



- *ST. PIUS X* (SOLON SPRINGS)
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Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." — Lk 1:30-32

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Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

The second collection this weekend is for the Building Fund

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**Capitalism 'will collapse on itself' without more empathy and love: Scott Galloway
Adam Shapiro is co-anchor of Yahoo Finance Live 3pm to 5pm.**

The coronavirus pandemic accelerated drastic economic changes that were already underway. And one expert warns that it's threatening the future of the free market system. "We are barreling towards a nation with three million lords being served by 350 million serfs," NYU Stern School of Business professor Scott Galloway told Yahoo Finance Live.

Galloway, the outspoken New York Times best selling author, addresses these themes in his latest book, *Post Corona: From Crisis to Opportunity*. Specifically, he explores who the winners and losers will be following the COVID-19 pandemic and suggests ways people can prevent a future that threatens to leave millions behind economically. "We don't like to say this out loud, but I feel as if this pandemic has largely been invented for taking the top 10% into the top 1%, and taking the rest of the 90% downward," Galloway said.

Wealth by the numbers

A recent UBS PwC study of the world's 2000 billionaires found "Total billionaire wealth reached \$10.2 trillion at the end of July 2020, touching a new high after the year's V-shaped rebound in asset prices." It broke the previous record, \$8.9 trillion, set at the end of 2019 despite the pandemic's negative impact on the global economy. In the United States, a report from the Federal Reserve shows the top 1%, which includes millionaires and billionaires have a combined net worth of \$34.9 trillion while the bottom 50% has a combined net worth of \$7 trillion.

"Capitalism is meant to be full body contact violence and competition to unleash incredible prosperity," according to Galloway.

But he points out that while the two largest asset classes in America — real estate and the stock market — are at all time highs, "80% of those assets by value are owned by the top 10%" of the population. Galloway agrees that government efforts to save businesses and financial markets worked during the pandemic. But there has been little, he says, to help people at the bottom of the economic ladder

"We haven't figured out a way to keep schools open," an example Galloway cites.

Saving capitalism with empathy and love

A Washington Post analysis of Census Bureau data found one in six Americans didn't have enough food to eat in the last week toward the end of November. "A third of Americans are worried they can't pay their rent," Galloway noted. "This is the best of times and the worst of times," "We've decided to protect corporations, not people. Capitalism is literally collapsing on itself unless it rebuilds that pillar of empathy," which Galloway says in turn supports capitalism.

Congress did pass a \$2 trillion stimulus package last March that included a one time \$1,200 check for millions of Americans who earn less than \$75,000 a year. Those benefits have expired without action on new stimulus to help people who have lost their jobs during the pandemic. "We've decided that capitalism means being loving and empathetic to corporations, and darwinistic and harsh towards individuals," Galloway said.

Galloway proposes creative destruction that lets failing business fail while protecting people who lose jobs.

"We let people get fired so that Apple can emerge and put Sun Microsystems out of business, and then we take that incredible prosperity and we're more empathetic with people. We fund Social Security so we can take 38% of seniors who are in poverty down to 11%," he said.

Despite his criticism, Galloway says American capitalism, "the greatest system of its kind, the greatest upward lubricant of the middle class" can be saved if voters elect politicians who enforce the rules.

"We don't seem to want to hold these companies accountable or to the same standards we've held companies in the past." Galloway says.

"Capitalism fails unless it rests on a foundation of empathy and love," which Galloway says requires being harsh at times on corporations and more empathetic and generous with U.S. citizens.

12/6/13	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes			
Loose Change			
Fuel	Due to early bulletin submission times the Collections for 12/6/13 will be reported next week.		
Building Fund			
Christmas Flowers			
Haiti			
Holy Days			
Charity			
Total			
CSA Goals	\$10,531	\$6,789	\$13,639
CSA Results			
% of Goal			
Electronic Donations (Monthly)	565.00	235.00	308.17

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Friday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

It's the last Sunday of Advent and we are all getting ready for the celebration of the birth of our Messiah...Jesus! Are you still looking for just the right gifts for your family? Well, tomorrow, December 21st was the day the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 so to celebrate that day why not go out into the yard and around the neighborhood and pick up some rocks. Did you ever notice that even rocks are special? Some have "layers"... some are smooth ... some jagged ... some are speckled with colors ... some have interesting shapes. Consider today how wonderful it is that God could even make a rock pretty! And here's a last-minute Christmas gift idea — clean up a rock and then use magic markers to draw a design, make a "happy face" or write a special message on the rock and give it to someone special as a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" paperweight. Do you suppose Jesus might say that you made a Christmas gift that really "**ROCKS?**"

You know Friday, December 25th is Christmas and it is also a Holy Day of Obligation but our Bishop Powers said we don't have to go to mass in church with other people because of the virus. But we all know how to go to mass virtually on our computer with Father Kinney or participate in a mass that is on television. Check out our churches' web site and plan a celebration in your home around one of Father Kinney's Christmas masses! Maybe we could make that our Christmas gift to Father.... celebrating with him.... Maybe he could use a paperweight! Wouldn't that "rock?"



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