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where you are invited to...

belong *believe* *become*

Good News for others.





OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

"Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron". - Mt 25, 38-40

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Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
3rd Saturday	6:00 pm (Portuguese)
Sunday	8:00 am | 11:00 am
	1:00 pm (Spanish) | 5:00 pm

Daily Masses

Mon - Sat	8:30 am
Mon - Thurs	7:00 pm (Thurs in Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturdays	7:30 - 8:20 am
	3:00 - 3:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Chapel Prayer

Everyday 6:00 am - 7:30 pm

Daily Rosary

Monday - Saturday 7:45 am

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated on the first Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass and upon request.

Baptisms

All Baptisms are private. Call the Parish Office to reserve your date and get information about the requirements.

Marriages

Couples need to call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Communion for the Sick

To request Communion, call the parish office.

Flocknote

Stay up to date on upcoming parish events! Scan the QR code or go to our website and click on the Flocknote icon.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00pm
(Closed Friday)

Join the Parish

Stjoemanchester.org/join-the-parish

Early Childhood Learning Center

636-391-1253 ext.1032

St. Vincent De Paul Help

636-779-5616

How can we pray for you?

Contact the parish office at 636-227-5247 or Sue Grimm at grimms24@gmail.com so our prayerwarriors can pray for you.

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Weekly Offertory	11/15/26
Last week's offertory will be in next weekend's bulletin.	

Scan the QR code to Give Online!

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Readings of the Week

Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Pray For Our Sick

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Rod Gutenkunst Shane Gutenkunst Tom Heller
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Lucia Lindh
Hilma Montgomery
Dawn Murray
Raymond O'Connor
Trudy Olree
Betty Penn
Denny Pezzani
Bretton Pierce
Loretto Raftery
Elizabeth Hopper Rhodes
Bryan Robb Jr.
Muriel Smith
Donna Tait
Sam Tremont
Cathy Trussell
Tony Verkruyse

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23
8:30 am † Carole Hart
7:00 pm † Anne Will

Tuesday, November 24
8:30 am † Carole Hart
7:00 pm † Matthew Freeman Jr.

Wednesday, November 25
8:30 am † Mary Jean Dominguez
7:00 pm Special Intention

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)
9:00 am † George Schmitt

Friday, November 27
8:30 am † Vincent and Angela O'Connor

Saturday, November 28
8:30 am † Stan Czerniewski
4:00 pm † Sister Loretta Marie Colwell

Sunday, November 29
8:00 am Pat Hannon
11:00 am Eden Burke
1:00 pm † Dale, Chester, Francine Lieneke y Dennis Shultz
† Al and Doris Menner
5:00 pm People of St. Joseph

† indicates the person is deceased

From the Pastor



Life is God's gift. Christianity, particularly the Catholic Church, has always been pro-life. She has always defended life in all forms, always. She continues to stand for life, both born and unborn. If the Church does not stand for life, speak for life, and be pro-life, the world would be much bloodier than what it is today with the blood of the innocent, the unborn! I am disappointed that the amendment 3 did not pass even though the Catholic dioceses and the faithful in Missouri campaigned so much. Some of you might be upset as well. St. Paul, talking about sexual immorality, reminds us: "Everything is lawful for me, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is lawful for me, but I will not let myself be dominated by anything ... The body, however, is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (1 Corinthians 6:12,13). Thank you to all of you for your relentless efforts in promoting a culture of life.

Abortion is just one of many crimes against the culture of life. Respect for life must be treated from a broader perspective too. I want you to remember that every human life is the result of sex. Did you know more than eighty percent of abortions are done by people who are not married? This means that couples who are married and have a solid family very seldom seek abortions because they have a solid platform for welcoming and nurturing life. For the most recent full year, 2025, the Guttmacher Institute estimates about 1.126 million clinician-provided abortions in the US. That works out about 3,085 per day. Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, nearly 66 million abortions have been done in the United States! 66 million possibilities, perhaps, for making this world a better place have been made impossible.

