli	Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Jeff Horkey	Darlene & Jim Follese
5:00 PM	+	Christopher Berg	Perez Family
June 20, 2016	Monday		
8:30 AM	+	Harold & Pauline Thoman	Iris Horey
June 21, 2016	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+	Joe Reid	Darlene & Jim Follese
June 22, 2016	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+	Antonio Ragucci	Douglas O'Connor
June 23, 2016	Thursday		
8:30 AM	+	Joe Reid	Anne & Jim McCarthy
6:30 PM	+	Edward Owens	Nelly Willshire
June 24, 2016	Friday		
8:30 AM	+	Jean DeCesare	Kay Reid
June 25, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Patrick D. Giordano	Wife & Children
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM		Mass for the Unborn	Respect for Life Committee
5:00 PM	+	John & Ann Matikitis	Ruth Miller
June 26, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Fr. Al McPartland	Chrys Fisher
9:00 AM	+	Philip Severs	Family
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Holly Bunnell	Perez Family
5:00 PM	+	Catherine Lombardo	Mary Rogier

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, June 18, 2016****Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;

Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

Sunday, June 19, 2016**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day;****Julian Calendar Pentecost**

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;

Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

Monday, June 20, 2016*Summer begins*

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21, 2016**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;

Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22, 2016**St. Paulinus of Nola;****Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More**

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23, 2016

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 24, 2016**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Saturday, June 25, 2016**Blessed Virgin Mary**

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Sunday, June 26, 2016**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound

Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing emministry@sjecc.com. An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to**5** available during the following Mass times:

Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

MASS INTENTIONS...

Campaign Corner

June 19, 2016

“Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage.” — Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The Future of the Catholic Church: Engagement and Fellowship for All

We have met with so many members of the larger community around St. John, from developers and construction managers, to the schools around us, to the senior center caregivers, to the fitness instructors, to the people who live right across the street in Naples Park. Without exception, every single one of them have praised our plans for bringing persistent arts, wellness, and social activities to our Parish Family and the larger Naples community. They are all excited about it and are looking forward to contributing.

What really caught my attention this past week, however, was the massive set of families and youth that descended on our campus for Vacation Bible School. With over 400 youth, their families, and volunteers here for an entire week of fun activities, games, food, music, and spiritual enrichment, it is a week of joy here at St. John. Many of these faces are here on campus on a weekly basis, if not more frequently, but still more may not be as engaged in this parish and our faithful journey together. This may even be one of the only times they set foot on campus each year. What about this week makes them all excited to be here? How can we translate that to these families and volunteers that there is more for them at St. John, that can fulfill their needs, socially and spiritually? These are the questions we need to ask in order to grow the Parish Family and the Catholic Community in Naples. The answers are found in Fr. John's vision. Our parish will have a constant set of programs that will reach all types of Catholics and non-Catholics. Every age group and various interests. A church alive and vibrant, that will draw back (and draw in) those who have stepped away from the Church as well as to introduce our community to those who have not been included before. That is the way we have these 400 children deepen their relationship with Jesus and each other and build the future of the church.

While the money has been pledged in our **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign to accomplish the facility and some of our other urgent needs, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals, including the detailed execution of the above programs. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: campaign@sjecc.com.

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at:
www.sjecc.com/future.



Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager
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PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	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.

Mass Intentions

We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2016 wine and host and flowers 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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566.8740

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Natalie Campbell: *Ext. 3904 and 3909*

Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: *Ext. 3918*

email staff members at:

info@sjecc.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

Thursday Evening

6:30 p.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@sjecc.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@sjecc.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

PARISH INFORMATION...

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in His church and our community.*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 18 & 19

Readings:	716
Entrance Hymn:	402 We Gather Together
Preparation Hymn:	501 Now We Remain
Communion Hymn:	243 I Am the Bread of Life
	463 I Will Choose Christ
Closing Hymn:	193 Take Up Your Cross
Choral Anthem at 9 AM Mass	
Prelude:	I Am His Child <i>Hogan</i>
Communion:	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need <i>Willburg</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, June 20: Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 28 (27):8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and
govern them for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 145 (144):15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

**Tuesday, June 21: Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 24 (23):4, 3*

The clean of hands and pure of heart
shall climb the mountain of the Lord
and stand in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God upholds his city for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 78 (77):24-25*

God gave them bread from heaven;
man ate the bread of Angels.

