# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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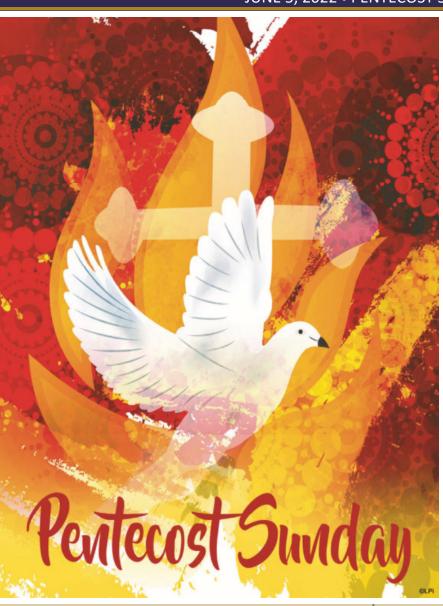
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**Edmond, OK 73034** 



### JUNE 5, 2022 • PENTECOST SUNDAY



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to be faithful, caring, enthusiastic disciples. We build up the Kingdom of God by worshiping and praising Him, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and witness, giving loving service to our neighbor and strengthening the parish community.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

24 hours a day/7 days a week See p. 3 for details

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday

Vigil, 5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am\* 11:30 am\*, 5:30 pm 
\* child care available

Daily & Holy Days

See "Mass Intentions" on p. 2

### SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Penance

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Please call 405-340-0691 Emergencies call 405-330-7509

### **Baptism Prep**

Parish\_Office@stjohn-catholic.org

### Matrimony

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance

### **READINGS ~ WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022**

Sun., Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Mon., Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tues.

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26 Fri.

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32 Sat., St. Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37 Sun., The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

### WORSHIP

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

June 5, 2022

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while.

Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and

over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday 057:30 am
<b>Monday 06</b> 7:30 am † Belva Hayes
Tuesday 077:30 am † Bill & Sue Lockard
Wednesday 087:30 am † Mona & Vince Hoehner
<b>Thursday 09</b> ;7:30 am † John Patton
Friday 107:30 am
Saturday 117:30 am
Sunday 127:30 am

t = deceased

Want to sign up for a Mass intention? Please contact parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691.

no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring

opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful

beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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### **Pray The Rosary Daily**

Please join us before daily Mass on all weekdays, in the Sanctuary, at 7:00 am and Sundays at 11:00 am before 11:30 am Mass to pray the

Holy Rosary. If you are interested in leading the rosary, contact Ann Sorrels at 405-834-5906.



Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily Please join us every day at 3:00 pm in the main church to "stand in the gap" in prayer for family members, friends, ourselves, and many others who so desperately need our prayers in our country and our world. Remember to bring a rosary.



### TABERNACLE FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Ron Krakowski

By the Krakowski Family

If interested in a flower memorial or celebration, please call or email the Parish Office at 405-340-0691 or parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org and they can assist you with available dates. *Dates are on a first come first serve basis.* 

Perpetual

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Due to space limitations, names are removed from prayer list after three months. If you wish to have a name added, please contact parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org or 405-340-0691.

Lou Ackerman Nancy Addington Jeanette Adolf \* All affected by Covid19 Angelo Albano Cindy Alexander Jo Askew Raymond Atkinson Angela Ball Susan Barnett Chloe Biddle Claire Bleau Bertha Bradley Patty & Bob Bratton Spencer Braun Allison Buechner Barbara Burdette Deb Butterfield Mario Calbone Conrad Caldwell Helen Cammuso Pat Campbell Jim Castle Michael Cervantes\* Dan Culkin Patti & Doug Cunningham Gene Hatcher Davis Jerry Day Nancy Dees Pearlann Descher James Dill Sandy Duffy Danny Duffy Sylvia & Tony Duran Al Ford Gianna, Jaxon, April & Clint Gary Terry Gathord Jennifer German Catherine Godwin Jane N. Gray Marilyn Gulino **Guinn Family** Callen Hans Jack Hardy