I think we need a bit more awareness on the sacredness of sex. This should start at home. Parents must educate their children that sex is more than just a personal matter, that its primary purpose is "unitive," which is the mutual self-gift of husband and wife, the "two becoming one flesh" (Genesis 2:14) - conjugal love, fidelity, and the deepening of their communion. Second purpose is the "procreative," which takes openness to new life, "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28), and the raising of children. This puts sex in the context of the Sacrament of Matrimony. That is why the Catholic Church teaches that sex outside marriage is a sin. We certainly should pray for a greater respect for life. But what we need more is a concrete effort to reverse our culture which promotes "safe sex" and "free sex" out of proper context, which is marriage. The pro-life awareness doesn't get deeply rooted in our culture in which we keep silent on issues like premarital sex and cohabiting, which largely are responsible for abortions.

If parents can teach their children the virtue of chastity, the number of abortions will decrease considerably. If you are unwilling to tell your children to respect chastity and silently consent to the cultural trends of premarital sex and cohabiting, our pro-life war will be dishonest. The issue of abortion must be dealt with from a broader scenario that includes respect for marriage and family, and the purpose of human sexuality. If you say, "that is okay," or "that is what everyone is doing these days," or "ah, well, that is normal," or "that is not a problem," abortions will continue. Here we build memorials for the unborn and we light candles for them; there we connive at practices that lead our young people to abortion clinics. Teach your children to love chastity and abortions will soon disappear.

With love,
Fr. Mathew

Weekly Highlight



Happy Thanksgiving, St. Joseph Parish!

Thursday, November 26th 2026

We thank God for YOU! Thank you for making this a wonderful parish to be apart of by welcoming all, coming together in community to worship and grow in faith, and becoming Good News for others by imitating the love of Jesus.

We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for coming to our Parish Thanksgiving Celebration Mass & Potluck dinner! It was a great time to be together and gather around the table.

We will have ONE Mass on Thanksgiving at 9:00 am. The offerings will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul.



Observances

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Barry & Kim Klinckhardt of Autumn Blaze Ct.

Wall of Remembrance

During the month of November, all are invited to bring a photo of their loved one(s) who have gone before us and place it on the Remembrance Display located in the back of church for the duration of the month so our parish community can remember them and pray for them in a special way.

We ask that if you bring a photo, please put your name and phone number on the back of the photo so it can be properly returned.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the holiday season upon us, please remember to send your communication requests for the bulletin, Flocknote, etc. in at least **10 days prior to the issue date** in order to make early deadlines.

For example:
November 29th bulletin due 11/19
December 6th bulletin due 11/26
December 13th bulletin due 12/3
December 20th bulletin due 12/10
December 27th bulletin due 12/17
January 3rd bulletin due 12/17 due to the Parish Office being closed 12/24 - 1/1.

Visit https://www.stjoemanchester.org/event-and-communication-request for more informaton or to fill out a communication request.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually want to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Jesse Tree Explained

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. ©LPi

Get a closer look at our Jesse Tree the next time you come into church!



Advent and Christmas Postcard

Pick up an Advent and Christmas postcard from the back of church with our upcoming events and liturgical celebrations for the holiday season.
We invite you to "Prepare Him Room" this Advent, as we begin a new liturgical year in the church and ready our hearts for the coming of the Newborn King.

Prepare Him Room this Advent

Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Novena
Dec. 3 - 10 | 7:30 pm | Cafeteria

Ladies' Advent Tea
Monday, Dec. 7 | 6:30 pm | Parish Center

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 8 | 7 pm (Vigil Dec. 7), 8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm Spanish
(Parish Office Closed)

Matachines, Rosary, & Las Mañanitas
Friday, Dec. 11 | 10:30 pm | Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration
Saturday, Dec. 12 | Procession starts at 6 pm | Church
Mass with Archbishop Rozanski at 7 pm followed by dinner

Christmas Outreach Giving Tree Gift Collection
Saturday, Dec. 12 | 12 pm - 4 pm & Sunday, Dec. 13 | 7:30 am - 11 am | Gym

Simbang Gabi Novena Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Wednesday, Dec. 23 | 7 pm each evening | Church
A Filipino tradition which will be celebrated in English
Closing Mass with Archbishop Rozanski & dinner to follow

Posadas
Dec. 16 - 23 | 7:30 pm | Cafeteria
Nine-day Christmas tradition reenacting Mary & Joseph's journey to find shelter before the birth of Jesus

Themes of Advent Reflection & Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, Dec. 16 | 6:30 pm | Church

Celebrate with us joyfully this Christmas!

