

HE WAS RUDDY, A YOUTH
HANDSOME TO BEHOLD
AND MAKING A SPLENDID
APPEARANCE.
THE LORD SAID,
"THERE—ANOINT HIM,
FOR THIS IS THE ONE!"

—1 SAMUEL 16:12

Upcoming Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19)

March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

nool.us | (303) 469-5171



NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD

A LETTER FROM OUR PRIESTS



Fr. Accursio Ciaccio

Dear Parishioners,

Here is another page from my textbook for the eighth graders. Here I introduce them to Pope John Paul II's encyclical Faith and Reason, *Fides et Ratio*, which more and more seems to respond to our modern world.

Have a great week,

Fr. Accu

Fr. Accursio

In 1998, Pope John Paul II published one of the most important encyclicals he ever wrote, *Fides et Ratio*, which means Faith and Reason. An encyclical is a letter that a pope writes to the bishops or to other members of the Church to teach them something important. This encyclical describes the relationship between Christian faith and human reason, showing that not only are they compatible, but they also need each other. Here is the beginning of the encyclical:

Fr. Accu's Class Notes: *Fides et Ratio* by Pope St. John Paul II

Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves. (*Fides et Ratio*, #1)

Pope John Paul II is saying that **to discover the truth about ourselves and everything else, we need both our reason and our faith.** They are like two tools that are both needed by us in our search for truth. How do they work together? Here is another passage from the encyclical.

Faith, therefore, has no fear of reason, but seeks it out and has trust in it. Just as grace builds on nature and brings it to fulfillment, so faith builds upon and perfects reason. Illumined by faith, reason is set free from the fragility and limitations deriving from the disobedience of sin and finds the strength required to rise to the knowledge of the Triune God. Although he made much of the supernatural character of faith, the Angelic Doctor did not overlook the importance of its reasonableness; indeed he was able to plumb the depths and explain the meaning of this reasonableness. Faith is in a sense an "exercise of thought"; and human reason is neither annulled nor debased in assenting to the contents of faith, which are in any case attained by way of free and informed choice. (*Fides et Ratio*, #43)

This is a slightly more difficult passage, but its meaning is very simple: **faith and reason can't fear each other.** It's actually the opposite since they build on and help each other. **The object of faith is Jesus:** what he did, what he said, and he himself. He said that he is the way, the truth, and the life. Reason always tries to find the truth of everything. This is why people think. Therefore it turns out that both faith and reason are interested in the same thing: Jesus, that is, the truth. Already here we can see that there is a strong connection between the two of them.

The revelation we receive from Jesus is like the answer to questions that would be impossible for us to figure out. For example, we could not have understood on our own that God is one and three. Therefore the strength of faith is that faith is always right. Whatever the Church teaches us comes from what God taught the Apostles. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit makes sure that none of it is changed and that our Apostolic Tradition always stays the same. Therefore what we know by faith, we know is absolutely error-free. The strength of reason, on the other hand, is that, by nature, it always tries to understand things. When we think, not only do we want to discover the truth, but we want to understand it too.

Now let us have a look at the weaknesses of faith and reason. Because of original sin, human reason and our relationship with God are wounded. This means that they are not as powerful as they were meant to be and that they have a problem. The problem with faith is that it can be difficult to understand. For example, we know that God is one and three, that Mary is at the same time a virgin and a mother, etc. These and many other mysteries of our faith seem to be incomprehensible. On the other hand, it is a common experience that even the most intelligent person in the world can make a mistake when they use their reason.

The problem of faith is that sometimes it seems incomprehensible. This can be helped by reason, which tries to understand and to make things clearer. On the other hand, the problem of reason, that it can be sometimes wrong, can be helped by faith, which is always right. In this way, we can see that not only are faith and reason not enemies, but they have two very important relationships. The first is that they share the same object. They both look for truth, that is, for Jesus. The second is that they can help each other to achieve this object. Faith can make sure that reason is correct, while reason can help faith to be more comprehensible.