Leaman Harris

Steven Hayden

Kay Henderson

Steven Henderson Jackie Hicks Carrol Hochman Jerry Hoegger A.J. Hunt Stephanie Hunt Docie Jason George Alan **Jennings** Freddy Johnson Steve Johnson Stan Kelley Abbie King Deann King Molly Kurt Eli Ledet Luke Limbaugh Sarah M. Shawn Malone Roberta Manel Vicki Meacham Roger Metz Jim Miles Craig Miller Mike Mitchell Pat Mitchell Katherine Morris Nalagan Family Anita O'Donnell Michael O'Donnell Jonathan O'Donnell

Mikela O'Donnell

Rosemarie Pelfrev

Aldina dos Santos

Jesse Jane Rankin

Teressa Reffner

Robertson

Edith Samaniego

Herminio Rodriguez

Joaquim Pedro dos

Von & Linda Savary

dos Santos

Santos

Madison & Kaleb

JoMarie Philips Anthony Pinto

Ann Prusator

Joni Pyron

Pereira

Holly Palacio

MaryAnn Seefeldt Janice Shaffer **Amy Shaver** Skube Family Barbara Smith Pearline Smith Stone Snodgress Jim Steadman Dan Steaklev Charmaine Surprenant Vito Tenerelli Margaret Tharp Aurora Thompson Robbie Thompson Kathy Treece Kelly Tucker Rosalee Turk Penny Varvel Linda Watson **Brooklyn Whetson** Shelly Whiting \* **Davis Wilson** \* New this week



Adoration
Perpetual
Eucharistic
Adoration has
returned to St

John the Baptist Parish! We are thankful that God has provided the graces to allow us to proceed forward. In order to achieve this, each Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is filled with a minimum of one Adorer. While that is the minimum acceptable, we know that we can do better.

The goal is to have a minimum of at least two Eucharistic Adorers in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for each Holy Hour. If two Adorers are scheduled in each Holy Hour then it will virtually assure that at no time is Our Lord, as truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, will be left unattended. Emergencies can happen for any of us and if we are each able to depend on a partner to be with us during our designated Adoration Hour then our ministry will be strengthened and any one that must be absent will be able to arrange to have their partner cover the hour where we cannot be present.

In addition, we have a need for more individuals who are willing to serve as substitutes in case they are needed. It would be a huge blessing to have a robust number of substitutes to back up our volunteers. If interested, contact

Janet Barresi, Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator, janetbarresi@mac.com.



Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians. www.OKCVocations.com



Remember in your prayers, those currently serving our Country.



Live for the day.
Life is made up of days.
-Edel Quinn



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Let us pray as a parish for all souls in Purgatory.

### ADMINISTRATION

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

### Parish Offertory

Weekly Collection (5/17 - 5/23/22) \$75,872.45 FY 22 Year to Date Collection 3.288.054.98 FY 21 Year to Date Collection 3,007,403.42 FY 22 Collection Budget 3,016,000.00

### Poor Box/Samaritan House

Weekly Collection (5/17 - 5/23/22) \$2.813.43 FY 22 Year to Date Collection 219.893.77 FY 21 Year to Date Collection 239,251.94

The most recent collection numbers are unavailable this week due to an earlier bulletin submission deadline.

### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Weekend of June 5, 2022 White Envelope—Weekly Offering Blue Envelope—Building & Maintenance Annual Catholic Appeal

Moving??? Please remember to send your new address and contact information to the church office at parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org or call 405-340-0691.

This ACA provides annual support for programs such as Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry, the Formation of Permanent Deacons to serve parishes, Marriage & Family Life as well as services to all parishes. Presently St. John's has not reached our target of \$518,000 for the ACA, but we have raised \$512,505. I know these are challenging economic times, but I ask that you please prayerfully consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. I continue to be so proud and humbled by the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for all you do to support our Parish and our Archdiocese!

Fr. Ray K Ackerman



### Stay in the Know!

Each week, we send an email to ALL active parishioners at St. John. If you are NOT receiving the SJB Weekly Email, add Realm as a contact with an email address of notifications@onrealmmail.org

or contact communications@stjohn-catholic.org

### WEEKLY GLIMPSE

### Sunday 05

8:30 am ......Great Hall 10:10 am ...... Opening the Word......Council Rm

### Monday 06

6:30 pm ......Peru Board Meeting ......Board Rm 7:00 pm ...... Unlocking Mystery of Bible.....Council Rm 7:00 pm .... Anxiety & Depression after Covid,... Commons

### Tuesday 07

7:00 pm ......The Grieving Process .......Commons 7:00 pm ...... School

### Wednesday 08

9:30 am	Moms of St. John's	Council Rm
10:00 am	TimeOut	Commons
6:30 pm	Discovering My Purpose	Council Rm
6:30 pm	Pass It On	Great Hall
7:00 pm.	Preparing Young Adults for Colle	geCommons

### Thursday 09

......No Events ......