Christmas Eve Masses
Thursday, Dec. 24 | 4 pm (Church - Children's Pageant & Parish Center), & 10 pm

Christmas Day Masses
Friday, Dec. 25 | 10 am and 12 pm in Spanish - NO 5 pm Mass

New Year's Eve
Thursday, Dec. 31 | 8:30 am daily Mass
5:30 pm and 7pm (Spanish) Vigil Masses for Jan. 1 Holy Day

Mary, The Mother of God Holy Day Mass
Thursday, Jan. 1 | 9 am & 12 pm (Spanish)

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th - January 3rd.

Merry Christmas from the St. Joseph Parish Clergy & Staff!

Details at www.stjoemanchester.org

A Place to **BELONG**



Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 29th | 6:00 pm | Church Courtyard

Save the Date for our Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th at 6:00 pm, after the 5pm Mass in the church courtyard.

There will be hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas carols, and beautiful Christmas lights lit on our Christmas Tree to bring in the Advent season! All are invited.

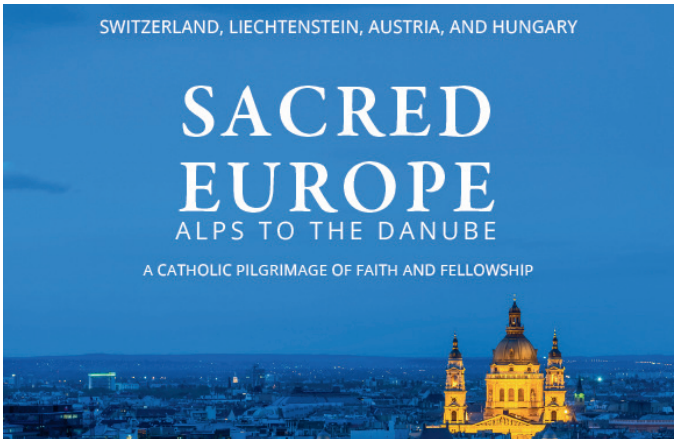


Ladies' Advent Tea

Monday, December 7th | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Center

Ladies, come as you are and join us for "Lessons and Carols," an Advent reflection with music and prayer. Tea and light desserts will be served.

Please bring a teacup and saucer. There will be some available at the event as well. Scan the QR code if you're interested in attending or visit: https://www.stjoemanchester.org/ladies-advent-tea.

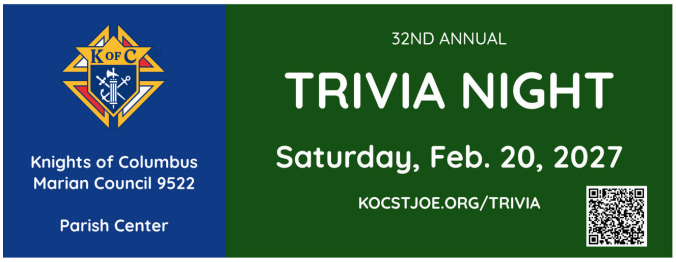


2027 Pilgrimage Informational Meeting

Thursday, January 7th | 6:30 pm | Cafeteria

Fr. Mathew will be leading the 2027 pilgrimage to SACRED EUROPE: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Hungary September 21st - October 1st of 2027. Visit https://www.stjoemanchester.org/parish-pilgrimage to see the pilgrimage brochure!

All are invited to a Zoom informational meeting with Nativity, Pilgrimage, on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria to get more details on the trip!



Trivia Night

Saturday, February 20th | Doors 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm First Question | Parish Center

Save the Date! St. Joe's 32nd Annual Trivia Night is on Saturday, February 20, 2027! The next St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Trivia Night promises to pump up the fun, with games, prizes, the popular online auction and spoon game, and more. Plus, the 32nd edition of this annual fund-raiser is bringing something new: a 1980s theme! Participants are invited to dress like it's the 1980s if they wish, and adorn their table with decade-appropriate decorations. (All optional, of course.) Questions will cover a variety of categories, time periods and eras, with a few reflecting an '80s connection. Visit https://www.kocstjoe.org/trivia to register.

A Place to **BELIEVE**



Encounter the Healer

Wednesday, November 25th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Church

All are invited to Encounter the Healer on Wednesday, November 25th from 6 - 7 pm for an evening of prayer with Eucharistic Adoration, a short reflection by Regina Wells, and praise & worship! Prayers of healing with the Jonah Prayer Team and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are also available from 6 - 7 pm.

