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Sacrament

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

327 Second Street, Fall River, Ma

Masses

Saturday 4PM, 7PM (Brazilian)
Sunday 10:30AM, 1PM (Spanish)
Tuesday 7PM (Brazilian/Portuguese)
Mon-Friday 12N, Friday 6 PM (Spanish)

Confessions

Mon-Fri 11:15-11:45AM

Rosary

Mon-Fri 11:30AM

First Friday Adoration

12:30PM-5:45PM

Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation: Contact Leanne Nelson or Claudia Mendoza.

Marriage: Contact Leanne Nelson or Claudia Mendoza at least one year before the date, prior to booking a reception venue.

Holy Orders: Contact one of the Parish Clergy.

Anointing of the Sick: The anointing of the sick is for those who are gravely ill, extreme old age or are undergoing a procedure or surgery. The Anointing is NOT last rites. Please see one of the priests after Mass or contact the Parish Office. If in the hospital, ask to see the Chaplain.

Good Shepherd

1598 South Main Street, Fall River, Ma

Masses

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 10AM, 11:30AM (Portuguese)
5:30PM Spanish/English
Mon & Wed 5:30PM

Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday 1PM-5PM
(Rosary at 5:15 and ends with Benediction)

St. Stanislaus

37 Rockland St., Fall River, Ma

Mass

Sunday 9AM
Tues & Thurs 5:30PM

Confession and Adoration

Tues 6PM-7PM

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
10AM-4PM

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Mass Intentions

St. Mary's Cathedral

Monday, September 30

12PM Midge Teves Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, October 1

12PM William Ward 38th Anniversary

Wednesday, October 2

12PM For our parishioners

Thursday, October 3

12PM Thomas Marcoux 1st Anniversary

Friday, October 4

12PM For our parishioners

Saturday, October 5

4PM Red Mass

7PM For our parishioners

Sunday, October 6

10:30AM John Polak Sr

3PM Diocese Anniversary Mass

Sanctuary Lamp: For our parishioners

St. Stanislaus

Sunday, September 29

9AM Alice Gauthier

Tuesday, October 1

5:30PM For our parishioners

Thursday, October 3

5:30PM Manuel V Pimental 18th Anniversary

Sunday, October 6

9AM Living and Deceased Members of
The Holy Rosary Sodality

Sanctuary Lamp: Pierogi makers

Our Lady of Czestochowa: For our parishioners

Divine Mercy: Mark Butler birthday remembrance

Pope Saint John Paul: For our parishioners

Good Shepherd

Saturday, September 28

4PM Jose P and Maria P Ribeiro, Francisco A and
Rosa Maria, Manuel A Faria and Mary R Faria

7PM For our parishioners

Sunday, September 29

10AM Robert Rozyki

11:30AM Jose Pacheco and Angelina Gouveia

1PM For our parishioners

5:30PM For our parishioners

Monday, September 30

5:30PM For our parishioners

Wednesday, October 2

5:30PM For our parishioners

Saturday, October 5

4PM Valdemir Monteiro

Sunday, October 6

10AM Intentions of Deacon Alan

11:30AM Joyce Gonsalves and family

1PM For our parishioners

5:30PM For our parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intentions

Our Lady of Angels: Manual P Goncalo
and John Couto

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude
for your holy ordained priest-
hood.

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be set apart and to shepherd
your people, as you shepherd
your entire church.

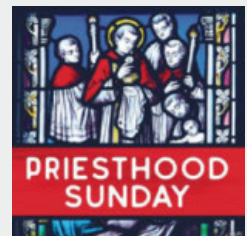
We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.
It is through the sacraments they confer
that we encounter the divine in a real and profound
way.

May your church never lose sight of these,
your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,
never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,
which they have freely given to you and your holy
church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.
Amen.



Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

September 29, 2024 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 9:38-43

The Importance of Ecumenism

The apostles are upset. They tried to stop a man from driving out demons in Jesus' name because he was not one of Jesus' immediate followers. Jesus tells them not to prevent the man from working miracles. Jesus tells them that no one who was against him would have that kind of power.

The apostles sound a bit cliquish in this Gospel. They seem to be saying that only “card-carrying” Jesus followers are allowed to work miracles in Jesus’ name. Jesus tells them to look at the fruit of the venture, and to remember, “[W]hoever is not against us is for us.” Jesus statement serves well to remind us of the importance of ecumenism in the Catholic mindset.

The Catechism tells us that God is truth and love. Since we were created in the image and likeness of God, these two attributes are essential in our own lives if we wish to follow Jesus. Living one’s life in truth and love is the litmus test for the children of God. If someone is living life honestly, searching for truth and acting in loving ways, she is on the right path. She is walking with God.

I think in today’s world, Jesus would probably tell us to stop being so parochial, so legalistic and tell us to be more ecumenical. God’s plan has always been a universe filled with peace and harmony. All people are called to be one with each other and

one with God. In God’s world there is no place for nit-picking over irrelevant details.

Jesus asks us to look for the good we see in another’s life (the fruits) no matter their religion. Ecumenism means looking for and concentrating on the things we have in common with folks. We need to name and celebrate the things that bring us together and work our way diligently through those issues that separate us.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have family members discuss what they like best about your parish church. Who are some of your favorite people in the parish?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What do you like most and least about your parish? How can you help to make your parish better? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



29 de septiembre de 2024 • 26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario • Marcos 9:38-43

La importancia del ecumenismo

Los apóstoles están molestos. Trataron de evitar que un hombre expulsara demonios en el nombre de Jesús porque no era uno de los seguidores inmediatos de Jesús. Jesús les dice que no impidan que el hombre haga milagros. Jesús les dice que nadie que estuviera en contra de él tendría ese tipo de poder.

