

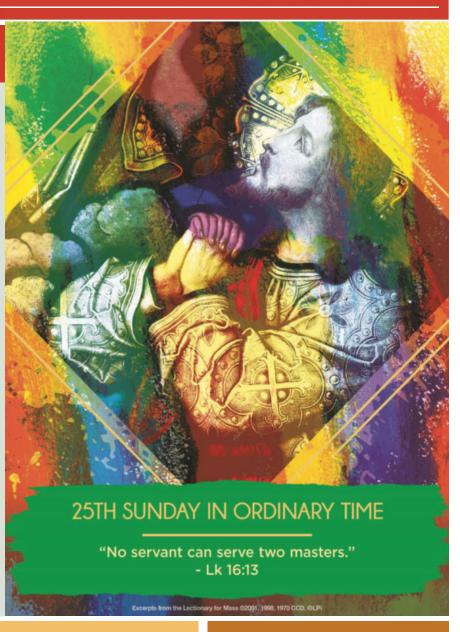
## SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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#### Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

#### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.** 

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670** 

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone.

Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc.

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am

Weekend Masses
Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

#### **TALLer Tales**



We Need a Professional: A couple of weeks ago, my sister Cindy called and told me that her somewhat brandnew TV wasn't working. It was only a year and a

half old and, unfortunately, six months beyond the warranty period.

I had Cindy take a video of what was happening with her TV. Her TV was definitely having issues ... not that I didn't believe her, but I wanted to see it myself. The screen would flash on, go off, and then the power light would flash rapidly. Seeing the issue, I was convinced something had happened to the TV's power supply board. After doing some research and watching some YouTube videos, I decided I would go the route of purchasing a new power supply and motherboard for the TV. It was a Samsung TV, and after watching the disassembly videos, it looked like a project that would be fun to accomplish. And, as I thought about it, the TV already had issues, so I couldn't do anything to make it worse. After all, we all know that my tech projects often get me in trouble or send me to the confessional.

Having decided to tackle the project, I researched online and found the needed power supply and motherboard. I placed the order and waited for it to arrive with eager anticipation. I was convinced (like any Clark Griswold wannabe) that this would be simple and that I would have her TV back up and running in no time.

Once the parts arrived, I convinced my mom we would use one of her Fridays to go to Cindy's house to work on the TV. So that was the plan.

Once we arrived at the house on this particular Friday, Cindy and I moved the TV onto her bed so I could disassemble it. It was relatively easy; the whole back panel of this 65-inch TV popped off, as the video tutorials showed. Once the rear panel was off, I first attempted to remove the power supply board. As I did so, I got my first jolt of electricity as I touched the large capacitor that was still charged. Minor issue, but it was a reminder I had to be careful even though the TV was unplugged (and before anyone asks, YES, it was unplugged). Once the new power supply was in place, I started working on the motherboard. After I released the

spring clips holding the motherboard in place, the motherboard flew across the room and landed on the floor (I'm such an amateur; I'm glad no one was watching, but it would have made a great video). After getting everything in place, I couldn't wait to plug the TV in and flip it around because THIS WAS going to work. Like Clark Griswold in the great Christmas light scene, my sister and I plugged the TV in, turned on the power with great expectations, and waited. But, THERE WAS NOTHING. The TV fizzled, blinked, and died. What? No way! This was going to work! I then played around with different power supply and motherboard combinations, but NOTHING worked. I felt defeated and deflated big time! Eventually, I gave up (which isn't easy for me), and we moved the TV to the basement. We then decided to go on a road trip with Mom and a friend to get a new TV.

To add salt to my defeated and deflated feelings, my nephew Patrick called his mom when he found out I failed to get the TV working and that we were on the road to get a new TV. Surprisingly, he wanted to have the old TV (I just rolled my eyes). My sister tried to convince Patrick that I did everything I could to fix the TV, that it wouldn't work, and that it was senseless for him to try to get it fixed. As she said, "After all if Uncle Mike couldn't fix it, it's not going to work." Patrick replied: "Mom, no offense to Uncle Mike, but he's a PRIEST, NOT a TV repair professional. We need a real PROFESSIONAL to look at this TV to diagnose and fix it." "OUCH," I thought to myself. A. REAL. PROFESSIONAL? Oh well, not every project we Clark Griswold-type people touch will be successful! It's just the way it works!