7:00 pm Mass will be celebrated immediately following. All are welcome!



Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 28th | 8:30am | Church

Our parish Mass of Remembrance will be Saturday, November 28th at 8:30 am. This Mass celebrates all our loved ones who have passed in the last year or years past, as well as all deceased members of our parish family. All are invited to attend.

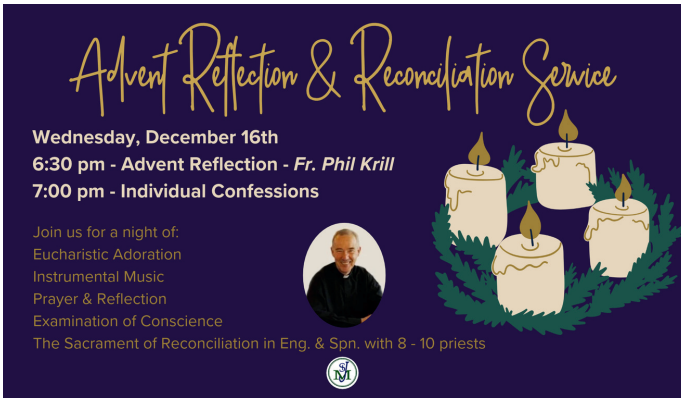
Please sign up so that we may provide a candle in their remembrance.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Novena

December 3rd - 10th | 7:30 pm | Cafeteria

Join us as we commit to nine days prayer and Rosary devotion, asking for our Blessed Mother Mary's intercession, leading up the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited each night at 7:30 pm in the St. Joe cafeteria for these beautiful evening of prayer and devotion.



Advent Reflection & Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 16th | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Center

Prepare your heart for Jesus' birth this Christmas with an Advent reflection by Fr. Phil Krill and stay for our Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the church.

Multiple priests will be available, speaking multi-languages. Instrumental music and Adoration will continue in the church until the last confession is heard.

A Place to **BECOME Good News For Others**



Birthright Pro-Life Christmas Cards

November 21-22 | After Masses or in Parish Office

Birthright Christmas Cards are now available for purchase in the parish office. Ten cards and envelopes for $10. The inside verse reads, "For unto us a child is born...His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6).

Birthright offers positive alternatives to abortion, providing free and confidential counseling as well as practical assistance to women facing an untimely pregnancy. Your support is very much appreciated!



St. Vincent de Paul - Sharing Thanksgiving Blessings

The holiday season is a beautiful time spent with friends and family. It is also a traditional time for generosity, focusing on supporting neighbors and families facing economic hardship. Because of you, our generous parishioners, we are able to provide resources to our local Neighbors in Need. All offerings at the upcoming 9am Thanksgiving Mass will be used to support these neighbors. Or, If you wish, just scan the QR code. If you or someone you know needs food or any financial assistance, please call our St. Vincent de Paul office phone at 636-779-5616. All calls are confidential. Happy Thanksgiving!