DAILY READINGS

DAY	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sat 3/13	HOS 6:1-6		LK 18:9-14
Sun 3/14	1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	EPH 5:8-14	JN 8:1-41
Mon 3/15	IS 65:17-21		JN 4:43-54
Tues 3/16	EZ 47:1-9, 12		JN 5:1-16
Wed 3/17	IS 49:8-15		JN 5:17-30
Thurs 3/18	EX 32:7-14		JN 5:31-47
Fri 3/19	2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	ROM 4:13, 16-18,22	MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sat 3/20	JER 11:18-20		JN 7:40-53
Sun 3/21	EZ 37:12-14	ROM 8:8-11	JN 11:1-45

PARISH OFFICE

Location

900 W. Midway Blvd
Broomfield, CO 80020

Website: www.nool.us

Phone: (303) 469-5171

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00am-9:00pm

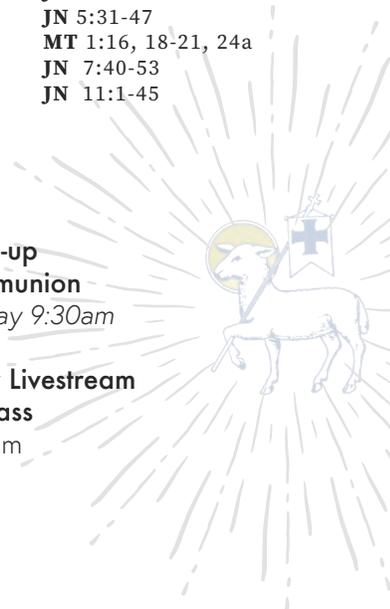
Saturday
8:00am-5:00pm

Fax: (303) 469-5172
School: (303) 466-4177

BULLETIN INFO

For all bulletin submissions,
please email us at:

BULLETIN@NOOL.US



PARISH TIMES

Mass Times

Monday - Friday
7:00am | 9:30am

Saturday
9:30am | 4:00pm
5:00pm

Sunday
7:30am | 8:30am
9:30am | 11:00am
12:00pm | 4:00pm | 5:00pm

Confession

Thursday
5:00-6:00pm

Saturday
8:00-9:30am
3:00-4:30pm

Sunday
During Mass
when possible

Drive-up Communion

Sunday 9:30am

Daily Livestream
of Mass
9:30am

Sign up at nool.us or at app.flocknote.com/nool

flocknote
Nativity's main communication tool

Visit nool.us for our interactive bulletin, latest news, and more.

NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD

The submission deadline is every Tuesday at noon. Be on the lookout for early holiday submission times.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Fr. Michael Carvill, FSCB
m.carvill@nool.us | ext. 114

Associate Pastor
Fr. Accursio Ciaccio, FSCB
a.ciaccio@nool.us

Associate Pastor
Fr. Emanuele Fadini, FSCB
e.fadini@nool.us | ext. 166

Associate Pastor
Fr. Matteo Invernizzi, FSCB
m.invernizzi@nool.us

Deacons
Huan Nguyen
h.nguyen@nool.us
Steve Vallero
s.vallero@nool.us

David Arling
d.aring@nool.us

Sisters
Srs. Teresa and Marilú
sisters@nool.us

Parish Sacristan
Marylou Sivigliano
m.sivigliano@nool.us | ext. 136

Assistant Sacristan
Ron Kaiser

Executive Assistant to the Pastor
Roberta Hebert
r.hebert@nool.us

School Principal
Holly Peterson
h.peterson@nool.us | ext. 141

Business Manager
Kyle Hubbard
k.hubbart@nool.us | ext. 108

Accounting and HR Manager
Carol Sullivan
c.sullivan@nool.us | ext. 109

Accounting Assistants
Suzie Sloan
s.sloan@nool.us | ext. 140
Candy Gritz
c.gritz@nool.us | ext. 140