The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life ... Part 3: This is a continuation of my reflection on and quoting from an article written by Frank Powell, a young adult minister, entitled, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life." The full article can be found at <a href="http://bit.ly/">http://bit.ly/</a> Spiritual Consequences.

Last week, I reflected on the second of the seven spiritual consequences mentioned in the article: A hurried life feeds 'approval addiction.' The third spiritual consequence is: A hurried life decreases your capacity to love others.

I found this spiritual consequence to be the most fascinating of them all, and one I would not have thought of had I not read the article. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized how true it is that a hurried busy life decreases your capacity to love others. Frank Powell begins this section of the article by talking about St. Paul's famous passage on love found in 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." Mr. Powell notes, "Love and hurry can't co-exist. Matthew Kelly, in *The Rhythm of Life*, says relationships can only thrive under 'carefree timelessness.' And this is something hurried people don't have. The more you increase the speed of your life, the less carefree timelessness you have.

"Considering the two greatest commandments are to love God and love others, you need to consider whether your hurried life is costing you more than you realize. It saddens me to think about the failed marriages that are the product of an impatient culture. I think about the prodigal Christians that have been abandoned because we have no capacity to wait. Love is patient. Are you?"

It would be an excellent exercise for each of us to sit down and reflect upon the personal costs of living a hurried and busy life. Then, armed with such a list of reallife "costs," we must find ways to slow down or work more efficiently to accomplish what needs to be accomplished. As I like to remind people, we may not always have an hour to give to prayer each day, but that shouldn't stop us from offering a half hour of prayer. If we don't have a half hour to spare for God and/or prayer each day, then we are way too busy, and we need to make changes to our hurried and busy life. Likewise, with relationships. We may not always have an hour to spend with people, but we should be able to find a half hour for those we love. If we don't have even a half hour to spare for someone we love, then we are too busy, and we need to make changes to our hurried and busy life.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers. And, slow down this week!

In Christ,

gmb gmb@sjascs.org

#### Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Joan Arc

#### THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 25 C

#### Reading One - Am 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

#### Responsorial - Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

#### Reading Two - 1 Tm 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

#### Alleluia - Cf. 2 Cor 8:9

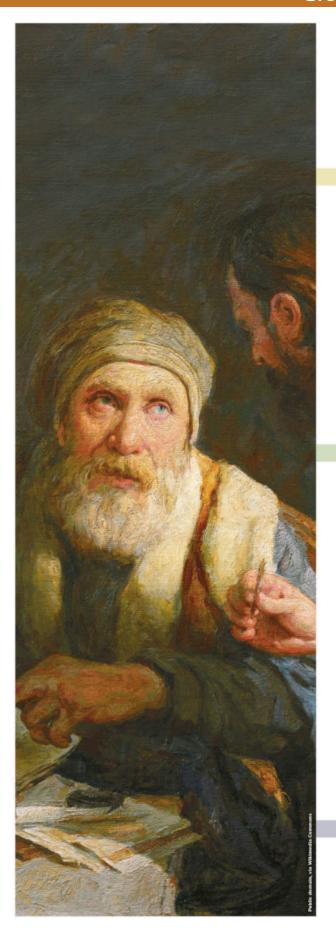
#### Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel - Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.""

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September 18, 2022

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

ACT Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.

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#### ANYTHING GOES.

- Any kind of abortion...including partial birth abortion
- Any time during the pregnancy, including up until the moment before birth
- Any woman at any age, even teenagers getting an abortion without their parents knowing.

#### TOO EXTREME

All the laws that protect unborn children — and even those protecting women getting an abortion — would be wiped out, including:

- · The ban on taxpayer funding of abortions
- The laws requiring parental consent and informed consent
- The law requiring abortion clinics to pass health and safety inspections
- Even the law saying only doctors can perform abortions would be repealed
- And on top of all that, this proposal would permanently put 60 mistakes into our state constitution.
- Currently, our constitution has ZERO typos, grammatical errors, or other glitches. It's a good idea to keep
  it that way, which means you have 60 more reasons to VOTE NO.

TOO CONFUSING

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#### Gala Contributor Form



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#### charging toward the future!

#### **AUCTION ITEMS**

One of the greatest sources of revenue for the Gala event comes from items that are auctioned. These items are donated by local businesses as well as from private individuals, many of whom are families of St. Joan of Arc School. If you would like to donate an auction item, or know of somebody that you can ask... this would go a long way to helping this year's auction be especially successful.

