

### The Mission of the Church - Building a Culture of Encounter

ver since Pope Francis was elected pope in March, 2013, he has reminded all Catholics that mission is at the heart of the activity of the Church. In his message to all the faithful this year, he writes, "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason,

the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born "to go forth". On World Mission Sunday, Catholics by virtue of baptism are asked to join in solidarity with missionaries throughout the world, through prayer and by giving generously to the Mission Sunday collection. World Mission Sunday provides Catholics with an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and suffering in more than 1,150 mission dioceses. The World Mission Sunday collection is a central fund that aids the poor and disadvantaged in the remotest and poorest parts of the world. Your generosity helps support missionaries in educational and catechetical programs. It also helps support the various religious communities who are at ground zero of missionary endeavors. In giving to

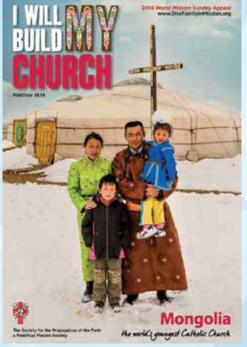
this collection, Catholics make it possible for missionaries to build churches, schools, seminaries and religious houses. Most of the mission dioceses supported by World Mission Sunday never have an opportunity to come to the United States to raise monies for their mission. Mission dioceses rely on this collection to feed and house many of their poor.

Most Catholics never have an opportunity to participate in the Church's missionary activity by going to mission lands, but giving allow others to do the work on their behalf. Many come to know Christ and his way of life because of the missionaries that go out to serve them.

We live in a world that is vastly changing. However, the poor and the marginalized are often left behind in the progress of humanity. Missionaries are always to be found where many do not dare to venture. Missionaries give their hearts to the mission of the gospel. Many of them spend countless hours teaching the gospel way of way to the poorest of the poor. Others teach life skills and many care for the needs of the sick and the abandoned. In this way the presence of Jesus Christ is to be found in the giving hands of a missionary. In May of 2013, Pope Francis commented at his daily Mass, "The Church must step outside herself. To go where? To the outskirts of existence, whatever they may be, but she must step out. Jesus tells us: "Go into all the world! Go! Preach! Bear witness to the Gospel!" (cf. Mk 16:15). . . In this "stepping out" it is important to be ready for encounter.

For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others. . . with our faith we must create a "culture of encounter", a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters..." Missionaries

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Sunday 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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#### 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.

### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, October 18, 2014

St. Luke

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

#### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

#### Sunday, October 19, 2014

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

#### Monday, October 20, 2014

St. Paul of the Cross

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Blessed John Paul II

Eph 3:2-12; ls 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday, October 23, 2014

St. John of Capistrano

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday, October 24, 2014

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday, October 25, 2014

Blessed Virgin Mary

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

#### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

#### Sunday, October 26, 2014

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

during these nursery hours.

## **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 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance

#### MASS INTENTIONS...

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are truly creating cultures of encounter, where others are finding Christ and changing their lives.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States demonstrates this positive encounter with Jesus by the work of missionaries in Mongolia. The mission diocese of Mongolia is a little over 20 years old. Missionaries ventured into this cold and desolate land to bring the good news of the gospel to people living in the midst of poverty. Missionaries arrived after the rule of communism. Fr. Wens Padilla, along with two other missionaries from the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary began the work of evangelization dealing with a culture that struggled with alcoholism and domestic violence. Over the past 20 years, these missionaries have begun building the Church in the midst of people searching for God and holiness. The first missionary of Mongolia is now bishop of the newest mission diocese. He is asking for funds from this year's World Mission Sunday so that he can continue to build the Church and bring those who do not yet know Jesus to this sacred encounter. In supporting World Mission Sunday through prayer and almsgiving, Catholics will be giving the missionaries in Mongolia and other parts the world an opportunity to build God's Church and bring others to Christ.

Pope Francis reminds us in observing World Mission Sunday, "Humanity greatly needs to lay hold of the salvation brought by Christ. His disciples are those who allow themselves to be seized ever more by the love of Jesus and marked by the fire of passion for the Kingdom of God and the proclamation of the joy of the Gospel. All the Lord's disciples are called to nurture the joy of evangelization. The Bishops, as those primarily responsible for this proclamation, have the task of promoting the unity of the local Church in her missionary commitment. They are called to acknowledge that the joy of communicating Jesus Christ is expressed in a concern to proclaim him in the most distant places, as well as in a constant outreach to the peripheries of their own territory, where great numbers of the poor are waiting for this message." The world is often torn and divided in the way that peoples interact with one another. The Church is a beacon of hope in which people can enter into solidarity with one another through prayer and sacrifice. In this way, Catholics build a civilization of love. Please join Bishop Dewane in aiding the work of the missions by giving generously in this year's World Mission Sunday collection and by praying for missionaries in the field. Together let us build the Church!

Rev. John J. Ludden, Pastor

#### Jamaica Outreach Program

JOP Volunteer Appreciation Party Friday, October 24

Jamaica Outreach volunteers will gather on Friday, October 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Library as we begin our 17th year as a sister parish to St. Pius X parish in Kingston, Jamaica. If you have helped with hosting or transporting visiting Jamaicans, been a missionary to Kingston, collected at our church doors during a Pocket Change Weekend, or worked on our fund raising events and food drive over the years you (and your spouse/guest) are cordially invited to attend the gathering.

Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share, JOP board members will supply desserts, and the parish is providing liquid refreshments. Anyone interested in future volunteer opportunities also is invited to attend.

## New Parish Van Set for Trips to Immokalee and Homeless Feeding Program





Through a tremendous donation to our parish, St. John has been able to purchase a used minivan for use by our ministries. Why a minivan? It is the best possible mixture of people transportation and materials distribution. We can travel to Immokalee with up to 8 people at a time, along with provisions

for cleaning, feeding, and supporting our missions work. Additionally, we can "fold and go" with enough space to pack hundreds of meals for homeless in our area.

We will be painting the Eagle logo on the side soon, so you will be able to spot it in traffic and know our faith is alive and we are taking action to make our area a better place. We already have weekly trips planned to Casa Maria and Guadalupe Social Services from our parish, Harry Chapin Food Bank, and Naples Catholic Charities to provide food, clothing, and wonderful volunteers.

#### PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli Associate
Fr. Jim Simko Associate

Deacon Hal Brenner
Deacon Forrest Wallace

Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status
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)

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Tricia Schwarz

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**Choir Director** 

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Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

**Director of Family Mission** 

Jean-Paul Boucher

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#### Parish Registration

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: *saintjohntheevangelist.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.

(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.

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@saintjohntheevanglist.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 2015.

#### Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 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.

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in his church and our community.

#### Parish Information...

Hymns for the	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18 & 1
Readings:	765
Entrance Hymn:	382 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Offertory Hymn:	486 Here I Am, Lord
Communion Hymn:	page 15 of the bulletin Jesus, Savior
	412 Open My Eyes
Closing Hymn:	576 God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Mass			
Prelude	Walk Together, Children	spiritual, arr. Anthony Leach	
Communion	You, O Lord, You Are Close	Christopher Walker	

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, October 20: Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross, **Priest** 

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. 1 Cor 2: 2

I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except for Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. The Lord made us, we belong to him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 1 Cor 1: 23, 24

We proclaim Christ crucified;

Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Tuesday, October 21: Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in **Ordinary Time** 

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 

Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,

O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 33 (32): 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord

are on those who fear him,

who hope in his merciful love,

to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

Wednesday, October 22: Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth

Week in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,

O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 

Mk 10: 45

The Son of Man has come

to give his life as a ransom for many.

Thursday, October 23: Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 33 (32): 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord

are on those who fear him,

who hope in his merciful love,

to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

Friday, October 24: Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week in

**Ordinary Time** 

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,

O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. Mk 10: 45

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 

The Son of Man has come

to give his life as a ransom for many.

Saturday, October 25: Saturday of the Twenty-ninth Week in **Ordinary Time** 

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 

Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,

O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 33 (32): 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

who hope in his merciful love,

to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

#### **#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe**

#### #ToKnow - Families Fully Alive: Synod Shows Church Commitment to Family and Pastoral Care

The progress and engagement of our church in growing to meet the pastoral challenges of family in the real world around us is simply amazing. With my recent focus here on the Synod, I introduced the concepts and plans that the Bishops, laity, and our Holy Father would discuss. In an effort to be transparent, (unprecedented in our church's history), they have released the initial discussion documents from the first section of the Synod, the "Relatio post disceptationem" (http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/ pubblico/2014/10/13/0751/03037.html). This is a very

important document that should be read directly (not through the lens of a media outlet) to understand the underpinnings our leaders are asking all of us to discern. Difficult questions and themes are being discussed to ensure we as Catholics are providing love, joy and acceptance of all types of families, taking special care of children, especially those in difficult physical, mental and emotional situations.

and providing an inclusive faith to any wishing to become part of our parish family. Let us all pray for the Synod that they continue the work of the Holy Spirit and grow the love and faith of our Church.

#### #ToKnow – God is Full of Surprises

Our Holy Father asks us all not to focus only on the laws of the Church, but to embrace the journey we are all on together in shaping and enlivening our faith. When discussing how Jesus spoke to the Doctors of Law of his time:

They did not understand that God is the God of surprises, that God is always new; He never denies himself, never says that what He said was wrong, never, but He always surprises us. They did not understand this and they closed themselves within that system that was created with the best of intentions and asked Jesus: 'But, give us a sign'. And they did not understand the many signs that Jesus did give

#### Parish Mission & Life

by Jean-Paul Boucher General Manager jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com



them and which indicated that the time was ripe. Closure! Second, they had forgotten that they were a people on a journey. On a path! And when we set out on a journey, when we are on our path, we always encounter new things, things we did not know.

And this should make us think: am I attached to my things,

my ideas, [are they] closed? Or am I open to God's surprises? Am I at a standstill or am I on a journey? Do I believe in Jesus Christ - in Jesus, in what he did: He died, rose again and the story ended there - Do I think that the journey continues towards maturity, toward the manifestation of the glory of the Lord? Am I able to understand the signs of the times

and be faithful to the voice of the Lord that is manifested in them? We should ask ourselves these questions today and ask the Lord for a understand that this holy law is not an end in itself. - Pope

### heart that loves the law - because the law belongs to God - but which also loves God's surprises and the ability to Francis (http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/10/13/ pope at santa marta holy law is not an end in itself/1108446)

#### #ToLove – "We Are St. John" Town Hall Meetings Start in November

In our spirit of open dialog and collaboration, St. John will begin to hold Town Hall meetings starting in November to communicate the "We Are St. John" message, and to listen to feedback on programs suited to the entire parish community. It will also give everyone a chance to get to know some of our new staff and volunteers. Please stay tuned for the specific dates and times and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Life: a Precious Gift — Proceeds Benefit Community Pregnancy Clinic ~ Support for Respect Life Can Come in Small Things ~

There are many important things we can do — and should — during this Respect Life Month. However, few are surely as simple and as enjoyable as purchasing the newest album from Saint John the Evangelist.