Director of Music
Dr. Marcia Marchesi
m.marchesi@nool.us | ext. 123

Faith Alive Direct Number
(303) 731-0425

Director of Faith Alive
Mark Thomason
m.thomason@nool.us | ext. 104

Director of Religious Education
Diane Irby
d.irby@nool.us | ext. 103

Faith Alive Assistant
Tricia Fankell
t.fankell@nool.us | ext. 103

Parish Registrar
Merrilyn Sikora
m.sikora@nool.us | ext. 110

Director of Stewardship
Diane Denfeld
d.denfeld@nool.us | ext. 106

Director of Development
Ilene DuBey
i.dubey@nool.us | ext. 116

IT Specialist
Jim DuBey
j.dubey@nool.us | ext. 115
Admin. of Parish Reception & Ops
Jen Kuzik
j.kuzik@nool.us | ext. 100
Admin. Assistants - Front Desk
Lindsay Smith
l.smith@nool.us | ext. 112
Stacy Logay
s.logay@nool.us | ext. 112
Rose Pearson
r.pearson@nool.us | ext. 112
Facilities Manager
Mike Hebert
m.hebert@nool.us | ext. 122
Past. Associate, Charity & Outreach
Lynne Gallagher
l.gallagher@nool.us | ext. 101

Director of Communications
Jacquie Fankell
j.fankell@nool.us | ext. 135
Communications Associate
Lauren Abeyta
l.abeyta@nool.us | ext. 135

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. PATRICK
Wednesday, March 17

ARCHBISHOP'S PRAYER

Leader: For the Archdiocese of Denver, that through the fatherly intercession of St. Joseph, patron of the universal Church, the Holy Spirit will stir into flame our local Church; boldly focused on mission and committed to announcing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we pray.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the Earth.

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

CECILIA BRUCHEZ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

9:30 † Salvador and Ann
Cristina Meza
by The Ocampo Family
4:00 † Hanne Giambrocco
by The Shileny Family
5:00 † Virginia D. Romero
by The Romero Family

Sunday, March 14

7:30 † June Shaw
by Bev and Larry Grau
8:30 Jean Gryzmala
by Annie Green
9:30 People of the Parish
11:00 Aly Ernster
by Mom and Dad

(Sunday continued)

12:00 Bohard Schomburg
by The Sharma Family
4:00 -
5:00 Kathy Swart

Monday, March 15

7:00 † Manuel Solano
by The Solano Family
9:30 Nicholas Michael Rask
by Mom

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 Aida Solano
by The Solano Family
9:30 † Paul A. Rask
by Maria Rask

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 † Joan Boisvert
by Don and
Evette Shileny
9:30 † Richard Lagrois
by Mary

Thursday, March 18

7:00 Kenna Knight
by Parents
9:30 Jean Gryzmala
by Annie Green

Friday, March 19

7:00 Fraternity of St. Charles
Borromeo
9:30 -

Saturday, March 20

9:30 † Fr. Fabio Baroncini
by Sister Marilú
4:00 Kathleen Le
by Thanh Trinh
5:00 Kathy Swart

Sunday, March 21

7:30 -
8:30 -
9:30 People of The Parish
11:00 -
12:00 -
4:00 One Year Ann. Death
of Ivano Marchesi
by The Family
5:00 -

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14

7:30am Mass
8:30am Mass
9:30am Drive-Up Mass
11:00am Mass
12:00pm Mass
1:00pm CL Lenten Retreat
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm HS Youth Group

Monday, March 15

7:00am Mass
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:00am SVdP
2:00pm Apologetics—Mark
6:30pm SVdP
7:00pm Boulder CL
7:00pm St. Joe's Men's Group

Please see the website, nool.us, for updated parish schedule due to changes in COVID-19 procedures.

