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October 4, 2020
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH BELL TOWER: This is our fourth weekend and we have met 96% of our goal to raise \$35,000.00. God bless the forty-two families for your overflowing generosity in this time of hardship and economic uncertainty due to the pandemic. I want to also thank everyone for continuing to support our parish through your weekly offertory contributions. These givings show your trust in God and your love for St. John the Apostle Church. As I said before I say it again, I am confident that we will meet our goal and we only need \$1,368.00. My sincere gratitude to you and may God be gracious to you. *Rev. Maxy D'Costa, Pastor*

Sacramental Preparation

Is your son or daughter ready to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion? Sacramental preparation meetings are beginning **October 11th**.

Meetings will be held from 11:45AM- 1:15PM between the Masses. This is a parent and child meeting, lunch will be included.

Register online at www.sja-catholicchurch.com/. For questions contact Maria Holmes for questions 503-742-8201 or m.holmes@sja-catholicchurch.com

Youth Group and Confirmation (9-12th grade)

Join us this Fall for YDisciple, a program that focuses on small group discipleship. Confirmation is also open for 9th graders this year. Both programs run simultaneously. Wednesdays starting October 14, 2020 from 7-8:30pm. Find out more details soon on the SJA website. Contact Maria Holmes for questions 503-742-8201 or m.holmes@sja-catholicchurch.com

Family of Faith

Starting this Fall, faith formation (formerly CCD/ Religious Education) will be done using a family model. This means that parents and children will be together at meetings, and that parents will be the primary adults shaping their children's faith. Family of Faith begins **November**. For questions contact Ryan Mainard 503-742-8228 or r.mainard@sja-catholicchurch.com. Register online at www.sja-catholicchurch.com.

Your Home - A School of Virtue

“[Parent's responsibility to their children is] above all to pass on to them the lived truth of the faith and to educate them in love of God and neighbor. This is the parents' first duty in the heart of the "domestic church" ... **The family is therefore the principal school of the social virtues which are necessary to every society** ... The family is the first and fundamental school of social living ...”

If you have any questions about our parish or would like to join, please contact our parish office
417 Washington St. Oregon City, OR † 503-742-8200 † Fax: 503-742-8219

Limited-Participation Masses offered by sign-up only

Drive-up (In-car) Confessions: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (new time)

For Prayer Requests: email sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com

Pastor's Weekly Reflection – continued

Secondly, we continue to reflection on the essay by John Roberto titled, “Partnering with parents to nurture family faith – insight from research”

#2. THE PRIMARY WAY BY WHICH CATHOLIC IDENTITY BECOMES ROOTED IN CHILDREN’S LIVES ARE THE DAY-TO-DAY RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF THE FAMILY AND THE WAYS PARENTS MODEL THEIR FAITH AND SHARE IT IN CONVERSATION, COLLABORATION, AND EXPOSURE TO OUTSIDE RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES.

The crucial location where young people’s religious outcomes are largely decided is not the parish or Catholic school, but the home. The primary responsibility for passing on religious faith and practice to children rests with parents; religious congregations (and Catholic schools) are secondary and primarily serve to provide support. This means that the most important agent in the religious and spiritual outcomes of children and youth are neither clergy nor youth ministers, neither educators nor the voices of popular culture and media, but parents. (Bartkus and Smith)

In *Religious Parenting*, Smith, et al. affirm this finding, “Parents have only one good and hopefully effective way to raise children to understand and carry on their family’s religion (or perhaps return to it someday after a period of disaffection). That is for parents simply to practice their own personal religious faith, naturally, for its own sake and as role models for their children. If all goes well, children will over time learn, absorb, and embrace their own version of that faith, almost unconsciously. (Smith, Ritz, and Rotolo, 179)

#3. THE FAMILY IS THE PRIMARY COMMUNITY WHERE CATHOLIC FAITH PRACTICES ARE NURTURED AND PRACTICED.

We have discovered through research that certain faith practices make a significant difference in nurturing the faith of children and adolescents at home. “Raising religious children should thus primarily be a practice-centered process, not chiefly a didactic teaching program. Parents modeling religious practices is primary, and explaining belief systems is secondary” (Smith, Ritz, and Rotolo, 179). Among the most important practices are:

- Reading the Bible as a family and encouraging young people to read the Bible regularly

- Praying together as a family and encouraging young people to pray personally
- Serving people in need as a family and supporting service activities by young people
- Eating together as a family
- Having family conversations about faith
- Talking about faith, religious issues, and questions and doubts
- Ritualizing important family moments and milestone experiences
- Celebrating holidays and church year seasons at home
- Providing moral instruction
- Being involved in a faith community and participating regularly in Sunday worship as a family

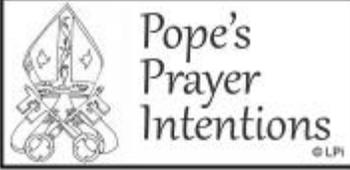
The way that family prayer unifies the family stands out. Family prayer is a time of family togetherness and interaction, a space for social support, and a means for intergenerational transmission of moral and spiritual values. Family prayer include the issues and concerns of individuals and the family, helps reduce relational tensions, and provides feelings of connectedness, unity, and bonding. (Dollahite, Marks, and Boyd) (To be continued)