#### RAFFLE TICKETS

Our grand prize raffle is the backbone of this fundraiser. Only with steady sales of tickets for this raffle over several months can the Gala committee bring you the Gala dinner and auction event. For ticket sales information, check with the Parish and School offices. Help by buying tickets or becoming a ticket agent, selling them to friends, family or coworkers.

#### **DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS**

Come to the Gala event on Oct.15, 2022. Party with your friends and members of the School and Parish community. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and much more.

The event will be held at the prestigious

**Grosse Point Yacht Club** 



#### **ADVERTISE**

Advertise your product or service in our keepsake Gala Auction item catalog.

#### VOLUNTEER

Join our 100% volunteer committee that plans and works this event.

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DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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Event Tickets: \$125.00/ea (Sold online. Available September 2022. Check sjaauction.org for details)

Please make all checks payable to St. Joan of Arc School. Please submit donations and ads no later than September 30, 2022 to ensure recognitions in the Gala program. The Gala committee reserves the right to hold any item received after the deadline for the 2023 Gala.

For any questions regarding donations, tickets or advertising please contact:

- Kathy Kalich at kkalich@stjoan.net - Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059
- Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or gala@stjoan.net
- Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183

GRAND PRIZE **RAFFLE** 

\$5,000 in prizes: one(1) \$3000, one (1) \$1000 and two (2) \$500 cash prizes. Tickets are available for \$20 each or six for \$100.

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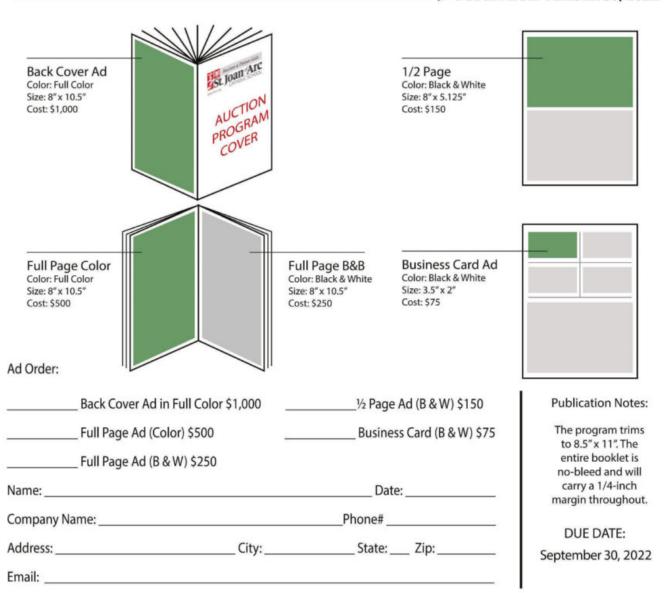




#### **Auction & Dinner Gala**

#### PROGRAM ADVERTISING

DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



Digital camera-ready artwork can be sent via email attachment to gala@stjoan.net QUESTIONS: Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183, or Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or gala@stjoan.net

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#### Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

#### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### Monday, September 19th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Funeral for Philip D'Agostino 6:00 PM RCIA Meeting - Emmaus Hall 6:00 PM SVDP Meeting- Mother of Mary Rm.

#### **Tuesday, September 20th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Wednesday, September 21st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Thursday, September 22nd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 4:00 PM Baptism of Kevin Bruce Compton 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### Friday, September 23rd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Saturday, September 24th

10:30AM Baptism 11:00 AM Reconciliation

1:00 PM Analiza Gozo/Michael Mync Wedding3:00 PM Baptism of Oliver J. Brookes

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed 6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

#### Sunday, September 25th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

#### Words on the Word

September 18, 2022 – Wing and a Prayer

It's all about priorities.

An essay in the *Wall Street Journal* a few weeks ago provided significant food for spiritual thought. The writer took the opportunity on a recent Sunday morning, when passing through a Chicago airport, to attend a non-denominational service that was taking place in the airport's "chapel."

The chapel, he said, was more like a conference room than a religious setting, but the substance of the service was nevertheless rewarding. It included an opportunity for the five participants to articulate prayer requests, followed by a recitation of the Our Father and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

All the while, the writer noted, one could hear the typical airport announcements from the boarding level, which, he noted, was one level below where the chapel was tucked away. The experience concluded with an admonition from the preacher that he assured his congregation was apolitical: "Lord, I'm not asking you to take sides. I'm asking you to take over."