Tuesday, March 16

7:00am Mass
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:00am SVdP
1:00pm Bible Study
4:30pm RE
6:30pm RCIA
6:30pm RE
7:00pm Venturers

Wednesday, March 17

5:30am St. Joe's Men's Group
7:00am Mass
8:00am ENDOW
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:00am SVdP
1:00pm 'God Bible Study'
4:00pm RE
6:00pm Book Club (Joan)
6:30pm CL
7:00pm Voice of the Lord
7:15pm Scouts
7:30pm Book Club (Yvonne)

Thursday, March 18

7:00am Mass
9:00am ENDOW
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:00am SVdP
6:00pm RCIA
7:00pm Sojourners
7:00pm CL
7:00pm Eagle Board of Review

Friday, March 19

7:00am Mass
7:30am Men of Emmaus
9:00am ENDOW
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:00am SVdP
3:00pm CL
6:00pm Soup and Stations
6:00pm AHG

Sign up on Flocknote for up-to-date information delivered directly into your inbox at:
app.flocknote.com/nool

Saturday, March 20

7:45am Cenacle Prayer Group
8:50am Prolife Rosary
9:00am CL
9:30am Livestream Mass
10:15am Altar Server Training
11:00am Baptisms
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
5:30pm CL

If you're going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at: 303-469-5171

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at 303-466-8859 or at joannefarver@comcast.net.

Prayers for the sick and for the deceased:

We pray for all who are sick, and for our deceased relatives and friends that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven and rejoice in the eternal treasure of God's glory and love.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunday Mass 7:30am, 8:30am
9:30am (livestreamed)
(sign up required)

11:00am
12:00pm (outdoor,
weather-permitting)

Palm Sunday, March 27/28

Saturday 4:00pm (sign up required)
5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 8:30am,
9:30am (livestreamed) (sign up required)

Holy Thursday, April 1

Confession 8:00am - 9:30am
Morning Prayer 9:30am (livestreamed)
Mass of the Lord's
Supper 7:00pm (livestreamed) (sign up required)
Adoration 9:00pm overnight to 7:00am,
on Good Friday

Good Friday, April 2

Confession 8:00am - 9:30am
Morning Prayer 9:30am (livestreamed)
Way of the Cross 12:00pm (start at Brunner Farmhouse)
Stations of the Cross 12:30pm (main church)
Liturgy of the Passion 3:00pm (livestreamed)
5:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Confession 8:00am - 9:30am
Morning Prayer 9:30am (livestreamed)
Confession 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Easter Vigil 8:00pm (livestreamed) (sign up required)

NATIVITY NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

4:00-7:00PM

Adoration & Confession

4:45-7:00PM

Light dinner served in Cabrini Hall

4:15PM *Rosary*

5:00PM *Music*

6:00PM *Vespers*

JUST SHOW UP—NO SIGNUP REQUIRED!

**NATIVITY
NIGHTS
2021**



URGENT: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The schedule of lectors and eucharistic ministers for weekend Masses during the month of March will be published this week.

Last week an email was sent to all active volunteers requesting that you update your availability for March. Unfortunately about one-third of the emails showed no response.

Please visit the website:

www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/nativitybroomfield to make updates to your contact information, to indicate any 'can't serve' times, to change your Mass time preferences, and to view your March assignments.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Cooley, 720-635-8975, cooleyricktherese@msn.com.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

Our accounting department is in need of men and women to volunteer their time to count the collections. If you are interested in volunteering in this way, please reach out by email or phone to Suzie Sloan, s.sloan@nool.us, 303-469-5171 ext. 140.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Mass with Fr. Michael

Wednesday, March 24 | 11:00am

Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass across from Planned Parenthood, Denver, on Wednesday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend. We will not have an organized carpool available.

Planned Parenthood
7155 E. 38 th Ave. Denver

If you'd like to sign up for a vigil day/time at Boulder abortion clinic, go to 40daysforlife.com/boulder. Abortions begin each week on Tuesdays and are completed on Fridays. We have a group that prays on Tuesday mornings at the clinic, if you'd like to join us.