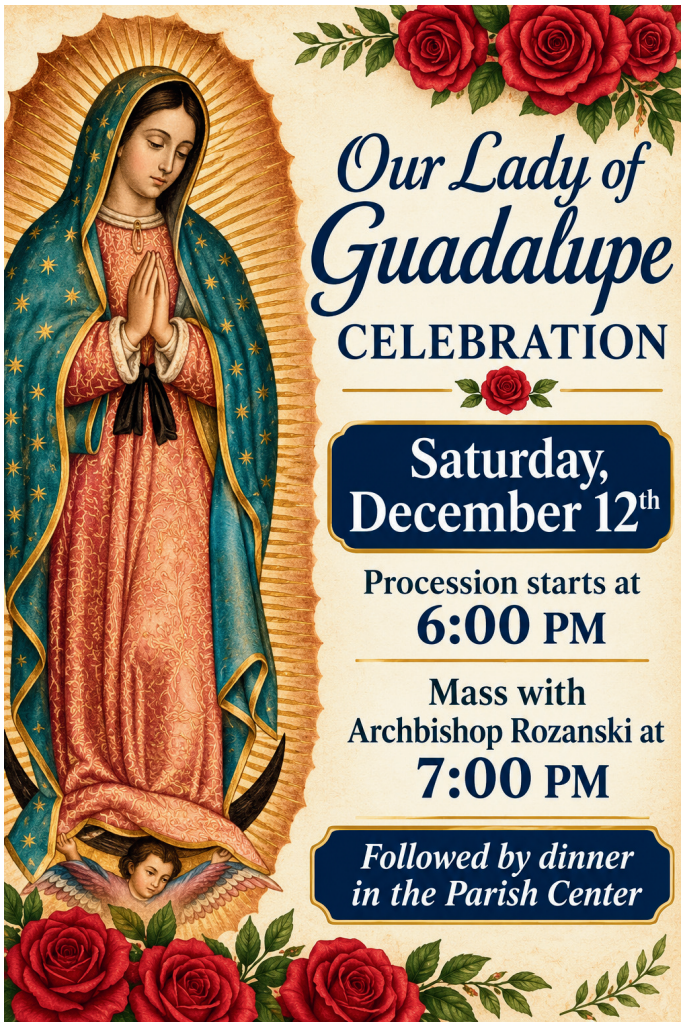


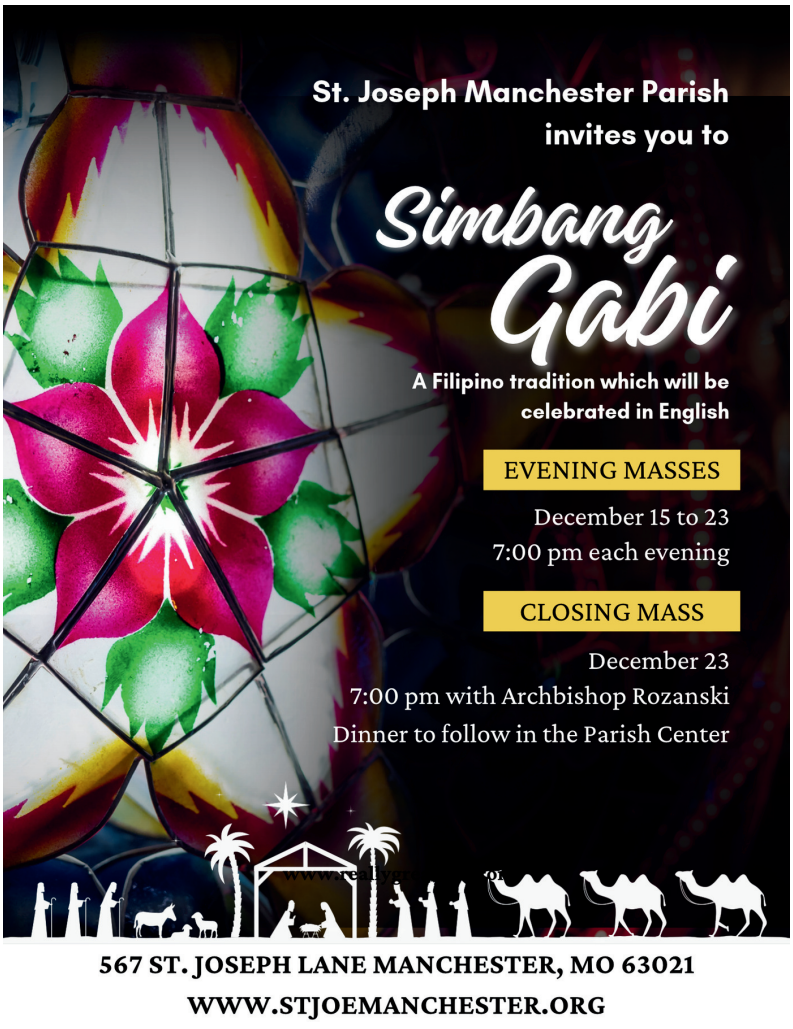


Important Upcoming Events









Ministerio Español y Português

La vida es un don de Dios. El cristianismo, y particularmente la Iglesia Católica, siempre ha estado a favor de la vida. Siempre ha defendido la vida en todas sus formas, sin excepción. Continúa defendiendo tanto la vida de los nacidos como la de los no nacidos. Si la Iglesia no defendiera la vida, no hablara en favor de ella y no fuera provida, el mundo sería mucho más sangriento de lo que es hoy, con la sangre de los inocentes: ¡los niños no nacidos! Me entristece que la Enmienda 3 no haya sido aprobada, a pesar de los grandes esfuerzos que realizaron las diócesis católicas y los fieles de Misuri durante la campaña. Es posible que algunos de ustedes también se sientan decepcionados. San Pablo, al hablar sobre la inmoralidad sexual, nos recuerda: «Todo me está permitido, pero no todo me conviene. Todo me está permitido, pero no me dejaré dominar por nada... El cuerpo no es para la inmoralidad, sino para el Señor, y el Señor es para el cuerpo» (1 Corintios 6, 12-13). Gracias a todos ustedes por sus incansables esfuerzos en promover una cultura de la vida.