**Life:** A Precious Gift is a five-song EP from five different musicians, almost all of whom are familiar to St. John. It is available in our Divine Gift Boutique for just \$5.00 — and all proceeds are donated to *Community* 

**Pregnancy Clinic** right here in Naples.

That's the simple introduction, but this project has a great backstory. It is the brainchild of Raymond and Mary **Rich**, parishioners and longtime crusaders for the cause of Life. After attending a concert that Gabi Frei and friends gave here at St. John in the spring of 2013, the couple was profoundly moved by her song "Let Me Live", which dramatizes the dialogue between a mother struggling with a crisis pregnancy and

her unborn child.

Wanting to get that song into the hands of people for whom it might make a difference, they approached me with the idea for a music project, and so I put together the EP from several different friends and acquaintances.

The first track on Life: A Precious Gift is *Rich Dittus*' pulsing, string-drenched "The Beauty of Life". Rich, who gave a concert here back in May, was until recently the director of music at Our Lady of Light in Estero before moving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Palm Coast a few months ago. The track is produced by *Tom Booth*, a famous

Catholic musician and himself a talented songwriter ("I Will Choose Christ" is sung here from time to time).

Jennine Fuentes, no stranger to St. John parishioners, follows with her "What If?"—a rhythmic, catchy tune that poses the rhetorical question "What if Mary did what women do today?" The tune is off her first album, Liberated, about which more next week!

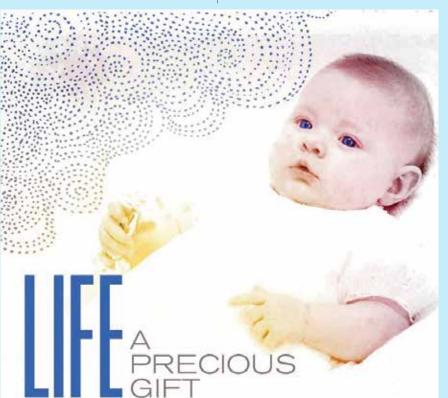
Friday Mourning, a successful (though now-defunct) Catholic

group hailing from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, graciously gave us their track "Where the Angels Sleep". It is a country-tinged, mournful lament. written from the point of view of an aborted child to his mother, that becomes a letter of forgiveness. Gabi's "Let Me Live" follows, and my own setting of the "Hail Mary" concludes the album with a prayer.

These five songs can be powerful witnesses in changing hearts. Stop by our gift shop today to purchase one for yourself,

and perhaps one to pass along to a friend. Life: A Precious Gift would be an especially good gift for young people who enjoy listening to music. Again, the proceeds themselves go to support the pro-life cause. Thanks to *Jackie Gibson*, who has been willing to sell these in our shop, and thank you especially, once again, to *Raymond and Mary Rich*, whose passion for Life made this whole project possible.

text submitted by Tom Oram Pastoral Musician





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Call the Office 566.8740

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#### Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

#### Pastoral Stewardship Council:

President/Contact Jack Kindsvater stewardshipcouncil @saintjohnthevangelist.com

#### Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops.

Margie Lynch: 228.3909; margie@ saintjohntheevangelist.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom.

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

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

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

**Arimatheans.** A group of caring parishioners who support parishoners by attending funerals as

representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m.in the 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 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 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

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 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 ladies restroom). **Summer Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed during the week. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

*Faith Chat.* Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. in Library. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687

*Grief Support.* Sessions will run for seven consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 14 at 10 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4 in the Parish Life Center. Dee: 594.7193

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 Gill: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

*Job Search Skills & Support.* Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050 *(on hiatus until September)* 

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 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. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary

Ray: 596.4976

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. Call the office: 566.8740

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 Diane Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

*Mah Jong.* Wednesday, Noon - 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 the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 248.877.3332 or Richard Bergeron: 593.6092

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. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

*Narcotics Anonymous.* Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m. PLC.

**Philothea.** Women ages 20-45 meet to support and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

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

**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. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

**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 are invited.

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

*Sing-A-Long*. Tuesday, October 21 at Brookdale, Naples; Tuesday, November 4 at The Terraces, Bonita Springs - at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 598.5483

*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. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

#### 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 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.

#### 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

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart Campbell** U.S. Navy

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

Adam Decker U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff

U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army

Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force

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

Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger

**Specialist Shelby** Granza

U.S. Army S. Sgt. Patrick

H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon (Afghanistan)

Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army

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

AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy

Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

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Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army

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

Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force

Houng Tran U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

SSGT. Matthew Watson U.S. Air Force (Afghanistan)

#### 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

#### 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. in Room 15 Claussen Center. Following the morning Mass, every

Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library

#### 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.

#### St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

#### PRAYER LIST

Deacon Al Alexandria Dolkas Cary Alonso Leon Doughty Jacob Andrew Ann Marie Esposito Rich Annunziata Marie Fabiano Fernando Ardila Claire Fabrizio Thomas Ardila Steve Ferrante Lana August Brian Patrick Ferreira Otto Backof Taelor Fiedler Agatha Barczyski Patrick Finck Dick Becker James Fish Jimmy Bee Donna Flynn Margie Benefico **Edward Gaynor** Barbara Berg Theresa & Paul Grayson Berry Giandina Linda Berry William Grogevant Mary Bessner Helen Graff Elizabeth Josie Hannigan Bommarito Sam Hardy Kathleen Bradach Reg Hart Pat Brody Raymond Hartwick Genevieve Brown Virginia Hartwick Julie Butler Harriet Hayes Frank Caccavo. Jr. Richard Hennings Cathy Carroll Gerard Heyen Gerard Hobt Christine Cassara James Castaldi Karen Hohne Rosalie Castro Charlotte Hollohan Marie Castry Jeff Horkey Michael Cataldo Colton Horvatt Mary Rose Cefaratti Donald Howe Diane Centenaro Michael Hutchins Frank Ciccarelli **JRB** Claussen Family Lucy Debra Jones Pat Corr Chester T. Kauffman Michael Cotteta Peggy Kegaly Violet Crane Lisa and Dave Forest Crowley Kepner Kevin Kincaid Danny Curtin Anthony & Edna Krista Kozowyk D' Antuono Jim Krauser Nestor Deocampo Lilian Kudile Barbara de Mauriac Josephine Lancia Nathan Dent Diane Leahy Mary Jane Leake Jim Diamante

Tash & Brian Lee Mary Lenick Lindsay Levery Alice Logrippo Lillian Luchini Mary Jo Magner Ann Maniuszko Bonita Massa Patricia Massa Zoey Mazzanti Barbara McCabe Sharon K. McCarthy Carolyn McDonald Ann McFee Carolyn McNichols Paul Michael Ed Moriarity Alisa Morgan Elsie & Ken Moskal Forrest Murphy Paige Nelson Peter Nicoletta Emma O'Rourke Edmund Ostos Maryla Panagos Piccirelli Family Albert Pellegrino Ravna Perez Megan Peterson Barbara Picicci Joe Pohrer Jean Prather Richard Pratt Art Pulaski Mary Alice Qualls Nancy Reddy Joe Reid Aurelia Rein Bennett Robert Richards Janie Ries David Rohan

Jerry Salvi Edna Sanvidge **Bud Sauser** Cynthia Scariati Peter Scariati Cathy Schloendorn Charles Schumacher Debra Sciacqua Claire Scott Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Karen Shin Barbara Silva Marianna Smith Winnie Smith Frank Squartino Justin Strickland Susan Stokes Kathy & David Struble Pat Sutter Joanmarie Switalski Tara & Family Rita Taranto Kathy Tendick Margaret Tomaszewski Lorraine Torrance Patricia Trapnell Charlotte Tunucchi Don & Betty Vallerand George VanNest Pat Velasquez Barbara de Mauriac Larry Watson Mary Ellen Wheeler Lisa Tomei Wilton Tom Wood **Bob Wright** John & Mary Yotis

LET US PRAY...

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Ashley Ruttenberg

Dan LeBlanc

Julie Dieter



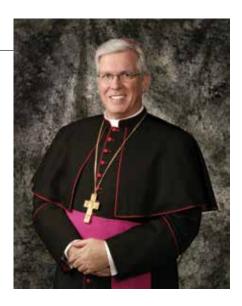
#### DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the love and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

As you may have seen in the news lately, the Diocese of Venice has been mentioned on a number of occasions. Much of the news has rightly focused on the positive actions taken by the Diocese and the large and small ways that our efforts are making a difference. Unfortunately, other news stories have chosen to focus on negative accusations against the Diocese of Venice, specifically against the Bishop, clergy, and lay faithful. Sadly, these unfounded claims have been made anonymously and perpetuated by some, suggesting that they were meant to create division instead of unity.



Earlier this summer, Pope Francis reminded us that "Diocesan life means a relationship with the Bishop, which must be realized and must grow continuously." One of the great joys of my vocation is to be with you as I travel extensively throughout the Diocese. You've openly shared with me your hopes, dreams and aspirations. These moments deepen our bond of communion as we grow together in Christ. In that relationship I seek to act with justice, charity, and for the well-being of the People of God entrusted to my care, even when such actions are unpopular.

Our first priority as a Diocese, and mine as your Shepherd, is to continue to grow in Faith and Holiness, as the Second Vatican Council and Pope Francis call us to do. As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are called to live out the fruits of our Baptism and Confirmation, in preserving, defending and sharing the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel of salvation as we have received them from the Apostles. Today, this is no easy task. Our Catholic Faith is regularly attacked, ridiculed and ignored. Like you, I have a duty and passion to safeguard our Faith, to share its teachings, and to cultivate its growth in Southwest Florida. Together, we must ensure stability so that future generations may also grow in Holiness and Faith.

As we celebrate our 30th Anniversary as a Diocese, there is much for which to be thankful. The Lord continues to bless our work. We continue to add new members both in existing parishes and with the establishment of new ones. Our Catholic Charities is expanding its outreach to the poor, the less fortunate and marginalized, offering help and hope throughout the Diocese. Countless charitable and pastoral initiatives are carried out in Parishes and by individuals in support of their brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your participation in these good works.