If you have any questions contact:

Eloise Georgen: 303-469-8156, eegptg@msn.com
Carrie Kudrna: 720-261-7622, ckudrna@ctpower.com
Janet Carpenter: 720-939-7192
janetacarpenter@comcast.net

DENVER CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Biblical School Three-Week Lecture Series: "Lent with the Director"

Mondays: March 1, March 8, and March 15

Taught by our very own director, Daniel Campbell, the series will look into the meaning and source of the season of Lent in an online streaming class. Lectures will be 9:00-10:00am and 7:00-8:00pm MST on three consecutive Mondays starting March 1. Students will have access to both lectures each week. Tuition is \$35.

For more information visit, sjvlaydivision.org/retreats or call 303-715-3195.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



We are participating in a second pocket collection this week to support Catholic Relief Services.

As a leading international humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services' commitment to their Gospel mission knows no bounds. Since 1943, they go where they are called—to the most remote places, to achieve the greatest impact, alongside the world's most vulnerable people. They will not stop until all of God's children can fulfill their human potential in thriving families and communities; just, peaceful and vibrant societies; and flourishing landscapes.

If you would like to support Catholic Relief Services, please mark your gift in a separate envelope and drop it in the basket at mass or look for a basket outside the main church marked for the collection.

You can see more information about the work of CRS through their website, <https://www.crs.org>.





THE HOPE CORNER: A MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

By Becky Kusick, MA, LPC

We all have physical health and mental health. Many consider physical health to be paramount to our quality of life. True to some degree. However, if you look at the chemical effects of the brain on the body, it becomes clear that our mental health is the driver of physical health. And, in one way or another, all of our mental health has been challenged this past year. Current research points to 48% of people through the pandemic are struggling with a mental health condition, especially anxiety, depression and substance abuse. If you've been having any of these reactions to the COVID pandemic, You are not alone! And, there are many free resources to provide hope and help with our mental health including the following:

National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI)—Colorado: Peer-to-Peer Support Group: weekly group led by peers with mental health conditions in recovery. New group begins March 22. Group meets every Monday from 6pm-8pm on Zoom for 8 weeks. Register by email to kristin@namicolorado.org or 303-321-3104.

National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI)—Boulder County: Family Support Group for family members, caregivers & support people of those with a mental health condition. Meets every Wednesday, 7pm-8:15pm on Zoom. Register at info@namibouldercounty.org. Additional days/times from Mon-Fri of Family Support Groups are also available virtually. Register at <https://namicolorado.org/support-education/virtual-family-support-groups/>.

National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI)—Colorado: Support group for Parents and Caregivers of Children and Adolescents Support Group, please email: outreach@namiadco.org

Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance. Provides support and education for people living with mood disorders www.dbsalliance.org

Wellness & coping skills, parenting and caregiver information, webinars, education information and mental health screening tools at <https://mhanational.org/covid19##WebinarsLiveEventsWorkshops>

Crisis Lines:

Metro Crisis Service 888-885-1222

Emergency Psychiatric Service 303-447-1665

Suicide Prevention Lifeline. 1-800-273-TALK (8255), Text HELLO to 7417, www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/

Veterans Helpline 1-800-273-TALK

National Crisis Text Line, text "home" to 741741

Substance Abuse and Addiction Hotline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

The Hope Corner is a free mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma. Please contact The Hope Corner with any questions or comments. If you or a family member are in need of a referral, information or community-based resources, contact: Becky Kusick, MA, LPC at hopecornerministry@gmail.com or 303-907-6499. If you are having a mental health crisis, please call Colorado Crisis Services at 844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255.

ST. JOSEPH SIX-WEEK BOOK STUDY

Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Calloway
begins Wednesday, March 24 | 7:00-8:30pm

Join Deacon David Arling each Wednesday for six weeks as we read through Calloway's book study and prepare to entrust ourselves to the spiritual fatherhood and care of St. Joseph. This book responds directly to the heart of our times, answering the longing of the human heart to find in the Church the stability, hope, and strength we need to respond to the challenges we face today. Calloway shows us that it is through St. Joseph that God desires to grant us these graces in our times.

Email or call Deacon David at d.arling@nool.us or (719)250-2775 if you are interested in joining us for this amazing six-week study!