El aborto es solo uno de los muchos atentados contra la cultura de la vida. Sin embargo, el respeto por la vida debe abordarse desde una perspectiva mucho más amplia. Quiero que recuerden que toda vida humana es el resultado de una relación sexual. ¿Sabían que más del ochenta por ciento de los abortos son realizados por personas que no están casadas? Esto significa que las parejas casadas que cuentan con una familia establecida rara vez recurren al aborto, porque tienen una base sólida para acoger y cuidar la vida. Para el año completo más reciente, 2025, el Instituto Guttmacher estima que se realizaron aproximadamente 1.126 millones de abortos proporcionados por profesionales de la salud en los Estados Unidos. Esto equivale a unos 3.085 abortos al día. Desde el caso Roe contra Wade, en 1973, ¡se han realizado cerca de 66 millones de abortos en los Estados Unidos! Sesenta y seis millones de posibilidades de contribuir a hacer de este mundo un lugar mejor han sido truncadas.

Creo que necesitamos crear una mayor conciencia sobre el carácter sagrado de la sexualidad. Esto debe comenzar en el hogar. Los padres deben educar a sus hijos para que comprendan que la sexualidad es mucho más que un asunto personal. Su propósito principal es la dimensión unitiva, que consiste en la entrega mutua de los esposos, en la que «los dos se convierten en una sola carne» (Génesis 2, 24). Se trata del amor conyugal, la fidelidad y la profundización de su comunión. El segundo propósito es la dimensión procreativa, que implica estar abiertos a la nueva vida, cumplir el mandato de «sean fecundos y multiplíquense» (Génesis 1, 28) y asumir la responsabilidad de criar a los hijos. Esto sitúa la sexualidad en el contexto del sacramento del Matrimonio. Por eso, la Iglesia Católica enseña que las relaciones sexuales fuera del matrimonio constituyen un pecado. Ciertamente, debemos orar para que exista un mayor respeto por la vida. Sin embargo, lo que más necesitamos es un esfuerzo concreto para transformar nuestra cultura, que promueve el sexo seguro y las relaciones sexuales libres fuera de su contexto adecuado, que es el matrimonio. La conciencia provida no puede echar raíces profundas en nuestra cultura si permanecemos en silencio ante cuestiones como las relaciones sexuales prematrimoniales y la convivencia en pareja sin estar casados, prácticas que contribuyen en gran medida a los abortos.

Si los padres pueden enseñar a sus hijos la virtud de la castidad, el número de abortos disminuirá considerablemente. Si no están dispuestos a hablar con sus hijos sobre la importancia de vivir la castidad, o si consienten silenciosamente las tendencias culturales de las relaciones sexuales prematrimoniales y la convivencia fuera del matrimonio, nuestra lucha provida carecerá de coherencia y honestidad. El problema del aborto debe abordarse desde una perspectiva más amplia que incluya el respeto por el matrimonio y la familia, así como el propósito de la sexualidad humana. Si decimos: «Está bien», «Eso es lo que todos hacen hoy en día», «Bueno, eso es normal» o «Eso no es ningún problema», los abortos continuarán. Aquí construimos monumentos en memoria de los niños no nacidos y encendemos velas por ellos; pero, por otro lado, consentimos prácticas que conducen a nuestros jóvenes a las clínicas de aborto. Enseñen a sus hijos a amar y valorar la castidad, y los abortos pronto desaparecerán.

Con cariño,
P. Mathew





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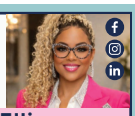
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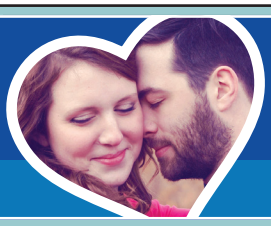

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