**Wednesday, June 22: Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in
Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ex 34:11, 23-24*

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Jn 15:16*

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear
fruit, fruit that will last.

**Thursday, June 23: Thursday of the Twelfth Week in
Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 28 (27):8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and
govern them for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 145 (144):15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

**Friday, June 24: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John
the Baptist**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Jn 1:6-7, Lk 1:17*

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to testify to the light,
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 1:78*

Through the tender mercy of our God,
the Dawn from on high will visit us.

**Saturday, June 25: Saturday of the Twelfth Week in
Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who bore the Creator of all
things.

You became the Mother of your Maker,
and you remain for ever Virgin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.

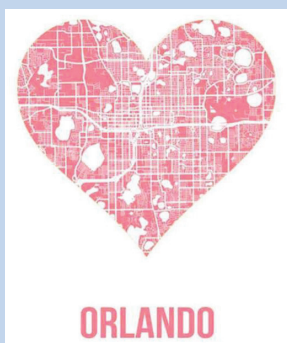
COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 1:49*

He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

#ToLove – We Are St. John:

How We Stay Safe

A few months ago I told you all about how my wife knows better than anyone just how much I care and worry about each and every one of you: our Parish Family, our own families, and our guests who come to St. John for the love, joy, and engagement of our Catholic Faith. I have not slept well this week for sure. No matter what the attempted reasoning or explanation, there are no words for the senseless violence that occurred last weekend in Orlando. It calls to my mind all the times we have witnessed these types of acts, both here in the U.S. and abroad. I and my family were in DC on 9/11. My first son had not even had his first birthday. Imagine the weight of knowing how much the world had changed for him that day and magnify it for the 14,000 members of our Parish Family. We are all vulnerable in some way, and it is our responsibility to create a safe environment here within the



campus of St. John, a sanctuary where people can worship, laugh, cry, and come together in a joyous and restorative way every single day. Hatred can only be met and bested by love, not violence. However, love is not an adjective, it is a verb. We love so we must act, both for our own community and to serve those in so much pain in Orlando.

I want to thank all of our ministries and their members for embracing our Safe Environment program. It is essential to our Parish Family to make sure that every face they see at St. John not only illustrates the loving and merciful gaze of Jesus, but that they are ready to provide the protection of our Catholic Church. Several groups that are directly responsible for our safety, namely the Ushers and Greeters and the Knights of Columbus, have become certified Crowd Managers. The North Naples Fire Department came in March to St. John and certified over 30 parishioners in Crowd Management. What is Crowd Management? It is the ability to understand the physical environment and the people within it to ensure their safety. Some of it is common sense. Some of it is situational awareness. Looking around the church, seeing it bursting at the seams during many Masses with standing room only, and this past week, with 500 youth and adults participating in Vacation Bible School, you can see how important Crowd Management is to our church.

I hope you will always feel safe and enjoy your faith journey as part of our Parish Family. We are working together to make this small spot on the Earth a shelter to welcome all to our Catholic Community.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

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#ToServe – We Are St. John: Whole Parish Family Working Together

It always amazes me each time I attend Mass or participate in an event here at St. John just how many wonderful volunteers we have. The volunteers and ministries of our parish assist and lead almost every facet of the church. They give out the body and blood of Jesus both here in the church, at the hospitals (we now support two!), and at people's homes. They go out into the community and serve food to those in need. They set up dances and doo whop nights. They take care of those grieving spouses who have lost a loved one. There is so much our volunteers do.

In the spirit of this fact, I want to announce the upcoming "We Are St. John" activities. These activities will be focused on bringing our entire Parish Family together, both those who currently serve, as well as those of you who have not had the time to commit to one of the ministries of our Parish. These events are of a scale never before seen at St. John, and they require the engagement of the whole parish, not just one or two groups. These events are not huge obligations. They do not require a family to sacrifice every week or every month, but instead commit to helping on a certain day, for a small period of time.