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS WORKSHOP

Hearing the Voice of God Within

Wednesday, March 17 | Cabrini Hall, 7:00-9:00pm

Talk and workshop given by parishioner Hugh J. Masterson, with references to discernment in the life of St. Patrick.

Hugh Masterson graduated from the Lanteri Center five-year formation program in spiritual direction in the Ignatian method of discernment. He is originally from Dublin, Ireland.

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ADORATION: FOR OUR PRIESTS

Morning of March 25 - Morning of March 26

Main Church | In Honor of and Petition for Our Priests

On the feast of the Annunciation, join us for a twenty-four hour period of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate and pray for our priests who have faithfully served us amidst the pandemic. Through our time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we want to offer our time and prayers to ask for grace, blessings, and refreshment for our priests around the world who have served us faithfully in our parishes, hospitals, and communities!

There will be a paper sign-up at the front desk. We will hold the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church beginning after the 7:00am Mass on Thursday, March 25 and close out with benediction prior to the 7:00am Mass on Friday, March 26. Registered adorers can arrive for their adoration time in the main chapel—those signed up during the evening hours overnight between 9:00pm - 6:00am will receive information on how to contact us to enter the main church for their time slot. No Adoration will take place in the Adoration Chapel during this 24 hour period. Committed adorers from the Chapel will be notified to take their regular hour in the main Church.

For questions, please reach out to Joan Bridges, bridges84@msn.com.



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you or someone you know feeling exhausted from the pandemic or struggling with challenges like...

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to a loss
- Tension from juggling work, childcare and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges



If so you don't have to face it alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately— by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our **Confidential Helpline, 303-469-5171 ext. 113** or email, stephenministry@nool.us.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

SEEKING FULL-TIME NANNY

Seeking full-time nanny to care for our six-month-old baby boy from May to August. Infant care experience required. We're a bright, Catholic home and are looking for someone who will mesh well with that. We're a covid-conscious family and are looking for someone who is similarly so. Spanish-speaking is a plus! Contact Mariana at mariana470@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Is It That Simple?

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” (John 3:14-15)

When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, having been delivered from slavery and on their way to the promised land, something astonishing happened. The joy of freedom quickly became a myriad of complaints. The people asked Moses why they had been brought to the desert to die; they became tired of the manna provided by God to sustain them. In fact, they described it as worthless. The journey was hard and water was scarce. The people were starting to lose faith and their grumbling displeased the Lord. And so, He sent serpents among the people, striking them and causing them to fall and die in their camps. Desperate, they asked Moses to pray that God would end this scourge. God could have just done away with the serpents, but instead he had Moses create a bronze serpent to place high on a pole. If you were bitten, all you had to do was look up at the bronze snake and you would be saved. The venom did not kill you so long as you believed in the power of God to heal you. He offered a cure that would require faith that it would work.

Jesus uses this passage of the Old Testament as an analogy saying, “as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14) In essence, He tells us that he is like the snake on the pole, hoisted to the cross for our salvation. Jesus offers us the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life through his death and resurrection. We receive this gift through faith and acceptance. It's that simple.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, zeal for your house will consume me.” Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage?

Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:
Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

2021 Virtual:
April 23-25
June 11-13

Durango or Dillon: September 17-19, 2021
Colorado Springs: November 5-7, 2021

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:
Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833

For more information about World Wide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram! @wwmeColorado





ACADEMIC DECATHALON

Congratulations to our Academic Decathlon Team for an awesome competition this Saturday! Wondering about the results??

- o Overall Team 2nd place
- o Overall Logic 2nd place
- o English 1st place, Gabriela
- o Literature 1st place, Amelia
- o Current Events 2nd place, Noel
- o Religion 3rd place, Katie

Gabriela & Amelia will compete in the National Competition this weekend taking their individual tests.

Kudos to the entire team for all their hard work! You really make our Nativity community proud!



SEVENTH GRADE RETREAT



The seventh grade retreat is in the books! Below are a few shots of some creative skits put on by the different groups of students, acting out all they had learned in the morning session.