Perhaps the most poignant observation, though, was in the essay's concluding paragraph.

"We returned to the jammed, noisy main terminal to make our ways to our respective gates," he wrote. "At a bar and grill ... 53 diners filled the seats. Ten times as many as had been up in the chapel, but the bar was more prominent and visible, and there was a ballgame on each of the 18 flat-screen television sets."

The contrast would seem to speak for itself.

There's nothing wrong with a bar, nothing wrong with ballgames and televisions. Nothing wrong with conveniences for travelers. But at the airport, as in life overall, the moment-to-moment choices we make are profound.

"No servant can serve to masters," we hear in today's gospel passage from St. Luke. "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

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#### Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

#### Mass Intentions

Monday September 19, 2022 Weekday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr (Green/Red)

7:00 a.m. Helmut Linden

Tuesday September 20, 2022 Saints Andrew Kim

Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sangand

**Companion Martyrs (Red)** 

7:00 a.m. Frank Fleming

Wednesday September 21, 2022 Saint Matthew, Apostle

and Evangelist (Red)

7:00 a.m. Herbert Thelen

Thursday September 22, 2022 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. A Special Intention for the Family of

Tina Calisi

Friday September 23, 2022 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

(White)

7:00 a.m. Gerard Rogier and Thomas Lucchese

Saturday, September 24, 2022 Weekday, BVM; Vigil of

the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Green/White)

4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Batche Family, Paul

L. Daudlin, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Belloli, Bonnie Batche, Alice Czekaj, the deceased members of the Huavaere & Kerby Families, Robert Olivieri, Melvin Dries, the deceased members

of the Allor & Petrella families, Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas family, for the Salvador Family, for

Pepe Sandoval, and for Tony Pagano

6:00 p.m. A Special Intention for Kevin & Melissa

Haisenleder

Sunday September 25, 2022 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

**Ordinary Time (Green)** 

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc

**Parishioners** 

10:00 a.m. Joseph Paluzzi Jr,

12:00 p.m. Michael Ciaramitaro, Sam Ciaramitaro, Joanne

Johnston, David Sagert, Kevin Collins

#### **Daily Readings**

Monday, September 19 Friday, September 23

Proverbs 3:27-34 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Luke 8:16-18 Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday, September 20 Saturday, September 24

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Luke 8:19-21 Luke 9:43b-45

Wednesday, September 21 Sunday, September 25

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Matthew 9:9-13 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Thursday, September 22

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9



#### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

Philip D'Agostino
Melvin Dries
Francesco Mancuso
Todd Garlina
Deacon Edward D. Meyer
Joseph Barker, SJA Staff

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



#### PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 18, 2022

### WATCH

#### PADRE PIO: BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



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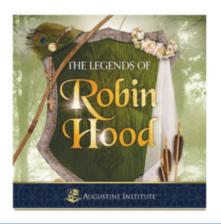


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#### Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



The Power of Tradition: I was at Home Depot on Thursday morning last week when I got a text from my sister. It read, "Have

you heard the news about the queen...all the family gathered at Balmoral and the BBC are wearing black already....unbelievable. All programs called until 6pm."... "All her children have arrived ... it isn't sounding good." As I reflected on it later, it was both not surprising and at the same time "unbelievable." The queen was 96 years old and clearly more frail in the last couple of years. She has not travelled internationally since 2015. But despite her advancing years, there was always a sense that this day would never come, for no logical reason other than that she was the queen and she'd always been there. Like no other person in history, for people of my generation, and several others, she was permanently in the background of our lives.

Even in her 90s, Queen Elizabeth attended an average of 290 royal engagements each year... state visits, opening ceremonies, civic visits, etc. Every morning she attended her office and worked on paperwork delivered daily from the Government (the Monarch is constitutionally the head of Government and daily reviews the work of her Government). My dad is 78 years old and you have to be of his generation to remember a Monarch other than Queen Elizabeth. My dad was only 6 years old when Elizabeth's father, King George VI died suddenly, but he remembered getting the day off school. I began to think of all the subtle things that will change, not simply the National Anthem changing to "God Save the King," but the face on all the currency and stamps, the insignia on the mail boxes, etc.