- **Helping Hands: August 4, 5:00 p.m.** – Imagine being able to feed 20,000 people. Would you like to join us to achieve this goal, all within the span of two hours? Catholic Relief Services will be setting up a "Meals Ready to Eat (MRE)" station in our Ballroom, where we will have the chance to make a major impact on the starving population of the world. Join us in this effort, and bring all the friends you possibly can. There are jobs for all ages, and all abilities.
- **Thanksgiving in the Park Preparations: November 22 – 25** – St. John has been blessed to be designated as the primary support organization for Thanksgiving in the Park, the 30-year-old food preparation and service program to the people of Immokalee on Thanksgiving Day. We will need help gathering all the food, preparing it (including last year's fun turkey carving), and getting all the materials out to the park. Last year, we carved more turkey than they ever had done before and we are planning on another banner year. Additional support will

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be needed to clean all the pots, pans, and equipment on Friday, so we need all the help we can get.

- **Gaelic and Garlic Festival: March 18-19, 2017** – How much fun is it that both St. Patrick’s Day and St. Joseph’s Feast share the same weekend this coming year? Our whole Parish Family will come together to share the cultural food, music, dancing and revelry of both the Irish Isles and the Boot of Italy. We will have meatball eating contests, a 5K race to benefit Catholic Charities, dueling Irish Step vs. Tarantella Italian Dancers, and all the food and drink to celebrate these inherently Catholic cultural

celebrations. Perhaps we can get Fr. John to sing “Danny Boy” at least once or twice. And, with all the pomp of Arthur Avenue, we will have the traditional procession of the statue of St. Joseph through the campus and to our party in the Ballroom. We will need everyone to bring their favorite recipes and with the potential Naples community engagement, assist with everything from serving food to handling the games and booths to judging the Gaelic vs. Garlic contests.

I think you would all be as amazed as I am when you see just what we are all capable of doing together in the name of Jesus. Please join us for these activities. More information will be forthcoming on each as we get closer to their dates.



Thanksgiving in the Park Preparations 2015



Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Three

The Spiritual Adoption Program is heading into the third month. Your commitment is to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

MONTH 3 - Developing Baby – I can suck my thumb!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active in the womb now – although his mother won’t feel him for another couple of months. If his mother’s womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is



breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month – at just 9 weeks – he began to suck his thumb.

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Saturday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife and select Novena of Masses for Life on the left side.

Psalm 139:14-16 - “I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.”

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Adult Faith Formation. See page 19

AA. Monday, 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building, Carol: 804.306.5323. Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. Juliette: Lysack

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

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For information: scoutmaster@troop-226.com

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. All 1st - 5th grade boys welcome. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. For information: pack226naples@gmail.com

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

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Call the office: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Call the office: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Call the office: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 566.8740

Companion Driving Ministry. Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email sjeride@gmail.com

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the restrooms). **SUMMER Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Monday through Friday. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Divorced and Separated Support Group.

Anyone who is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) is welcome. Meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates are: May 4 and 18 and June 1, 15 and 29. Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com and Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254.

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45-7:30 p.m. Nancy Griffin: 239.777.0575

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 - 8 p.m. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Grief Support. Keep checking here for the next 7-session series. For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry call the office: 566.8740

Hospitality Ministry. Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after

the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

Job Search Skills & Support. Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the library. This is an open meeting for anyone who is unemployed or seeking a career change. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 293.6876

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

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. Vicki Brenner: 498.9900

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 Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675 or carolyn@tsusa.us. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Lessons NOT provided. Lanell Bishop: 352.1860

Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary. Our organization combines service work in support of the parish with social activities. We always welcome new members. Monthly meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551.

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Project Rachel Lay Companion. A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or lnbjudy@comcast.net

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Saturday, 7 p.m. Britta: 348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. Phyllis Crivelli: 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 250.4162

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

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

■ Please check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week. ■

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

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 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.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak USMC
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak USMC
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Ryan D. Novak USMC
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army (Afghanistan)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army	Lt. Robert Pedrighi U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
LCpl. Conor Fleurant USMC	Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Ensign Gabriella Scudato U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	MidShipman Micaela Scudato U.S. Naval Academy
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Spc. Andrew Smith U.S. Army (Kuwait)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Spc. Devin Snyder U.S. Army (Ft. Drum, NY)
Spc. Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer USMC * Embassy Security (New Zealand)	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
Spc. Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army	Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe U.S. Air Force
Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett USMC	

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. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Maria Jones: 348.5361. Wednesday morning

Centering Prayer will resume in the fall.

