

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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September 12, 2021 ~
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The family of St. John the Apostle welcomes Deacon Agustin!!

My name is Dcn. Agustín Henderson, and I am only a few months away from being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe next summer. I grew up in Albuquerque, NM, as part of a large Catholic family, and entered the diocesan seminary after high school in 2013.

For the next four years I studied philosophy at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, and began studying theology at Mt. Angel in 2017. I have been blessed to have the support of my family

and the many parishioners I have gotten to know over the years. I am thankful that the Lord has called me to this life of ministry and intimacy with Him. I look forward to being with the parishioners of St. John the Apostle over the next school year as I continue to learn about and enter into the life of a priest.



As you consider your support of our Archdiocese seminarians, please reflect on Psalm 139:14, *“I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know.”* Through our baptism, God unites us to Himself as sons and daughters. We continue to deepen our identity and relationship with Christ throughout our life in the Church. Remembering the value of the priesthood in your own sacramental life, please pray for our seminarians and please give generously to their education and formation through the **Seminarian Appeal next weekend, September 25th and 26th.**

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Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

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Pastor's Weekly Reflection

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord be with you and with your loved ones.

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"—a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday

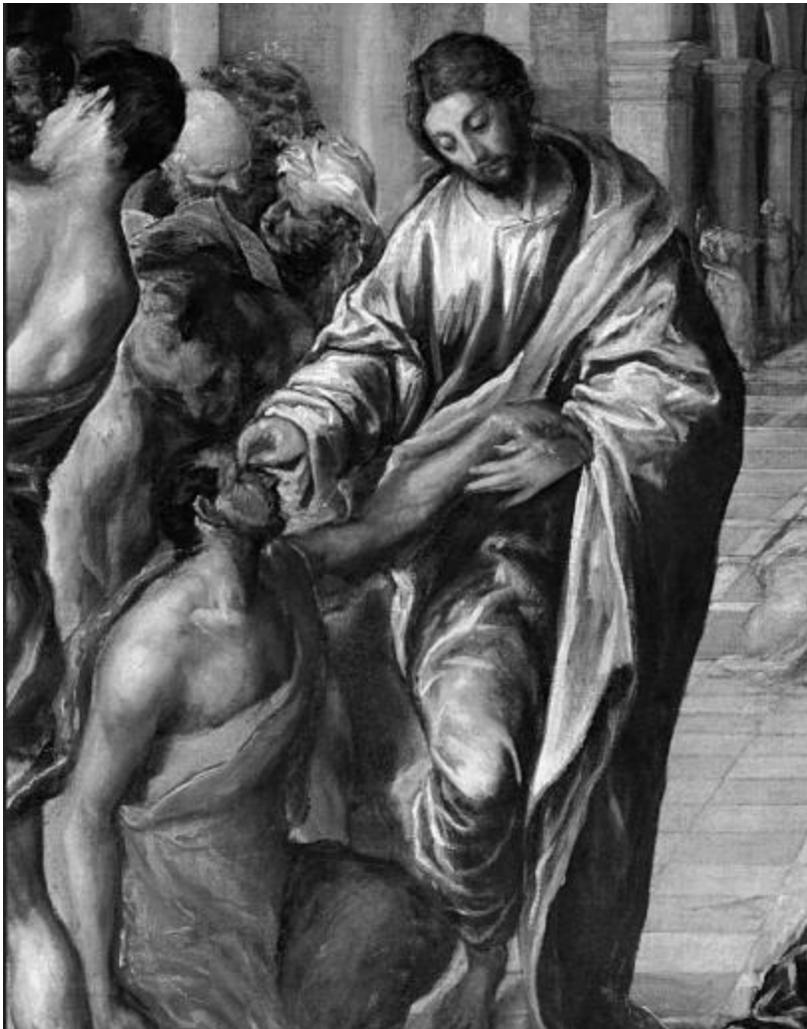
this weekend, September 19, 2021, and the theme is: **"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."**

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7).

What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

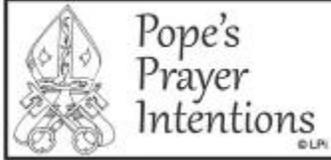
The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.