Our Catholic Schools and religious education programs are flourishing, which will ensure that the next generations will continue to carry the light of Christ into the future. As well, I would be remiss not to thank parents who put the religious education of their children as one of their highest priorities.

Through generous support from so many of you and the steps taken to ensure financial accountability and responsibility, our Diocese is fiscally strong. This enables us to carry out needed spiritual, charitable and pastoral works and ensures that the Diocese will remain strong into the future. Thank you for making this possible.

Our Parishes are vibrant with worship, programs, and pastoral initiatives which celebrate, teach, and spread the Faith. The faithful in our Diocese continue to stand up and proudly defend the dignity of human life, the marginalized, and religious freedom. I have witnessed this first-hand as I have traveled around the Diocese and have seen for myself your fidelity and devotion. God bless you for the incredible work and good deeds that you do in living out your Faith. You are the reason our Diocese is so blessed. In a particular way, I thank and deeply appreciate our dedicated priests and religious for the tireless work that they do on behalf of the People of God.

— Bishop Dewane's letter continues on page 11

At the same time, there remains much work to be done. The needs of our Diocese are diverse and at times complex. As your Bishop and Shepherd of this Diocese, a role entrusted to me by our Holy Father, I take my responsibilities very seriously. However, no one individual can address all the diverse pastoral needs and challenges facing the Diocese, so I rely upon extensive consultation with priests, religious, and laity. It is my sacred obligation, through prayer and reflection, to make the best pastoral decisions for the good of the People of God. I listen, discern and take seriously the concerns of the faithful, even those that may disagree. I cherish and look forward to continuing this collaboration and consultation with you as we walk forward together on the path of Holiness.

Please join me in celebrating the good that happens each day in our Diocese thanks to the countless women and men of God like you who are the doers of your Faith. Be the Light of Christ by sharing this good news with others.

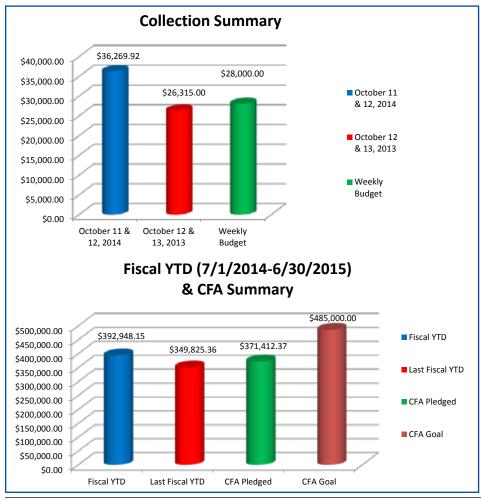
To the many who have sent notes of prayer and offered support, both publicly and privately, I sincerely thank you. Please continue to pray for me, your unworthy Shepherd, as I do for you, and for all the people of the Diocese of Venice as we continue to move forward sharing the joy of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I remain prayerfully united with you in the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Mary our Mother.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



#### Wanted:

#### Business Owners for Small Business Fair December 7 at St. John

All small business owners who are registered members of Saint John the Evangelist parish are invited to promote their services after the Masses on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 in the Ballroom. What better way for parishioners to meet businesses who might have a service or product they need and also meet another parishioners.

This will be the first Small Business Fair offered at St. John. If you would like to exhibit or serve on the committee, please call the coordinator, Carol Marlow at 239.948.0050 or email her at carolmarlow@ymail.com

## 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, October 19, 2014: the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Opening Song** 

**Let God Arise** 

Verse 1) Hear the holy roar of God resound Watch the waters part before us now Come and see what he has done for us Tell the world of his great love Our God is a God who saves (repeat line)

Chorus) Let God arise, let God arise Our God reigns now and forever He reigns now and forever Chris Tomlin

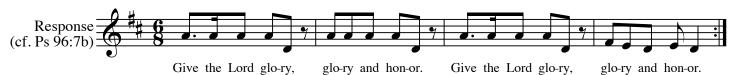
Verse 2) His enemies will run for sure The Church will stand, she will endure He holds the keys of life, our Lord Death has no sting, no final word Our God is a God who saves (repeat line)

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

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Gospel Acclamation

The Mass of St. John the Evangelist

Preparation Song How Great Is Our God

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v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands Beginning and the end, beginning and the end The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son; The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

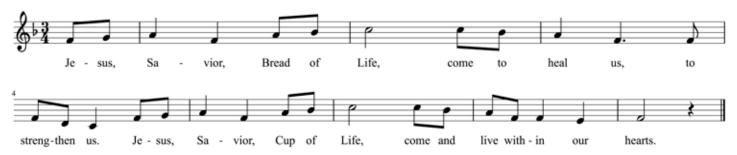


Bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (repeat)

## Memorial Acclamation (**C**) • Great Amen • *Agnus Dei* • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

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- v.1) I am the Bread of Life; I come to you this day. You will not go hungry again. I am there for you, my friends, if you call upon my name. I will give you rest.
- v.2) I am the True Vine and you my branches are. You will not go thirsty again.
  Come drink of this Cup, my friends, and you will be free. I will give you rest.
- v.3) Ask and you shall receive; seek and you will find.