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The parish office will close at noon on Fridays during the months of June and July.

### Saturday 11

10:00 am ...... Baptism Prep Class ...........Commons

### Sunday 12

10:10 am ...... Opening the Word .........Council Rm 6:45 pm ...... Peru Mission Team Meeting ... Council Rm

We are blessed to have a very active parish. Not all activities will be listed here each week. The complete calendar can be found at stjohn-catholic.org.



Bulletin and Newsletter Content Submissions should be directed to communications@stjohn-catholic.org by noon on Thursday (10 days before Sunday). Submissions are accepted as space permits and are subject to editing. Graphics will be created and used if space permits.

### OUTREACH



### SAMARITAN HOUSE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm shedmond942@gmail.com 405-216-7554

**Needs: Cereal, Macaroni n Cheese, Toilet Paper** 

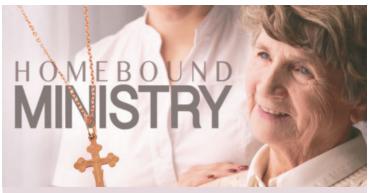
Please drop off donations in the bin marked Samaritan House in the closet in the Commons. Do not leave items on the porch as animals get them and we are not able to use your donation.

Do you or someone you know need assistance with food or utilities? St. John's Samaritan House is here to help. Call or come by!

Volunteers needed for many different tasks! Please call us to see how you can help!

### More Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing! A piece of jewelry and set of keys were found on campus. We also have rosaries, glasses, sunglasses, books, children's items, backpacks, hats, clothes, and other miscellaneous items. If you have lost something and can describe it, please email Tiffany at reception@stjohn-catholic.org or call the parish office at (405) 340-0691.



### What should I do if a loved one or friend is homebound and needs to receive Communion outside of the Parish?

St. John's has a central contact for parishioners to reach out to: Kay Sommer, who leads the Communion to the Homebound Ministry. You can call Kay at 405-474-6593 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:kaysommer@cox.net">kaysommer@cox.net</a> not only with Communion needs but also if you have questions about this ministry. She will designate and dispatch a trained and commissioned ministry member in a timely manner and ensure that the needs of the homebound for Holy Communion are met.

You may also reach out to Anne Keef in the parish office at 405-340-0691 or Diane Gbone at sjbemhc@gmail.com.

### Buy Meats at St. Gregory's Abbey

Summer means bar-b-ques, cookouts and outings. With the rising price of beef in the grocery stores, buy in bulk and save! Mission Monks sells high-quality, grass-raised, grain finished, pasture-raised cattle right here in Oklahoma. Purchase 1/4, 1/2 or whole processed cows. Contact Fr. Simeon at (405) 878-5427 for pricing information. Need a smaller quantity? The Monks' Marketplace at St. Gregory's Abbey sells beef by the cut, Mission Monks raw wildflower honey and items produced by the Abbey and other religious communities! Support the Monks of St. Gregory's Abbey!



The Flame of Love Rosary
Join us in praying this special
Rosary every Saturday morning at
11:00am in the Daily Mass Chapel
(location subject to change.)



### Join St. Theresa's Quilt Guild!

The guild makes quilts for Parishioners in need of comfort and prayers. Our quilts are made with love, blessed and distributed to those served by the St. John's Homebound Communion Ministry. Baby quilts are also made for Willow Pregnancy Center in Edmond.

Meetings are held in the Council Room in the basement of the Great

Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00-11:00am. Our next meeting is June 14 at 9:00am. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to participate in making a quilt top, contact a St. Theresa's Guild member to pick up a fabric bundle. We are blessed to have long arm services donated for all quilts made by our ministry.

St. Theresa's Guild is funded in part by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and through generous donations. We gladly accept donations of 100% cotton fabric to continue our ministry for those in need of comfort.