FIFTH GRADE MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

One of our favorite fifth grade traditions each year is the trip to the Cathedral to celebrate Mass with the Archbishop. Fifth graders watched the Mass virtually this year and a surprise breakfast gave our students a day to remember! Featured here is Mrs. Buhler, Kaitlyn, and Dr. Peterson with Archbishop Aquila after the liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Kaitlyn represented the fifth grade at Mass.





PATRIS CORDE
Week 3
 8 December 2020

4. An accepting father

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment".[18]

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.

Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (1 Jn 3:20).

Here, once again, we encounter that Christian realism which rejects nothing that exists. Reality, in its mysterious and irreducible complexity, is the bearer of existential meaning, with all its lights and shadows. Thus, the Apostle Paul can say: "We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). To which Saint Augustine adds, "even that which is called evil (etiam illud quod malum dicitur)".[19] In this greater perspective, faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad.

Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst.[20] I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32).

5. A creatively courageous father

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of



POPE FRANCIS

worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus (cf. Lk 5:17-26). Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends' boldness and persistence. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man, and "finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you'" (vv. 19-20). Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

Continued next week.

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-950-9952 -

SPREAD THE WORD
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

RE/MAX MOMENTUM

Emily Perrotto, Realtor
14697 Delaware Street, Suite 1200 | Broomfield, CO 80023
(303) 920-9202 | Office
(561) 914-1855 | Direct
Emily.Perrotto@gmail.com

Your Nativity Realtor!
Proud Nativity Parishioner and Parent
\$150 will be donated to Nativity upon closing transactions from parishioners



ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets 1-855-225-4251



UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT ad

Contact us for details • 800-950-9952

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



PLUMBING HEATING COOLING

Save Energy Conserve Water

Braconier THINK GREEN

303-777-3037
www.Braconier.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **John Lascor** to place an ad today!
jlascor@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5878

KERWIN SINCE 1978 PLUMBING HEATING COOLING

For all your plumbing service needs
Since 1978 Family Owned
3rd Generation Parish Members

SPECIAL NATIVITY OFFER!
\$25 off your invoice *
*Restrictions may apply

(303) 466-3581 www.kerwinplumbing.com

faucets • sinks • toilets • winter heaters • drain lines • shower/tubs



NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-950-9952 -

HOUSE OF NOODLE, GRILL, & BUBBLE TEA

Best of the Best Pho 78

6765 W 120th Ave, Broomfield, CO
(Located at 120th Ave. and Main Street)

303-466-6346 www.pho78.com Free Wi-Fi

FREE Kid's Meal To Any Child Under 5 Years Old

@PH078RESTAURANT @PH078RESTAURANT FACEBOOK.COM/PH078COLORADO

DINE-IN • TAKE-OUT • ONLINE ORDER • CATERING & DELIVERY



RUNDUS Funeral Home & Crematory
Broomfield, CO
1998 W. 10th Ave. • 80020

Your Loved One Never Leaves Our Care
Crematory on Site

Kathleen Everly, Licensed Funeral Director, General Manager | katie@rundus.com | Family Owned & Operated

www.rundus.com | Call 24 Hrs. 303.460.1414 Providing the Excellent Care Your Family Deserves

J & N Cleaning Service

(720) 982-2564
(720) 385-7930

Schedule a free estimate.



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers



888.664.4222 WWW.VITALCARE.US

- Music Therapy
- Massage Therapy
- Family & Individual Counseling
- Respite
- Housekeeping
- Personal Care

Nativity Parishioners Since 2000

VitalCare
Trustworthy & Compassionate Care



Doc Automotive Repair, Inc.
Professional Service at a Fair Price

Jeff Bates, Owner
7140 W. 117th Ave. Unit C-1
Broomfield, CO 80020
(303) 465-3010

Hours: Mon-Fri
7:30 am to 5:30 pm





RE/MAX
Holly Stickle
 ReMax Hall of Fame
 Parishioner Since 1992
 303-489-7865 • hollystickle@remax.net