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. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group

"Blazing Hearts"

Meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Jayne Potter

May they rest in eternal peace.

Please pray for those on our prayer list below as well as those whose names appear on our online Prayer List at <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>.

Paul Arpaia	JC	Mary & Joseph Padula
Kristen Barson	Maria Latargia	Anthony Rende
Steve Bratcher	Mary Lukas	Cindy Rosman
John Brooks Family	Joyce Harris	Anthony Ross
Gloria & Tom Carafa Family	Gloria Maloney	Paige Shrum
Frank & Becky Comeriato	Fran & Bernard Maier	Thomas Sissman
Sam Comeriato	Gloria Maloney	Krista Sowers
Stefanie Crofton	Kaylee Manbeck	Vincent Spinella
Anthony D'Antuono	Joann Harris Mandola	Deborah Stuckey
Carol Donovan	Ron Marlow	James Stuckey
Justine Flanagan	Anthony Miro	William J. Teplica & Family
John Gazzola	Mildred Morrison	Jeanette Vogel
Jackie Gibson	Nancy	John and Chris Walsh
Emma Gilardi	Jerry O'Brien	Vincent and Susan Walsh
Christen Gilbert & Family	Kelley Wormme O'Hara	McKenna Weinstein
George Gonser Jr.	George O'Hara	John & Mary Yotis
Lisa & Richard Granger	Emma O'Rourke	Robert Zazzara
Mark Hawley	Elizabeth Padula	

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like the name(s) you submit to be on our prayer list for longer than one month, please notify us by phone or email and we will move the name(s) indefinitely to our online prayer list at: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You,

O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,

we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,

we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son

to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

LET US PRAY...

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: prayerlist@sjecc.com

JUNE 19, 2016 ~ TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fortnight for Freedom Will Be Observed June 21 - July 4

The 2016 theme focuses on “Witnesses to Freedom”

Catholic dioceses and parishes across the United States are once again encouraged to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the annual Fortnight for Freedom, which runs from June 21, the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, to July 4, Independence Day. The two-week celebration will focus on the theme, “Witness to Freedom”.

Two nationally televised Masses will bookend the Fortnight. Archbishop William Lori, Chairman, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, will celebrate the Opening Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Maryland on June 21, at 7:00 p.m. EDT. The Fortnight for Freedom Closing Mass will be celebrated by



Cardinal Donald Wuerl with Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh delivering the homily, on Monday, July 4 at noon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Both Masses will be televised nationwide on EWTN and the Catholic

TV Network.

— U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Diocese of Venice

Locally, in the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites the faithful to a closing Mass for the Fortnight for Freedom on Sunday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. The Mass is open to everyone and is for the special intention of protecting religious freedom.



Mary Immaculate
Patroness of Our Country
Pray for Us

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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Happy Father's Day

DADS
THANK YOU
— FOR ALL —
YOU'VE
DONE

to all of our
 Dads & Grandpas.
 May God bless you
 and your families
 on this special day
 and always.

Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend June 25-26

June 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity to become a witness of charity to those who suffer most. Pope Francis has encouraged all to "open your eyes and see the misery of the world."

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, one stands in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, religious persecution, etc.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy Father through your generosity. In addition, please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

The Diocese of Venice is scheduled to hold the Peter's Pence Collection on the weekend of June 25-26, 2016. Your past support of this collection has ensured that the Successor of Peter is able to respond to those most in need throughout our world. Please consider participating in this collection and becoming a witness of charity, a force of mercy that reaches out to those around the world.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