If you have questions please contact guild members: Melissa Rossi 571-215-3725 Linda Chrisco 405-831-9633 sttheresassitb@gmail.com



### Every Wednesday 10am-1pm in the Commons

Join our weekly program for seniors for fellowship and fun. We meet in the

Commons each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact Debbie Kosters 405-204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois 405-938-5544.

### FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION



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### Safe Environment

Effective immediately: All Safe Environment certificates will expire on July 31. You will be able to complete Safe Environment on August 1. This must be completed again before you begin volunteering in our ministries at St John's. Please contact Angela Holt at <a href="mailto:aholt@stjohn-catholic.org">aholt@stjohn-catholic.org</a> if you have any questions.





### Parents of St. John's

St. John's has a group for Catholic parents. To join them, visit their Parents of SJB Facebook page.

If you aren't on Facebook and want to join, please email parentssjb@stjohn-catholic.org .

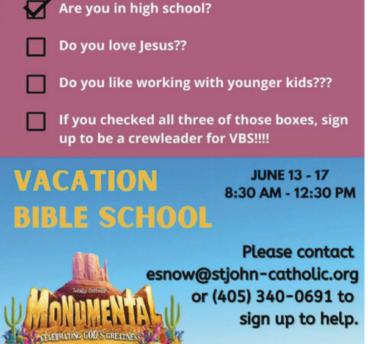


### Moms of St. John's

Request to join our Moms of St. John's Facebook group to stay up to date on activities and events. To be added to

our monthly newsletter, email your request to momssjb@stjohn-catholic.org





### Evangelize... Discipleship... what do they mean anyways???

Maybe you find yourself asking this question when you hear terms such as, "Evangelization" or "Disciple" or "Mission" or "Kerygma"... and these are just a few of them! As part of our parish's following of Archbishop Paul S. Coakley's Vision 2030 Plan for the Archdiocese, we will be defining a few terms every week in the bulletin. This is to help us know the language, since these terms will be used quite frequently over the next decade. This week's words are:

### **Words of the Week**

### **Evangelize**

To preach the Good News in our words and actions; more specifically, to encounter the Lord in a real way that affects a change in our lives

### Discipleship

After encountering the Lord, engaging in a life centered on Scripture, sacraments, community, and prayer- engaging in a deepening relationship

with the Lord

### Quo Vadis Days Men's Discernment Retreat

The next men's vocation discernment retreat for men ages 15-35 is July 31-Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp in Wellston. Registration coming soon.



### Talitha Koum Women's Discernment Retreat

The next women's vocations discernment retreat is Aug. 3-5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp in Wellston. The retreat is for women ages 15-35. Registration coming soon.

### ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Guided by our Catholic faith, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School serves God and families by spiritually and academically preparing students for lives of holiness and service.

925 S. Boulevard • Edmond, OK 73034 Ph: 405-348-5364 Fx: 405-340-9627 Stelizabethedmond.org Principal Laura Cain, x137 Assistant Principal Karen Corrigan, x129 Have a great summer, Cardinals!!!

### STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE







### Fr. Anthony Contact Information

Fr. Anthony would love to hear from you! He can be reached by downloading an app called WhatsApp. This is a free international texting and calling service. Here is what the app icon looks like as well as his call number:





### **PARENTS!**

Are you worried about the culture your children are growing up in?

Do you want them to live authentically Catholic lives and keep the faith?

Do you have a support system of other parents who want the same for their own children?

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM
JUNE 1 - JULY 27 IN THE GREAT HALL
REGISTER ONLINE (CHILDCARE AVAILABLE)

PASS ITON



### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### **BRONCHO CATHOLIC**



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stjohn-catholic.org/formation/uco-catholicnewman-center

Find us on Instagram <u>@BronchoCatholic</u> or Facebook <u>@UCOCatholics</u>

Have a blessed summer, Broncho Catholics! Check our social media for all summer events!



Knights of Columbus

May Knight of the Month

Ryan Delgado

May Family of the Month

Wayne & Pam Costa

Knights of Columbus Council 6477

Luis J. Blanco (Luie) - Grand Knight Council 6477 405-314-7870 oklarican.lb@gmail.com

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, at the Fr. Larkin Activity Center. Zoom will still be available.



### Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharistic Revival launches in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City with a two-mile Eucharistic procession at 7 pm June 19 from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Gates open at 4 pm with

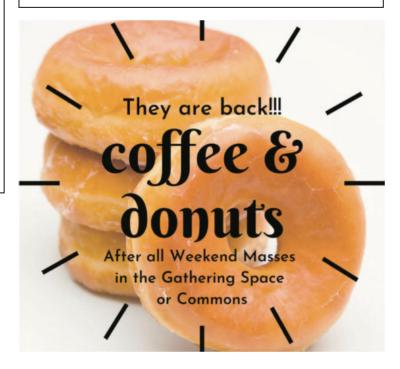
activities; exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 6:45 pm and the benediction at the cathedral begins at 8:15 pm.

### **Retirement Planning Free Webinar**

The Knights of Columbus Insurance Agency and Council 6477 is Offering this Free of Charge Webinar open to everyone. The last one is June 23 at 8:00 pm. The topic: "Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape". The presenter is Ed Slott CPA, a recognized Speaker and Expert

on IRA's. Register today. If you can't watch it the day of the event, no problem, watch it at a later date. In these changing times, it is always a good idea to review your programs periodically and evaluate how they are working for you. Scan the QR code for the link to the June 23 webinar.





### Jobs Box

Find the latest career opportunities in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in the Jobs Box at archokc.org/jobs-box.

### **CONTACTS**

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DeaconZsolt Nagykaldi
DeaconRichard Rosencrans

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Exec. AsstBernadette Arviso	x107
Safety & SecurityAnne Keef	x108
MusicBarbara Meiser	x117
Evang & Faith FormLynda Hearn	x113
Accounting/S&SAngela Holt	x116
Outreach/HRAmy Dennis	x115
Evang & Faith FormErin Snow	x135
Adult Faith FormStephanie Stovall	x112
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### DEVOTIONAL



Saintly Wisdom Karen Pourbabaee

"If they, why not I? If these men and women could become saints, why cannot I with the help of Him who is all-powerful? (St. Augustine)

The saints achieved an excellence we admire, but only God makes saints. In reading about many of the saints, they had a root desire for sanctity as their foundation. But they needed the divine touch of grace to proceed. God's grace sparks our potential and gives us power to become saints. In June, we celebrate the feasts of St. Anthony (6/13), St. Thomas More (6/22), and St. Irenaeus (6/28). The saints, as models of sanctity, can aid us on our journey, so here are a few bits of wisdom from our June saints.

St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) initiated a new wave of spiritual renewal in Europe because of his passion for souls. While a Franciscan at St. Paul's monastery in Forli, Italy, his eloquence and knowledge in preaching was discovered and resulted in his preaching throughout central Italy. St. Francis himself appointed St. Anthony to teach theology in the community. Did you know this common adage came from St. Anthony? "Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." In our evolving journey, he further advised: "Be just as God made you to be. Do not go seeking another you." In spiritual battle, remember these words of St. Anthony: "The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross."

St. Thomas More (1477-1535) was a layperson and a family man happily married with four children. In his lifetime, he served as a barrister, member of Parliament, officer of local government, and finally, after 1529, served as lord chancellor of England. He proved that a person living the daily grind, like you and me, can become a saint. More was devoted to the crucified Christ, kneeling and meditating on the Passion on Fridays before a Crucifix. His life ended in martyrdom, ordered by King Henry VIII who declared himself head of the Church of England after divorcing his wife. Declining support for the King, More declared he was "the King's good servant—but God's first." In our earthly struggles, St. Thomas More offers us some consolation with his wise words: "Nothing can come but what God allows, and I am very sure that whatever that might be, however bad it might seem, it shall indeed be the best," written to his daughter Margaret from prison. Another word of comfort and hope: "Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

**St. Irenaeus** (130-200) was a  $2^{\rm nd}$  century Bishop who studied under St. Polycarp, a disciple of St. John the evangelist. His name comes from the Greek word for peace, and his life was

highlighted by peacemaking efforts, even as he battled heresy. As bishop of Lyon, beginning in 178, he promoted evangelization and had concern for unity among Christians. St. Irenaeus was known for his very deep theological reflections, as well as very practical advice on living the faith. Here are some of his beautiful words:

"The Church has been planted as a paradise in the world." That is true because, when Jesus arrived, He brought His Kingdom to Earth, planting paradise in our hearts.