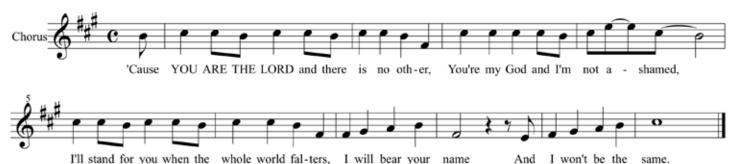
  Knock and the door will open to you.

  For when you call upon my Name
  I will be there for you, and I will give you rest.
- v.4) I am the Good Shepherd, and I look on you with love.
  I call to you, now hear my voice.
  If you listen close to me
  you will grasp the gift of life, and I will give you rest.

#### 412 Open My Eyes Jesse Manibusan

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- V.1) You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life.
  Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies...
  But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (to chorus)
- V.2) The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name; the lame will walk and the blind will see. I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of ev'rything... And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender my life to you— (to chorus)



#### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B
Matthew 22:15-21

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## A Radical Knowledge

he cunning of men can be very difficult to bear at times. Jesus was no stranger to deception. In today's gospel, we encounter the deceit of the Pharisees as they seek to entrap Jesus. It is hard to imagine why the religious teachers had such a problem with Jesus' teachings. Stranger still is how people could undermine a man who brought so much healing to the world. Maybe the religious establishment feared Jesus because it eroded their sense of control. Perhaps they saw him as a magician who brought temporary relief to those who were hurting. These leaders were most certainly skeptical. Nothing could convince them that Jesus' mission and ministry was the work of God.

When we look at the reality of Jesus, we see at work a radical theology that challenged the conventional religious thought of his time. Jesus taught that God was not only someone to be feared, but someone with whom one could have an intimate relationship. Jesus taught the people to refer to God as "abba", "father". The literal translation is "daddy". Such an outlook fundamentally changed the way in which humanity approached God. Jesus' wisdom revealed how people were no longer passive spectators in the history of salvation, but involved in the divine drama that was unfolding. He healed disease and the negative traits of the human condition. The healing that Jesus offered showed the Pharisees that sin and illness could be overcome by God's grace. He also

#### **Reflection Questions**

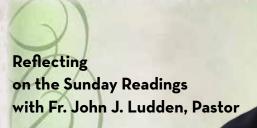
- 1. How is Jesus' teaching radically different from the religious establishment?
- 2. Why do the Pharisees try to entrap Jesus?
- 3. What is Jesus teaching us about the obligations that citizens have to the State?
- 4. What are your obligations as an American citizen?
- 5. What are your responsibilities as a member of the Body of Christ?
- 6. How does your sense of religious responsibility dialogue with your duty as a member of society?
- 7. What do you offer to your country and to God?

put humanity ahead of the Sabbath and tended to the needs of God's people who were crying out to him from the wildernesses of their lives. In this context, the Pharisees failed to bring Jesus down. Instead, they endeavored to rend Jesus powerless and make him an enemy of the Roman occupation by asking him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus sees through this and exclaims: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The challenge that Jesus gave the Pharisees two thousand years ago remains the challenge for the Church today, i.e., to give to God what belongs to God. We must discern what this means for us today. Obviously, we have to be faithful to the duties we have to society as citizens by paying taxes and abiding by the laws of the land. Each one of us has to be faithful citizens and work to protect the rights and dignity of the vulnerable. We have the responsibility in choosing governments that will strive to work for justice and peace. We have to be faithful citizens of the kingdom of God also. *The Church's challenge is to constantly seek its Christological heart.* Church laws are important because they bring us to the ideal and perfection that

God intends. However, whenever people fall short of the ideal, the Church must seek to offer Christ's compassion, listening, and love to those broken situations. Today, as the people of the Church, we are asked to offer ourselves to others as Christ did and be agents of transformation. We, like all missionaries across the world, are being called to take this radical message to those who have yet to encounter Christ.

So we must ask ourselves what belongs to God? The answer to this question is that everything belongs to God. The world in which we live and perceive the beauty of creation belongs to God. Every man and woman made in the image and likeness of God belongs to God. The children of every family belong to God. The most successful executive belongs to God. The migrant who flees from poverty belongs to God. The greatest of Saints belongs to God. Those ensnared by vice and sin belongs to God. All belongs to God. When we take this radical to heart, it is then that we can discern how we are being called to impact the lives of those who belong to God. When we live this radical discipleship we will discover the Church's Christological heart!



#### Prayer

Be with us Lord as we journey through life. Let our lives be a radiance of your divine compassion. Help us to learn to give completely of ourselves offering the gift that is truly yours. May we always be faithful to our call as citizens and as people of your kingdom. Amen.