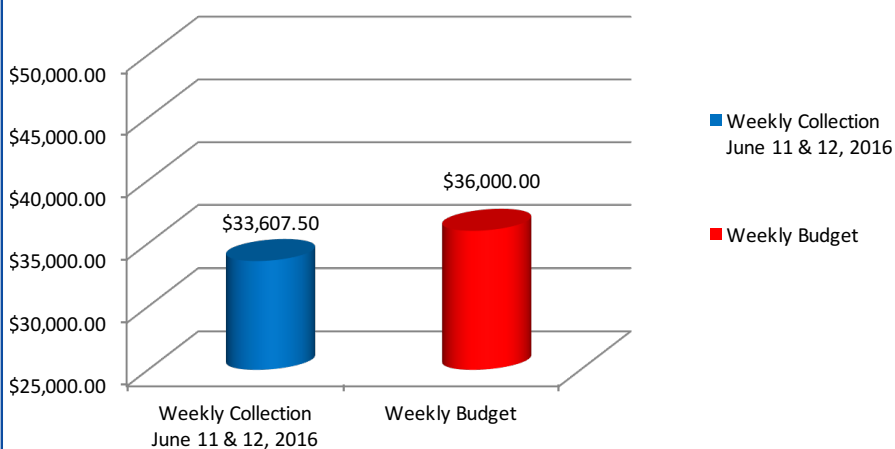
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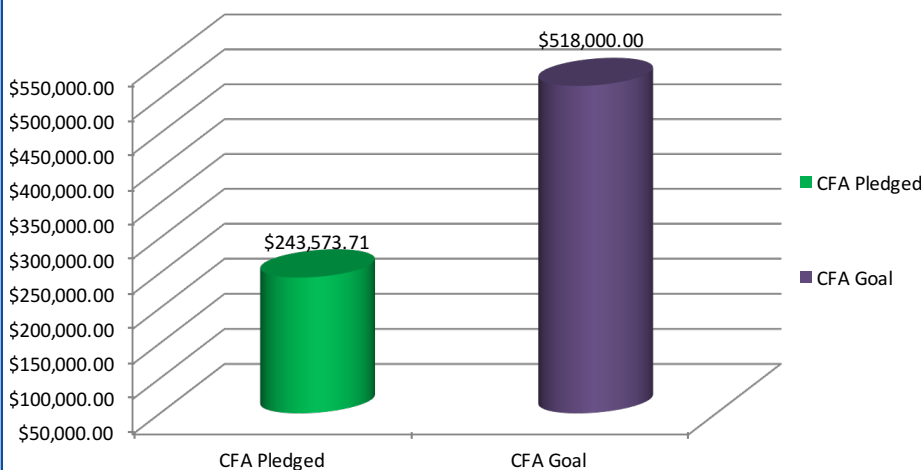
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 Yaismara Vazquez & Joel English



Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, June 19, 2016: the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

Here I Am to Worship

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Verse 1

Verse 2

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Opened my eyes, let me see

Glorious in heaven above

Beauty that made this heart adore you,

Humbly you came to the earth you created

Hope of a life spent with you: [to chorus ↓]

All for love's sake became poor [to chorus ↓]

4 So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my — God.
— And you're al-to-ge-ther love-ly, al-to-ge-ther wor-thy, al-to-ge-ther won-der-ful to — me. —

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross. (repeat, then chorus:)

Kyrie • spoken

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

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My soul is thirst - ing, my soul is thirst - ing,
my soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song

Amazing Love (You Are My King)

B.J. Foote CCLI Song No.

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Verse) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken; I'm accepted; you were condemned

I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me: because you died and rose again (to Chorus)

Chorus
A - ma - zing love, — how — can — it be, — that you my King — would die for me?
— A - ma - zing love, — I — know — it's true; — it's my joy — to hon - or you,
— in all — I — do, I hon - or you. —

Bridge) You are my King; you are my King. Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King.

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (C) • Great Amen • Agnus Dei

The Mass of St. John the Evangelist (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs **238 Taste and See** Bob Hurd
 463 I Will Choose Christ Tom Booth