"God has handed down to us the Scriptures to be the ground and pillar of our faith." This is confirmed throughout Psalm 119 that proclaims the greatness of God's Word. "Those who love Thy law have great peace. And nothing causes them to stumble." (Ps. 119: 165)

"For the glory of God is the living man, and the life of man is the vision of God." Our life is ordered by its end in the beatific vision of our Heavenly Father.

My God, saint-maker, and source of all grace, I pray for saintly wisdom and perseverance in becoming who You made me to be. In my journeying, may I be guided by Your all-powerful Word, and always find refuge in my paradise on Earth, Your Church. May I glorify You in my living until I bow before Your beatific vision. Amen.

As a Christian freelance writer, Karen is the author of SACRED JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT TO EPIPHANY, as well as her 2016 book ACADIAN MELODY and part of a multi-author series of books, MIXED BLESSINGS. She is a regular devotional contributor for Faithwriters.com and iDisciple.



### **DEVOTIONAL**



Spirituality: Live for the Day

Nancy Vargas

Recently I returned from a trip to the Netherlands visiting my daughter and her family. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, my husband and I had not been able to see my daughter's family

since June of 2019. It was two weeks packed full of making memories and telling stories. From early morning to late at night, every moment was accounted for. I had vowed to follow the advice I have given in the past to my directees when they are traveling: "Pray the Sacrament of the Present Moment. Ask for the grace to be present to the Presence wherever you find yourself." I failed miserably! As I look back at our trip, I felt like I had been a passenger on a train, sitting still in the seat and just watching all the beautiful scenery pass by in a flash. Ironically, we were on trains or buses every day going to a new destination or to a new museum. Each day seemed to blur into the next in the hustle and bustle of activity. Too tired at night, I would wait until the morning of the next day to write down where we went and what we did each day in my travel journal.

Upon our return home and after a week of fighting through the jet lag and seven hour time difference, I took out my prayer journal and admitted to my Beloved that I had failed in my attempt at being present to his Presence most of the days

we were traveling. St. Ignatius, in his wisdom, counsels us to ask God for the specific grace that we desire. On that day, I wrote: "Today I ask for the grace to be filled with the extraordinary in my day-to-day and to be wonder-filled and thankful for what I have and what is, right now." Two days later my Beloved gave me these wise words from Edel Quinn, from "Give Us This Day": "Live for the day. Life is made up of days." My desire to be "perfect" in my expectations of myself is not God's desire for me. God's desire is that I simply keep on trying-trying to be aware as best I can of God's Presence in each of my days.

Yesterday I had arrived for a meeting early so I simply sat in my car, took a deep breath, and asked again for the grace of being present to God's Presence. Suddenly I noticed all the cottonwood seedlings drifting through the air, like tiny white feathers with a precious little seed of life attached; life that always finds a way to continue, to survive, to regenerate. I thought that is God within me, always finding a way to grow in love and awareness. All that is being asked of me is to keep trying and to keep asking for the grace to be present to the Presence of Life and Love within me and all around me.

Nancy is a long-time parishioner of St. John's and has experience in spiritual direction since 2008. She facilitates Retreat in Daily Life groups for the Archdiocese. She may be contacted at 405-760-4640 or navargas54@gmail.com



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Adults \$8, Seniors (60+) \$6, Children (under 12) \$5, Family 4+ \$25.

Newcomers to the parish are welcome too! Check your welcome packet for a coupon for a free breakfast for your family.



### Retreat at St. Gregory's Abbey

Register today for "Blessed are the Meek and the Courageous Christian" on June 25, 2022 presented by Deacon Br. Peter Shults, OSB at St. Gregory's Abbey. This Day of Reflection will focus on the third Beatitude. Christ's third Beatitude in Matthew 5:5 tells us, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Yet, this Beatitude can often seem puzzling. Does meek really mean weak? If not, what does it really mean? In a culture where shouting and polemic have become normal, what does Christian strength and courage really look like and how do we stand firm in what Christ taught us while still communicating His love and mercy? Explore the quiet courage required to live Christ's third Beatitude in fidelity and learn examples in our own times of how meekness, lived with immense strength and Christian love, changes the world.