GM Handyman, LLC
General Contractor
 Flooring • Painting • Tiling • Decks • Patios and More
 General Exterior & Interior Maintenance & Repairs
 Free designs/Free Estimates • Licensed & Insured
 Marcelo Noguera • Parishioner
 303-437-1062 • mnoguera@gmail.com



"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Cor 9:6)
Greg Blanchard, CLU®
 Chartered Financial Consultant®, Agent
 New York Life Insurance Company
 greg@blanchardfinancialservices.com
 www.blanchardfinancialservices.com



303-427-8100
 Call us today to arrange a convenient, no obligation interview

Parishioner Since 1986

ProTech Computer Systems, Inc.
 7100 North Broadway Building 3 Suite C
 Denver, Colorado 80221
 Authorized Sales & Service
 For Business Class
 Dell, HP, Lenovo
 303-430-0433
 WWW.PROTSYS.COM
 Parishioner Since 2000



FAMILY DENTISTRY
 13606 Xavier Ln. #B
 Broomfield, CO
 Dr. Alexis M Gerry
 Dr. Lee W. Gerry
 303-466-7306
 Parishioners



SAVE UP TO 40%!
 Bill Duggan • Agent/Parishioner
 11975 Main Street
 303 465 4000
 bill@billduggan.net
 24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®
CALL ANYTIME FOR QUOTE • CLAIM • SERVICE




Be good at life.
 303-427-8100
 Call us today to arrange a convenient, no obligation interview

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
 - 800-950-9952 -



SPREAD THE WORD
 A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters
SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
 BILLED QUARTERLY
 CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
 WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



BROOMFIELD ORTHODONTICS
 5280 Top Dentist
 Preferred Invisalign Provider
 Dr. Joseph B. Dankey - Parishioner
 303.469.7874 • 10 Garden Center
 www.Broomfieldbraces.com



Bohman ORTHODONTICS
 Confident Smiles
 Insurance friendly
 Free consultation
 Invisalign certified
 13605 Xavier Lane, Ste D
 Broomfield, CO 80023
 Near 136th and Sheridan
 720-887-8357
 BohmanOrtho.com



NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!
 Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com




Cornerstone Pediatric Associates
 David M. Miller, MD, FAAP
 NOOL Parishioner since 1998
 (303) 673-9030
 90 Health Park Dr., Ste. 160 • Louisville CO
 cornerstonepeds.co
 Helping to Grow Healthy Families



FREE CONSULTATION Additions • Remodels • Main Floor Masters
Alderman CUSTOM BUILDERS
 PARISHIONER
 Matthew Alderman
 c. 720.217.1263
 w. 303.495.2777
 aldermanbuilders.com

- DECKS
- SUN ROOMS
- PATIO COVERS
- GARAGES
- BASEMENTS
- BATHROOMS



UPGRADE TO A
VIBRANT ad
 Contact us for details • 800-950-9952

FINE TUNED AUTO
 VOTED BEST AUTO REPAIR SHOP
 2016 AND 2017
 by Broomfielder Magazine
 Honest • Reliable • Professional
 We welcome all makes and models, but specialize in Nissan, Infiniti, Honda, Acura, Toyota, Lexus, Subaru, Kia, Hyundai, Mitsubishi, and Mazda!
 205 Commerce St • Broomfield, CO
 (303) 465-0277
 FINETUNEDAUTOMOTIVE.COM



GOT TAXES? BETTER CALL TOM
 Tom Fattor, CPA • Nativity Parishioner
 All kinds of tax services!
 303-466-2078



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact **John Lascor** to place an ad today!
 jlascor@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5878

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
 careers@4LPi.com
 www.4LPi.com/careers



Too Sick for Mass?
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
 Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com



GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH!
 Purchase a bulletin ad today!



PALLONE & ASSOCIATES
 SERVING BROOMFIELD & ITS COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 22 YEARS.
 303-810-9647
 www.pallonesells.com