Closing Hymn **193 Take Up Your Cross** Everest



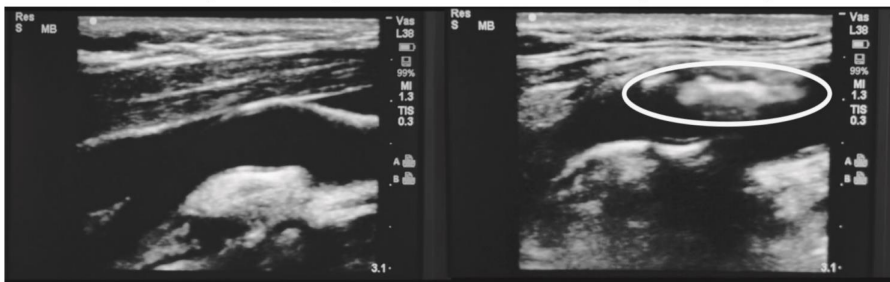
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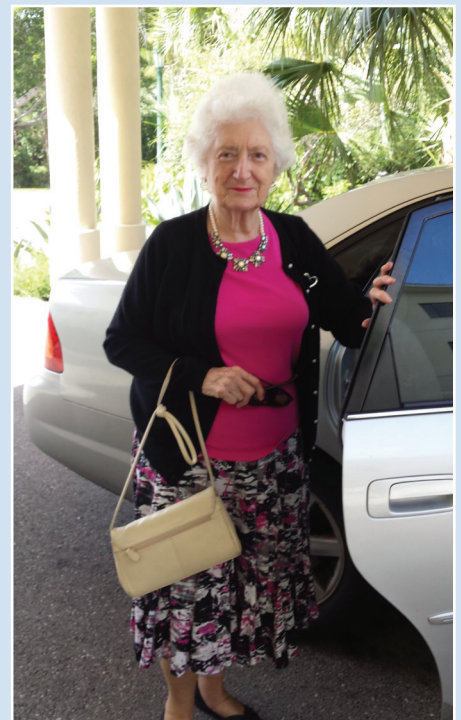


Companion Driving Ministry Needs More Drivers

The Companion Driving Ministry needs more drivers in order to meet all the ride requests for the following:

- Bentley Village ~ 6
- Arbor Trace ~ 3
- Pelican Bay ~ 1
- Naples Pak ~ 1
- Pelican Marsh ~ 1

If you have space available in your vehicle to allow a fellow parishioner to ride along with you and attend a daily or weekend Mass, please contact the Driving Ministry at sjeride@gmail.com or Beth Lucci at 877.6254. Thank you!



Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Galatians 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

The Word & Life

The Face of Christ

W

hen we take a good look at the gospels we cannot help but see the amazing things that took place during the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Today's gospel account of Peter's profession of faith falls within a context. Jesus had just fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The people had witnessed great things accomplished through Jesus' hands. They had seen the raising of a child from death, women being made whole and clean, possessed people being returned to normality once again, and many other mighty acts performed by Jesus. There must have been so much talk around during that time. Many thought Jesus was one of the great prophets who had returned;

some thought that he was nothing more than a mere magician. However, for those who had journeyed with Jesus there was much more of a greater insight given into who he was. Peter, through faith and trust, proclaims Jesus to be the Christ of God. Jesus was being named the Anointed One who would bring freedom to those dwelling in captivity. He was the dream of Israel and an answer to prayers of ancient times – he was the Messiah who brought blessing to the world. After the revelation of Peter, Jesus points out that he would suffer because of who he was. Furthermore, the disciples in following Jesus would also have to carry his cross daily to bear witness to him.

Here we are further along in the passing of time still trying to figure out the significance of the gospel in our daily lives. There is still much to say about Jesus as there was 2000 years ago, but people are still trying to find him. Who do you say that I am? Jesus can most certainly be found in our cathedral churches, local parishes, and the gathering of two or more gathered in His name. However, there is another reality at work here. Jesus can also be discovered amongst the clutter of our lives. Countless people call upon the Lord's name and encounter the Christ of faith daily. Yes, Jesus can be found in our Eucharist – it is the ultimate source and summit of any Catholic Christian. But we cannot neglect the reality of Jesus in the midst of poverty, conflict, and division. Wherever there is need, Jesus is present also. Jesus reminded us always that he is to be found in all our brothers and sisters, offering the ongoing compassion of God through us. All peoples belong to the Body of Christ. Whenever people hurt it means that the Body of Christ is hurting.

Reflection Questions

1. What is important about Peter's confession of faith?
2. Where do you find Christ present in your life?
3. What are the qualities you need in following Christ?
4. Why did Jesus have to suffer when proclaiming the good news?
5. How are you challenged in living your faith?
6. Name the things in your life that prevent you from recognizing Christ.
7. What does the cost of discipleship mean to you?

The cross of discipleship is placed upon each of our shoulders in order to bring Christ to others. The yoke of unconditional challenges allows each one of us to clothe ourselves in Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading. This means in every socio-economic environment we seek an economy of salvation and redemption. In concrete we are challenged to see the face of Christ in everyone. Again, St. Paul tells us that there are no distinctions made in trying to discern what it means to belong to God. Obviously this makes an impact on the many problematic situations we have to deal with locally, nationally, and globally. We are called to examine what Christ is asking of us in the world in which we live. Any consideration given to matters pertaining to the global economies, increasing threats to national security, immigration, the working poor, the unemployed, the forgotten elderly, and the mentally insane, should always be shaped by our understanding of how Christ is calling us to these challenging times.