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY GRATITUDE: “Blessed are they who serve the Lord.” I am indeed blessed to serve the people of God and to journey with you here at St. John the Apostle Parish. The kind words and personal notes that some of you shared with me were very moving and heartfelt. I want to thank you from deep within my heart for your words of encouragement, appreciation, support and daily prayers. They are concrete ways and do mean so much to me. I say to you what St. Paul said in his second letter to Timothy: “Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Tm 3: 14-17)

Many Blessings,
Rev. Maxy D’Costa, Pastor



PRAY



Pope's Prayer Intentions - October

The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open **Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm)** for personal prayer and reflection. Please enter through the side door of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday:

All are invited to Adoration every Friday from after 8:00am Mass (about 8:45am) to 4:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

New Weekday Mass Time

Daily Mass has returned to **8:00am**. No Mass sign ups will be required, but each person will need to sign in on the sheet on the clipboard at the door. There will be no Hospitality Minister there, but everyone is expected to wear masks, maintain social distance and, please, assist any newcomers.

Limited Opening of St. John the Apostle Church

We are now allowed to have up to **50** people at Masses, that includes essential ministers. Masses won't have 50 spots to sign up on Flocknote, because we are keeping some spots for people who are not on Flocknote, or don't have email or the ability to text. Also, some spots are reserved for 1st Communicants and their families.

- + Attendance at **weekend** Mass is by sign-up only.
- + Now, most sign ups will be via Flocknote. You will get an email with a link to sign up.
- + If you don't have email or a texting phone, call the office at 503-742-8202 to make your request.

Mass Times: Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am & 1:30pm (Spanish)

Tuesday - Friday: **8:00am**, no Monday Mass (must sign in, but no sign ups required)

If you or someone in your family is not feeling well, please do not come to church. When coming to your assigned Mass, the only entrance door will be the door by the chapel. **Face masks are now required except for those with a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a mask and children under 5 years of age.** A Hospitality Minister will check you off the list.

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Mass Intentions

Sat Oct 3 5:00pm Danny Shuell INT
Sun Oct 4 8:30am All Parishioners
10:30am Albert Lou †
1:30pm

Mon Oct 5 Charlene Millage INT
Tues Oct 6 8:00am Archbishop Cornelius Power family †
Wed Oct 7 8:00am Archbishop Cornelius Power family †
Thur Oct 8 8:00am Archbishop Cornelius Power family †
Fri Oct 9 8:00am Fred Shuell †
Sat Oct 10 5:30am Marlene Toffler †
Sun Oct 11 8:30am All Parishioners
10:30am Richard Hornyh & sons,
Alan & Mark †
1:30am

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

This week's need is **mac n cheese**. The Food Pantry is in need of additional volunteers to help distribute food boxes. If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact Joane Linker at 503-656-7451.

Welcome Cafe

Welcome Cafe will continue to distribute sack lunches on the 3rd and 4th Sundays. Welcome Cafe is NOT accepting clothing and personal hygiene products right now.



Sacraments and Services

About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228
Email: r.mainard@sja-catholicchurch.com.

Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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Online Faith Formation Content.
Visit sja-catholicchurch.formed.org to register.

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com

Remember SJA in your Estate Planning

Please consider a Charitable Bequest to St. John the Apostle Church in your estate planning.



Weekly Offertory

Week of September 6	\$ 5,278.00
Week of September 13	\$ 11,479.15
Week of September 20	\$ 15,561.07
Week of September 27	\$ 14,242.07
Last Year Compare	\$ 157,466.47
YTD Received	\$ 153,596.24
Difference	\$ (3,870.23)

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Pastor's Weekly Reflection



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YOU ARE A CHURCH IN YOUR HOME

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

“Follow the Way of Love”:

An inspiring Pastoral Message of the U.S. Catholic Bishops to Families was developed by the Committee on Marriage and Family and was approved by the Administrative Committee and by the Catholic bishops of the United in 1993.

Here are some extracts from “Follow the Way of Love”: ‘In section, ‘You are a Church in your home’, the document states, “Baptism brings all Christians into union with God. Your family life is sacred because family relationships confirm and deepen this union and allow the Lord to work through you. The profound and the ordinary moments of daily life—mealtimes, workdays, vacations, expressions of love and intimacy, household chores, caring for a sick child or elderly parent, and even conflicts over things like how to celebrate holidays, discipline children, or spend money—all are the threads from which you can weave a pattern of holiness.” (*Follow the Way of Love*).



“Jesus promised to be where two or three are gathered in his name (cf. Mt 18:20). We give the name *church* to the people whom the Lord gathers, who strive to follow his way of

love, and through whose lives his saving presence is made known.” (*Follow the Way of Love*).

“A family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The early Church expressed this truth by calling the Christian family a *domestic church or church of the home*.” (*Follow the Way of Love*).

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St. John the Apostle Catholic School students are learning on campus and from a distance this year.

All of our SJA students are also learning Art, Spanish, PE and Music.

Featured: Kindergarten Art...beautiful fall colors!



St. John the Apostle Catholic School students participate in Thursday Mass via live-stream.



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