# CODA: CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS



Co-Dependents Anonymous in Edmond is continuing meetings on Zoom. Thurs. 6:30pm and Sat. 11:00am. For information and to receive the meeting link call/text Sherry 405-315-7559 or email edmondstudygroup@gmail.com.

Additional online and phone meetings listed at <a href="www.coda.org">www.coda.org</a>. Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of women and men learning to develop healthy relationships with family, ourselves and God.



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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, June 11 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Mary Brenner, LPC, NCC

Does it seem like everyone is suffering from anxiety and depression? To have a better understanding about anxiety and depression you may want to attend my first outreach event, "Anxiety, Depression and Moving Forward After Covid-19" In this 50-minute talk, you will gain facts about anxiety and depression, gain an understanding about the impact of COVID on our state and how this affects people with anxiety and depression, and have an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about what we as a community of faith can do to help each other. This talk will be Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the Commons. Registration is not required.

Have you experienced a recent loss of someone you loved? My second talk is "Understanding the Grieving Process". This will be **Tuesday**, **June 7 at 7:00 pm.** In this talk, we will explore the process of grieving, it's stages and the goals to work on in each stage. The talk will last 50 minutes with time for questions and answers. We will explore the possibility of setting up possible grief support groups for later in the year.

My third and final talk will be **Wednesday**, **June 8 at 7 pm**: "Are you ready for your child to go to college?" This talk is geared for parents of college-aged students. It will include information about finances, mental health support for students, spiritual support for students, and lots of information you might not be aware of such as your limited access to information about your student. It will also cover how to help your student stay focused and remember the goal of college is employment. If you think transitioning is harder for your student than it was for you, you are correct and there are reasons why.

I am looking forward to these three informational talks as a means for St. John's to reach out and be supportive to you, our parishioners.

Mary Brenner, LPC, NCC, is on staff at St. John's. She has a broad source of experience with young people, families, couples, and mature adults. She has also worked with school children. If you or your family are in need of a counselor, Mary may be contacted at 405-359-8539.





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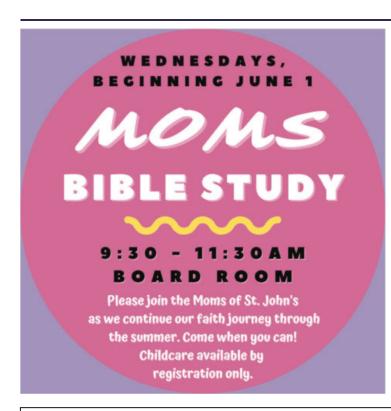
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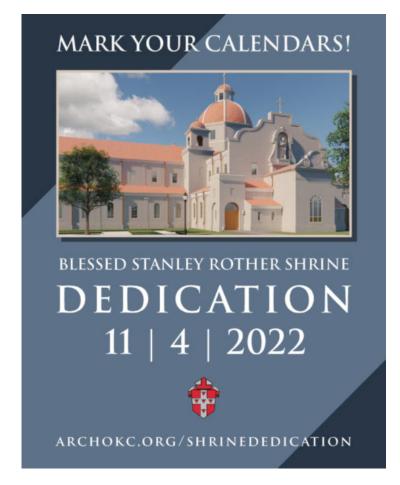
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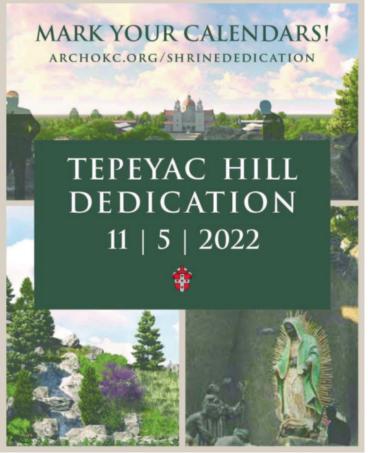
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### **SUPPORT**

**COUNSELING:** individual, child/ adolescence, group, marital and family counseling to help you cope with stress, grief, depression, anxiety, addictions, relationships and adult children issues. Sessions at St. Timothy House. Call Mary Brenner, LPC, 405-359-8539.

GRIEF SUPPORT: St. John's offers individual sessions for discussing the death, your loss and the corresponding feelings. Call Mary Brenner, LPC at 405-359-8539.

