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October 18, 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“HERE AM I, SEND ME (Is 6:8)”

World Mission Sunday Message by Pope Francis

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: “Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World”.

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord’s question: “Whom shall I send?” (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. “Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying ‘We are perishing’ (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this” (*Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed



frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory

prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn* 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us

(cf. *Jn* 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always “on mission”, always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn* 3:16). Jesus is the Father’s Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father’s will (cf. *Jn* 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; *Heb* 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

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Pope's World Mission Sunday Message – continued

“The mission, the ‘Church on the move’, is not a program, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you” (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt* 5:38-48; *Lk* 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God’s love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God’s will (cf. *Lk* 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: “Here am I, Lord, send me” (cf. *Is* 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church’s mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God’s question: “Whom shall I send?” is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: “Here am I, send me!” (*Is* 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. *Mt* 9:35-38; *Lk* 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

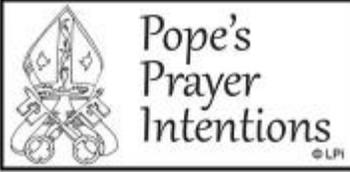
May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost

Franciscus



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 essential ministers and for people who are not on Flocknote, or don't have email or the ability to text.

- + Attendance at **weekend** Mass is by sign-up only. **You can sign up for a weekend Mass once in each two-week sign up period.**
- + 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 17	5:00pm	Samantha Scott †
Sun	Oct 18	8:30am	All Parishioners
		10:30am	Mary Grace McDermott †
		1:30pm	
Mon	Oct 19		Leo Mihm †
Tues	Oct 20	8:00am	Jim Gibson INT
Wed	Oct 21	8:00am	Samantha Scott †
Thur	Oct 22	8:00am	Mike Gibson INT
Fri	Oct 23	8:00am	Tom Susanka, Sr. †
Sat	Oct 24	5:00pm	Charlotte Lissy †
Sun	Oct 25	8:30am	All Parishioners
		10:30am	Jim & Cathy Elting INT
		1:30pm	

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

In September, the Food Pantry gave out food boxes to 113 families, 351 people. This week's need is **soup**.



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.

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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 20	\$ 15,561.07
Week of September 27	\$ 14,242.07
Week of October 4	\$ 5,760.90
Week of October 11	\$ 10,316.65
YTD Budgeted	\$ 183,927.31
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Difference	\$ (14,253.52)

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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.

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"[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..."



Bell Tower Repairs

The facilities committee is in contact with Pioneer Waterproofing, the company contracted to repair the bell tower, to schedule the repairs. Once the company has the required supplies (ie galvanized brackets), it is expected to take 2 or 3 weeks to complete.



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