#### **Faith of the Fathers**

Love of neighbor is thus shown to be possible in the way proclaimed by the Bible, by Jesus. It consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. Going beyond exterior appearances, I perceive in others an interior desire for a sign of love, of concern. This I can offer them not only through the organizations intended for such purposes, accepting it perhaps as a political necessity. Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave... If I have no contact whatsoever with God in my life, then I cannot see in the other anything more than the other, and I am incapable of seeing in him the image of God. But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be "devout" and to perform my "religious duties", then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely "proper", but loveless. Only my readiness to encounter my neighbor and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me. The saints—consider the example of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and conversely this encounter acquired its real- ism and depth in their service to others. Love of God and love of neighbor are thus inseparable,

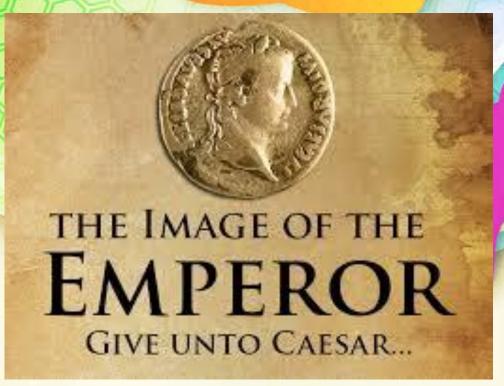


they form a single commandment. But both live from the love of God who has loved us first. No longer is it a question, then, of a "commandment" imposed from without and calling for the impossible, but rather of a freely-bestowed experience of love from within, a love which by its very nature must then be shared with others. Love grows through love. Love is "divine" because it comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a "we" which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

— "Deus caritas est" ("God is Love"), paragraph 18, Pope Benedict XVI

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## Faith Formation



#### Mark Your Calendar

October 25

Trunk-or-Treat

November 2

Families in Christ

#### November 2

Mass Enrollment for Sacramental
Candidates

#### December 3

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

#### **Faith Formation News**

**Safe Environment Training...**did not take place as scheduled on your calendars due to difficulty in obtaining the lesson plans from the diocese website links. Safe Environment Training, which is no longer an optional class, will be rescheduled in the near future.

Trunk-or-Treat...is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, between 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. This is a fun, fall, family event with cars, trucks, and vans decorated for Halloween. Come dressed in your costumes and win prizes for the best individual costume (adult and youth), family costume, and vehicle display. Bring candy to hand out to all the children that will "trunk-or-treat" around the parking lot. The Men's Club will have food, drinks, and music.

Mass Enrollment for Sacramental Candidates... is scheduled on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting...is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room of the Claussen Center and the ballroom of the Parish Life Center.

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#### Captains, Pick Your Teams!

By Janel Esker

Picking teams or groups, a practice still used by well-meaning teachers and coaches, probably strikes fear in the hearts of many. Whether the game was kickball, dodge ball, or Red Rover, choosing teams inevitably meant someone would have the unenviable position of last chosen. Often it was the child who didn't excel at sports or who ranked low on the popularity scale. It's a universal truth—no one wants to be chosen last.

The theme of being chosen is evident in today's first two readings, but there's no need to feel dread about this selection process. This isn't a contest based on athleticism or popularity—God is doing the choosing, and when God chooses, each person is specifically chosen for the team.

The prophet Isaiah claims, "I have called you by your name, giving you a title." Saint Paul reminds the Thessalonians how much God loves them and that they are, therefore, chosen. God chose each of us to have a unique and precious relationship with him. There was nothing random about it.

But do we choose God? We might quickly say, "Of course!" But think again. God speaks through Isaiah, "I am the Lord, there is no other." Jesus challenges us to give to God what is his. Do we choose to actively engage in our relationship with God, or does it fall to the wayside in lieu of other priorities? Do we seek God in good times just to deepen our relationship, or do we seek him only when we're in need? Do we truly give God the time and attention he deserves? We've already made it onto God's kickball team—now it's up to us to choose him in return. †

Bringing Home the Word, October 19, 2014, Liguori Publications

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, I am grateful for the power of your love and grace. Teach me to trust that you care about my human needs and obligations.

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes have started. It is **not too late** to join the journey. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Is something lacking in your life? Do you want true happiness? Are you ready to put Christ in your life? Do you need spiritual growth? Are you returning to Church? Are you seeking the Sacraments of Initiation?

For more information please contact Margie Lynch at 239-228-3909 or email

RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist .com

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

#### Preschool

Life Question: What is your favorite plant or animal in creation?

Gospel Question: Who do you praise God for?

#### **GRADES K-1**

Life Question: What shows that I belong to my family or school?

Gospel Question: What shows that I belong to God?

#### **GRADES 2-3**

Life Question: What choices do you make that show you are a good friend?

Gospel Question: What is a choice you make that shows you belong to God?

#### **GRADES 4-6**

Life Question: How do you keep Sunday holy?

Gospel Question: What is a way you honor God?

#### **GRADES 7-10**

Life Question: To whom do we pledge allegiance? Whose symbols do we wear on our cloths?

Gospel Question: What allegiance do we owe to God? What allegiance to Caesar?

#### **ADULTS**

Life Question: How do you affect the values and commitments of your workplace?

Gospel Question: How do you honor the image of God in yourself? In others?

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## World Mission Sunday Provides a Unique Opportunity for Everyone to Spread the New Testament Far and Wide

Years and years ago, probably in the early 1990s, Saint Pope John Paul II issued an encyclical that urged wealthy nations to come to the aid of Third World countries. For hundreds of years that kind of aid has always been fostered and promoted by the Catholic Church. Jesuits were often among the first to join expeditionary teams as they traveled the seas and oceans in pursuit of more land, territories, and goods. The Jesuits were in pursuit of spreading Christianity. Their gifts to new found peoples were spiritual as well as corporal, and it is in that tradition that missionaries continue to travel the world bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed to people who have never heard of Him.