Los apóstoles suenan un poco cerrados en este Evangelio. Parecen estar diciendo que solo a los seguidores de Jesús que “llevan tarjetas” se les permite hacer milagros en el nombre de Jesús. Jesús les dice que miren el fruto de la aventura y que recuerden: “El que no está contra nosotros está a favor de nosotros”. La declaración de Jesús sirve bien para recordarnos la importancia del ecumenismo en la mentalidad católica.

El Catecismo nos dice que Dios es verdad y amor. Dado que fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios, estos dos atributos son esenciales en nuestras propias vidas si deseamos seguir a Jesús. Vivir la vida en verdad y amor es la prueba de fuego para los hijos de Dios. Si alguien está viviendo la vida honestamente, buscando la verdad y actuando de manera amorosa, está en el camino correcto. Ella está caminando con Dios.

Creo que, en el mundo de hoy, Jesús probablemente nos diría que dejemos de ser tan parroquiales, tan legalistas y nos diría que seamos más ecuménicos. El plan de Dios siempre ha sido un universo lleno de paz y armonía. Todas las personas están llamadas a ser unas con otras y una con Dios.

En el mundo de Dios no hay lugar para la selección de detalles irrelevantes.

Jesús nos pide que busquemos el bien que vemos en la vida de los demás (los frutos) sin importar su religión. El ecumenismo significa buscar y concentrarse en las cosas que tenemos en común con la gente. Necesitamos nombrar y celebrar las cosas que nos unen y trabajar nuestro camino diligentemente a través de los problemas que nos separan.

REPUESTA FAMILIAR

Pida a los miembros de la familia que analicen lo que más les gusta de su iglesia parroquial. ¿Quiénes son algunas de tus personas favoritas en la parroquia?

REPUESTA PERSONAL

¿Qué es lo que más y menos le gusta de su parroquia? ¿Cómo puedes ayudar a mejorar tu parroquia? ¿Qué quieres recordar de la semana pasada? ¿Qué esperas para la próxima semana? ¿Cuáles son sus preocupaciones?

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Service

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Good Shepherd Parish Hall
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Center Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10am—2pm (*Updated*)

Community Kitchen

Tuesdays 12pm-2pm (lunch)
Wednesdays—12-2pm (lunch)
Thursdays-10 to 11:30 am (breakfast)
Fridays—12pm-2pm (lunch)

Food Pantry

Wednesdays—11am-4pm

The outreach center is accepting donations of tents, sleeping bags, blankets, sneakers and boots, coats, hats, mittens, socks, under shirts, new underwear, thermal underwear, hand and feet warmers, and travel size hygiene products. WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF ANYTHING ELSE AT THIS TIME. Thanks!

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Finding God in Ordinary Moments

The Angel in the Marble by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside. I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go. "I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be. "Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13

Saint of the Week

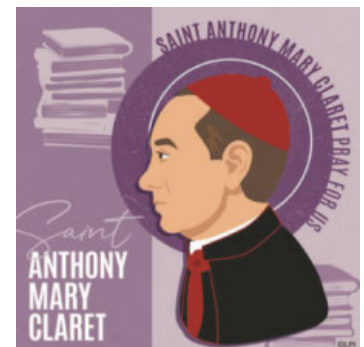
Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. He became a popular preacher, leading retreats and popular missions where he emphasized the Eucharist. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

In 1850 he chose to add the name Mary to his own, and he is known today for his propagation of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For the next 7 years he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage, instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exception that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us!



CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED WHY do we DO THAT?

Ordinary Time

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus’ incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

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PIEROGI

Pierogi making for the Christmas food sale has begun!

They will be made on the following dates:

September 28, October 12 and 26
and November 9 and 23.

PRAY the FOUR MYSTERIES

On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, **Monday, October 7**, we will honor the Mother of God by praying the four mysteries of the Rosary at St. Stanislaus Church beginning at 9AM. Everyone is invited. Please enter by the church door.



Faith Formation begins Sunday,
September 29.

Registration forms and schedules are
at the back of all the churches



PRAYER of SERVICE

Dear sweet Jesus,
Every day you give us is a gift.
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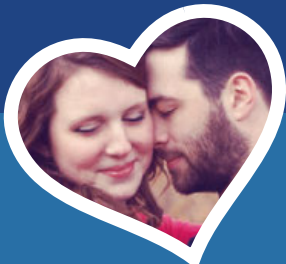
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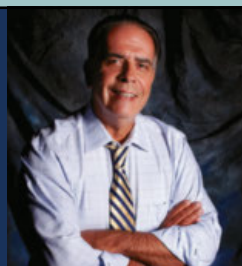
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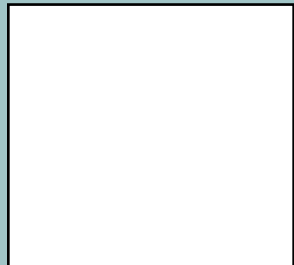
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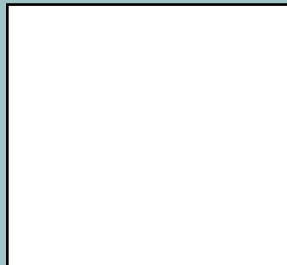
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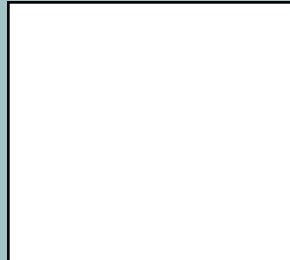
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