St. Ann's Pregnancy & Early Infant Loss Support Group: held each second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00. Share stories and resources. Natalie Clevenger at natalie.clevenger@gmail.com or 405-315-1425. Child care available upon request.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** meets on the third Sunday of the month from 10:15 - 11:30 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 800 NW 5th St, OKC, OK 73160. Call Caryl Prati, RN FCN for information at 405-799-3334.

St. Phillip Neri, 1107 Felix Pl, Midwest City, OK 73110. Every Other Tuesday 7:00 -8:30. Contact Sharon Hebert, 405-455-3608, shebert9@att.net.

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fellowship of men and women who want to develop healthy relationships to support and share with each other in a journey of self-discovery. CODA meets at 6:30 pm every Thursday. Call Sherry at 405-844-1474.

WIDOWED OR DIVORCED: The opportunity to find help dealing with the natural grief process is available through the Beginning Experience weekend. With the help of God, the pain of loss can turn into an experience of positive growth. For info or upcoming dates, Contact the Office of Family Life at 721-5651 x108.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT:** for caregivers of those with some type of dementia. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 7:00 -8:30 pm at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, 1603 N Santa Fe. For information call the church at 405-341-3300 or Cindy Thomas at 405-715-9954.

Autumn Leaves Memory Care, 1001 S. Bryant, 405-406-3858, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

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For Rehab Caregiver Support Group Contact: Allie Weaver, CRC 405-636-7883. Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm. For Brain Injury Support Group Contact Karen Bryan, OTR/L 405-644-5381. Meets 4th Thursday of month, 6:00 -7:30 pm.

### MERCY HOSPITAL STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

4120 W. Memorial Rd. (Glass Pyramid), #102 OKC, OK 73120. Contact: Gary Bulmer 405-721-8453. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 pm.

### **OKC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP**

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depression, bipolar and related conditions meets every Saturday, 3:00-4:00 pm, in the Edmond Public Library, at 10 S. Boulevard.

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### NAMI SUPPORT GROUP

NAMI hosts support groups for families and caregivers of people with mental illness and has a support group for people with mental illness. For more information on mental illness support and events visit NAMIedmond.org or call 405-408-0886

### **Al-Anon Groups**

Edmond Clubhouse, behind Reid Printing 3130 B South Boulevard 405- 330-1160 Monday 12:00 noon Monday 6:30 pm Preteen - Alateen Monday 7:40 pm Wednesday 6:45 pm Saturday 9:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday 5:30 pm Al-Anon Adult Children

### **Alcoholics Anonymous Groups**

Peace Lutheran, 2600 E Danforth, Mon, Wed, 8:00 pm, Wesley Foundation Student Center, 310 E Hurd St., M, W, F, Sat, 12:10 pm Edmond Group, 3130 S Boulevard, Every day, 8:00 PM; Tues, Thurs, 12:10 pm: Sat. 11:00 am. Sun. 9:30 am Edmond Hispanic Group, 3130 S Boulevard, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30 pm American Legion Hall, 101 E. 5th Street, Tues, Sun, 7:30 pm Simply AA, 19 1/2 West 1st St, Tues. Thurs, Sun, 8:00 pm Presbyterian Church, 10th and Rankin, Sat. 8:00 am

### **SURVIVIORS OF SUICIDE**

Contact: Cindy Rose, 405-919-9195, MENTAL HEALTH: Edmond Support Group for rose23@cox.net, Crossings Community Church, 14600 North Portland Ave, OKC, OK 73134, every Mon, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Contact: Randy Miller, 405-751-1859, r miller1012@cox.net or Cindy Siegrist. 405-317-1387, All Souls' Episcopal Church, 6400 North Pennsylvania Ave. OKC, OK 73116, 4th Tues of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Contact: Phyllis Haley, 405-330-8155, 2109 Silvertree Lane, Edmond, OK 73013, Meet Monthly.

### Survivors Support Group

Meerschaert House 2nd Floor - 1901 NW 18th St., OKC, OK. (St. Francis of Assisi Parish). Third Monday of the Month 7:00 -8:30. A support group for those who have lost someone to suicide. A simple gathering in a caring atmosphere, offering ways to cope and remember loved ones. Denise Short 405-620-7991. Youth Room



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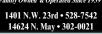


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