World Mission Sunday is a unique opportunity to continue the age old tradition of spreading the New Testament far and wide. It gives parishes that seldom have the opportunity to experience a missionary endeavor the chance to contribute in a united way the spreading of the Good News. The Jamaica Outreach Program encourages one and all to participate in this special collection this weekend. We appreciate more than most what outreach can do when it is supported and encouraged by the faithful. Whatever we do in Kingston, Jamaica, in His name, is the result of the good will of St. John parishioners. It seems to be part of our DNA and is proof positive that we as a parish have our priorities straight and our hearts in the right place.

text submitted by Martha Mador, Jamaica Outreach Program

#### Saturday, November 1, Not Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of All Saints is Saturday, November 1, but is not a holy day of obligation this year. The holy day obligation is suspended in the United States when the solemnity falls on Saturday or Monday.

#### Twelfth Annual Kristallnacht Memorial Will Be Sunday, November 9

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Steering Committee has announced that the Twelfth Annual Kristallnacht Memorial will be held at Temple Shalom on Sunday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. This annual Memorial brings Catholics from the Diocese of Venice in Florida and Christians of other denominations together with their Jewish "elder brothers and sisters in faith" to

express their solidarity in thought and prayer so that the horror of Kristallnacht, November 9 and 10, 1938 might not be forgotten.

The featured speaker will be Ms. Rositta Kenigsberg, executive vice president of the Holocaust Documentation and Education, Center, Inc. in Hollywood, Florida.

#### **HOLY Happy Hour**

Saint John the Evangelist and the Knights of Columbus generously hosted the HOLY Happy Hour on Friday, October 3. The "HHH" was a social night filled with good food, drink and plenty of conversation among 75 of St. John's Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Among all who attended, there was a strong feeling of camaraderie and friendship.

















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## Trunk-or-Treat! Dress Up Your Vehicle and Yourself

The Men's Club is excited to announce the first ever Trunk-or-Treat here in St.John's back parking lot on Saturday, October 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your cars, your family, and your friends dressed up in holiday costumes and with candy. The event includes Trick-or-Treating from car to car in a safe and fun environment, as well as music, food and prizes.

Parishioners are invited to park their cars, vans, or trucks in the back church parking lot and offer treats to touring masqueraders. You are invited to dress in costume, decorate your vehicle or both.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded for the best individual costume, family costume, and decorated vehicle.

Mark your calendars and get busy making your costumes!







#### upcoming events:

Nov. 19, 2014: Amy Snyder with Faith & Wine

Dec. 17, 2014: Bishop Frank Dewane

Jan. 21, 2015: Tom Peterson, Catholics Come Home

Feb. 19, 2015: TBA with Faith & Wine

Mar. 18, 2015: Larry Blanford, Green Mountain Coffee

Apr. 15, 2015: Fr. John Ludden, St. John the Evangelist



jon Leonetti your god is too boring

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## FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS Candidate Questionnaire Project

#### What's a Catholic voter to do?

Catholic faithful are urged to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. To help parishioners become informed on where candidates stand on key issues, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has polled those running for U.S. Congress, the Florida Legislature, and Florida Governor. Candidates were asked to respond to questions involving: Abortion Funding Plan, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Educational Assistance, Environment, Health Coverage, Marriage, Poverty-Focused International Assistance and Priority for the Poor.

To see how candidates appearing on the November 4 General Election ballot responded to the questionnaire, visit www.flaccb.org/CQP/2014. A sample ballot and other helpful information is available via http://election.dos.state.fl.us/SOE/supervisor\_elections.asp.

#### Ladies of St. John's Luncheon October 22

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Carraba's Italian Ristorante, located on the east side of Route 41 south of the intersection of Granada/Neapolitan. The cost is \$17, all inclusive. Mail your check, payable to Dolores Kernochan, to Dolores Kernochan, 826 103 Ave. N Naples, 34108. Checks should be sent no later than October 20.

For the October collection please bring diapers for the little ones in Immokalee. For further information call Dee Donnelly 239.250.3269.

## Thursday, October 23: Fairwell Party for Scott Schlossberg

Please join Fr. John and all the staff, parishioners, and friends of Scott Schlossberg, our outgoing General Manager. His tenure here at St. John has spanned 17 years, and we will be sending him out in style. The Ballroom will be open from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with food, drink, and a stroll down memory lane. If you have any special comments, pictures, or other material about Scott and his time at St. John, please contact me so we can ensure he does not leave without knowing how much he will be missed.

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#### Mass Times Revert to Winter Schedule Beginning Sunday, November 2

The winter Sunday Mass schedule will go into effect Sunday. November 2. We will return to 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mass. The 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses will stay the same, as will the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. vigil Masses.

Weekday Mass times will revert to the winter schedule Monday, November 3. We will return to the 8:00 and 9:00 Mass times Monday through Friday. Saturday Mass will remain at 8:00 a.m. with confessions immediately after.

We will follow the winter Mass schedule until May, 2015.

## RSVP for Parish Beautification Day! Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Calling all green-thumbs, crafty people, and neat freaks (and all the rest of us too)! The Buildings and Grounds Committee of Saint John the Evangelist invites you to join in our Parish Beautification Day! Please join us in mulching, raking, washing, and many other activities.

Please RSVP so we can ensure we have enough food and groups for all attendees below. Complete and return this RSVP form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 9.

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