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



Prayer

Lord, may we always be reminded of your everlasting presence in our Church. Teach us to cherish you in Word and Sacrament. Enable us to go beyond to see you present in a world that is contrary to your own. Help us to recognize your presence in every human being. May we always clothe ourselves in your compassion, mercy and love. Amen.

Voices of Faith

What Do You Say That I Am?

Who do you say that I am?
You are the Christ
The dream of dreams
The Lord of lords
The Deliverer of Israel and the world!

Who do you say that I am?
You are The rabbi of God
The Word Incarnate
Radiance of the Father
The desire of the Spirit

Who do you say that I am?
You are the itinerant preacher
The disturber of the comfortable
The comforter of the disturbed
The healing Lord

Who do you say that I am?
You are the miracle of God
The Savior who walks on waters
The One who calms the stormy seas
The Leader of fishermen who you call to cast out into the deep

Who do you say that I am?
You are the Son of Man who touches the lepers clean
The gentleness of God who dispossess the possessed
The forgiveness of the Father for those caught in their sin
The divine giver who bestows life in the midst of death

Who do you say that I am?
You are the bread that came down from heaven
Who feeds hungry hearts and souls
With five loaves and two fish
And water turned into wine

Who do you say that I am?
You are the servant Lord
Who stoops in humility to wash the feet of the fickle
Who offers his body and blood
As food for the journey.....food that will last

Who do you say that I am?
You are the one despised and rejected for the sake of our sins
The suffering servant who hangs upon the tree
You are the one whose wounds heal our souls
The Son of God who dies to rise again

Who do you say that I am?
You are the risen Lord who forsakes death
For death has no power over you
You are the Good Shepherd who leads us safely home
To your Father's house with many dwelling places

Who do you say that I am?
You are the presence of God in every woman and man
You are to be found in the guise of the poor, the broken...the lost
You are waiting to be discovered in the ones who struggle with life and love
You are in your people seeking the life above

Who do you say that I am?
You are the Christ
The dream of dreams
The Lord of lords
The Deliverer of Israel and the world

— "Peaceful Moments" by Fr. John J. Ludden



Good Shepherd
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VBS:
DAY ONE

Jesus gives us hope.



VBS:
DAY TWO

Jesus gives us courage.

"Take heart. It is I: do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)



On Day Two of VBS, the children learned how Jesus and Peter walked on water! Peter had courage and was able to walk on water as long as he kept his eye on Jesus! (Matthew 14:22-36). Mawtha the Moth, Bible Buddy reminded the kids that JESUS GIVES US COURAGE! It was a great day filled with fun skits, more songs, teddy grahams and blue frosting, crew picture taking and much more!



photos by Monica Gatt

DIGNITATIS HUMANAE

THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL'S DECLARATION ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state?

Religious freedom includes two important aspects – freedom *from* and freedom *for*. “Freedom from” is probably familiar and what most of us think of as freedom. It means that we are to be free from coercion. The state is not an all-powerful institution that can force people to act against their consciences.

The right to be free from coercion limits the power of the state. But this freedom must be paired with a “freedom for,” a positive orientation to seeking and acting in accordance with the truth. People have both a right *and* a duty to seek religious truth. Freedom from coercion allows the space for the pursuit of religious truth. Religious freedom requires that a society *both* refrain from preventing people from living out their religion *and* help to create the conditions for religious expression to flourish. A free society, then, is one where people actively seek religious truth and fully live out that truth in public and private. As Pope Francis recently said in Cuba, the Church must have “the freedom and all the means needed to bring the proclamation of the Kingdom to the existential peripheries of society.”