How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday? Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of

catechists in our parish and school, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. St. John the Apostle parish uses parent child catechesis model at all levels of faith education and preparation for sacraments where Dad and Mom are primary agents who are equipped, empowered and encouraged by our parish leadership to teach, hand on the faith to their children while bearing witness to it in their own personal lives. This weekend let us pray for all parents with children as the embark on this mission to evangelize their domestic church and let us support them in every possible way to raise their children in a faith filled environment centered around Jesus in the Eucharist. *(continued on pg 5)*

PRAY



SEPTEMBER An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Parish-wide Bible Challenge

This week, Mark 10:1-12. Do you need a Bible? Contact the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 8:30am to 4:00pm, and Second Mondays 8:30am to 8:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



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. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

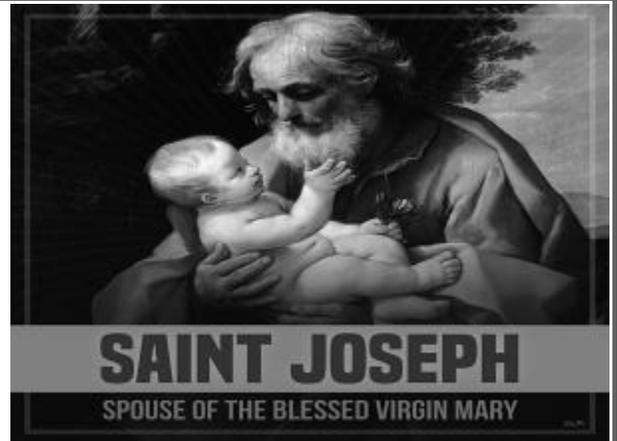
Prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you

in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.



Come join others after the 5:00 and 8:30 Mass, to grow in your love and understanding of the Eucharist.

Each week we'll watch one of the videos from last

year's incredible Bible study: Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible". This week: Lesson 2. ***Did you know that hints of the Eucharist can be seen throughout the Old Testament? Going all the way back to the book of Genesis, we'll discover how the Eucharist has been a part of God's plan from the beginning of time.*** Come when you can and bring a friend!



There will be no Daily Mass on Friday, September 24th. Instead we will have of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am to 4:00pm beginning with Liturgy of the Hours.

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Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat, Sept 18

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass - Dennis Berger †
6:00pm Video "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

Sun, Sept 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
9:30am Video "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", Math Rm
10:30am Mass - Cutter Jones INT
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)
3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch, SVDP
6:30pm Bible Study, PC

Mon, Sept 20

6:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 140 Mtg, PC

Tues, Sept 21

8:00am Mass - Tom Campbell †
6:00pm RCIA, YR
8:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym

Wed, Sept 22

8:00am Mass - Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:15pm Bible Study, PC

Thurs, Sept 23

8:00am Mass - Kathy Fuller †
9:00am Bible Study, PC
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 Mass

Fri, Sept 24

8:00am Mass - Mary Andersen †
8:45am-4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat, Sept 25

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass - Jemma Barber INT
6:00pm Video - "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

Sun, Sept 26 Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priesthood Sunday
8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
9:30am Video-"Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", Math Rm
10:30am Mass - Karen McCarley INT
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)
3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch, SVDP
6:30pm Bible Study, PC

Sacraments and Services

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

Week of August 15th	\$ 13,722.88
Week of August 22nd	\$ 15,033.90
Week of August 29th	\$ 10,271.90
Week of September 5th	\$ 7,034.48
Week of September 12th	\$ 15,302.67
YTD Budgeted	\$ 126,268.96
YTD Received	\$ 128,151.12
Difference	\$ 1,882.16

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Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us play, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel at our parish. Catechetical Sunday is a great opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a family of faith and pray for parish families.

A WARM WELCOME TO DEACON AGUSTIN HENDERSON: We welcome deacon Agustin Henderson to our parish. He is a transitional deacon who will be at our parish every weekend except during holiday breaks and other times when he has to serve at the Abbey Church at Mt. Angel. Deacon Agustin is here to gain liturgical and pastoral experience while preparing to be ordained in June of 2022. He will assist me at the weekend Holy Masses and give homilies. It gives me great joy to have this young man with us who has answered God's call and is committed to embrace this Holy Priesthood to serve God's people. I hope deacon's presence will inspire young people in our parish to heed God's call and follow him. So, as we welcomed deacon Agustin last weekend, let us assure him our special prayers and support as he completes his final year in academics and prepares to receive Holy Orders.

Many blessings,



Rev. Maxy D'Costa
Pastor



Altar serving for the first time, Josh Brotherton, pictured with his dad, Bob, and his sister Samantha.

If you have a student who is interested in learning to serve at Mass and be part of this important ministry, please contact the parish office at 503-742-8202.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PAT AND BILL BLANCHARD: Congratulations to Pat and Bill on this 50th wedding anniversary.



We rejoice with you and your family as you celebrate fifty years of living and sharing in this sacramental union, in good times and bad, in sickness and health. It is indeed a great milestone you accomplish through your faithfulness to each other and to God. At St. John the Apostle, I see so many of you are living this covenant of love and commitment to each other. You are an inspiration and great example to couples that are contemplating the Sacrament of Marriage and also to those that are facing challenges in their marriages. Recently I asked a couple that celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, what is the secret of their joyful commitment and devotion to each other for 58 years and counting? They both promptly said in unison, "Respect for each other and Selfless love". These virtues are born and caught in daily family life. Let us pray for and support healthy marriages in our parish and throughout the world.

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