Human beings are social creatures. Religious freedom means that not only individuals but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. Parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith. Companies that seek to contribute to the common good by their responsible business practices should be encouraged. Religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

This social dimension of religious freedom entails that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means *only* that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

As the title of the Declaration suggests, human dignity is central to *Dignitatis Humanae*. A most precious aspect of being human is the two-fold capacity to exercise reason and to respond to found truth. It is natural to ask, How do I live a good life? Who created this wonderful world, and how should I respond to this Creator? Why is there suffering, and how should I alleviate it? Religious traditions offer answers to these deeply human questions. It is imperative for the sake of human dignity that people are free to pursue these questions. The pursuit of truth involves an ability to listen, for God has made us with a capacity to hear his Word. Religious freedom is the cornerstone of a society that promotes human dignity. It is a fundamental human right, for it follows on the duty of all people to seek the truth about God.



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Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

An Idea for a Last Minute Father's Day Gift

A father possessed of a clear and serene masculine identity who demonstrates affection and concern for his wife is just as necessary as a caring mother.

Father's Day 2016 is also the three-month anniversary of the publication of *Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love*, the post-synodal exhortation of the Holy Father Francis.

A broad range of issues regarding the family, parents, children, and the Church are addressed in its nine chapters, but on this Father's Day it is appropriate to focus specifically on what it says about fathers.

Here are a few excerpts that may be of interest to fathers, and grandfathers:

Men "play an equally decisive role in family life, particularly with regard to the protection and support of their wives and children... Many men are conscious of the importance of their role in the family and live their masculinity accordingly. (paragraph 55)

... A father, for his part, helps the child to perceive the limits of life, to be open to the challenge of the wider world, and to see the need for hard work and strenuous effort. A father possessed of a clear and serene masculine identity who demonstrates affection and concern for his wife is just as necessary as a caring mother. (paragraph 175)

We often hear that ours is a "society without fathers." In western culture the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing, or vanished. Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion... Fathers are often so caught up in themselves and their work, and at times in their own self-fulfillment, that they neglect their families... The presence of the father, and hence his authority, is also impacted by the amount of time given over to the communications and entertainment media. Nowadays authority is often considered suspect and adults treated

with impertinence... A reversal of the roles of parents and children is unhealthy, since it hinders the proper process of development that children need to experience, and it denies them the love and guidance needed to mature. (paragraph 176)

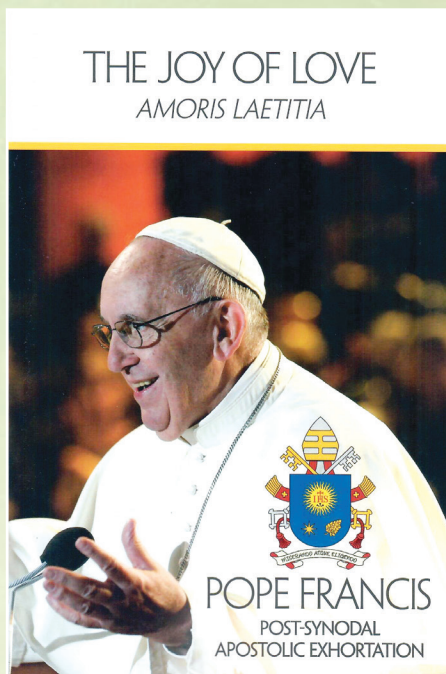
God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be "close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And to be close to his children as they grow – when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path." (paragraph 177)

Very often it is the grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and "many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents." Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before

them...(paragraph 192)

In addition, Chapter 4 is a masterpiece that should be read by every couple... who has been married for no matter how many years. It begins with Pope Francis' interpretation of the famous hymn to love in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13:4-7). Francis argues that love is not primarily a feeling, but rather a commitment of the will to do some pretty definite and challenging things..."

The complete text is available in the Divine Gift Boutique and the Parish Office for only \$10. It would make a great belated Father's Day gift, or thoughtful present for engaged couples or new parents.



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DATE	PORT LOCATION	TIME
Nov. 20, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:30pm
Nov. 21, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 22, 2016	San Juan, Puerto Rico	3:30-9pm
Nov. 23, 2016	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Nov. 24, 2016	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am-5pm
Nov. 25, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 26, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 27, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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Jan. 20, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:00pm
Jan. 21, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 22, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 23, 2017	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Jan. 24, 2017	Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis	7am-3pm
Jan. 25, 2017	Bridgetown, Barbados	9am-6pm
Jan. 26, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	2pm arrive
Jan. 27, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	5pm depart
Jan. 28, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 30, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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