I spoke on Ave Maria radio the following day the token Brit offering perspective on the queen's passing. I mentioned what a tremendous witness to the Gospel she was. Despite what no doubt was great sadness in her life about some of the troubles her family members had experienced and the things that have been publicly said about them, she knew that as the Monarch she had to remain above it all and she did not look to "get even" by responding. Yes, she lived a life of privilege, but she very much recognized that she had done nothing to earn that position and she knew that it came with a responsibility to service and duty. She made a pledge, at the age of 21, to dedicate the rest of her life to the service of her country and she asked for the prayers of the people to allow her to fulfil that duty.

It's noteworthy that her life could have looked so different. She was never expected to attain the throne. Nor was her father. It was only when King Edward VIII, Elizabeth's uncle, abdicated the throne that the line of succession shifted sideways and her father became King George VI was crowned, making Elizabeth, his eldest child, the next in line. These events are chronicled in the movie "The King's Speech." George VI died fewer than 11 years later at the age of 56, when Elizabeth was just 25 years old.

Queen Elizabeth reigned through 15 UK Prime Ministers, beginning with Winston Churchill, accepting her last just 2 days before her death. She knew 15 US Presidents and 5 Popes. She reigned as queen for 30% of the time the USA has been a country.

With all the attention being given now, I have been learning all kinds of things and being reminded of others—lots of fun facts. I wonder how many people realized that she owned two McDonald's franchises! How many people know that "Big Ben" is not that famous clock tower in London?... Big Ben in the name of the bell inside the clock tower, which is actually named "Elizabeth Tower" after the queen. She served as a mechanic in the army during WWII. Everyone remembers her colorful hats and coats, but they were less a mark of her style of dress and more that she realized she was not very tall and that people wanted to see her on her visits. So she wore bright colors and tall hats so that the public could pick her out in a crowd. People always noticed her omnipresent handbag. Word on the street was that it was always empty, but that it was an instrument of secret codes for her staff and depending on how she was holding it while meeting with people, it would indicate to them what she needed.

What has impressed me most over the last few days is just how seamless the traditions of royalty and State were rolled-out upon the queen's death. I was working in my backyard that day with the live BBC news coverage playing on my phone in my pocket and I heard the news anchor say the words: "Moments ago, Buckingham Palace announced the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The King will remain at Balmoral overnight before returning to London tomorrow." The monarchy passes so instantly and invisibly, and from that moment, all the title transitions cascade on down from there.

Nobody does ceremony like the British and the best of it, much unseen for 70 years is being witnessed now, and largely seen by the world for only the second time, since Elizabeth's coronation was the first in the age of television. Now we watch for the first in the age of the internet and livestream.

The queen was very much a women of tradition. On Thursday I heard the former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, tell a story about his annual invitation for a weekend at queen's Balmoral estate. He said that they would go for dinner at one of the houses on the estate, without any staff. Prince Phillip would be barbequing, the queen was in the kitchen washing the dishes and the Queen Mother, then 97 years old was clearing plates from the table! The Prime Minister said he felt very uncomfortable, but when he tried to help, he was told, "Sit down! This is our tradition!!"

The tradition for millions and millions of households in the UK was that at 3pm on Christmas Day, whatever was happening in your house, *everything* stopped. The kids had to be quiet for 10 minutes. Mom and grandma had to watch the Queen's Christmas Speech, live on the BBC. In later years it was pre-recorded, but it had been broadcast live for decades. But no matter what, the queen's summary of the events of the year was always set into the context of her own very personal faith, and that Jesus Christ continued to be her inspiration and guide through the changing years.

What is fascinating for me to reflect on as I see all the traditions of the State and Royal Family being played out, is that it makes me reflect on the traditions of our faith and the ritual of the Mass. Sometimes people will criticize the Church for being too ritualistic and rigid. But look at what happens when people are hurting; when people need to find comfort in a time when that which helps them find their identity is lost; when people need to find a sense of connection to that which is familiar and connects them to history and all that has led them to this current time; when people want to feel a part of something bigger than themselves. What is happening in UK is that people are finding comfort and stability in traditions and rituals that they feel fulfil their need to show a sign of respect to someone who was important to them. Falling back on the prescribed traditions ensures that the ceremony is worthy — it's not just done "on the fly," subject to the whim of someone's own style of doing things or preferences.

In the Mass, we follow the order, the prayers and the gestures of our tradition, Each has its own significance and meaning, ensuring that the celebration of the Mass is worthy and appropriate to honor the most important person who ever lived, the one to whom we are connected by virtue of our baptism and Apostolic Succession. Long reign our Heavenly King.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org



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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
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## Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own. For this reason we should obey the instruction of Saint Paul to Timothy and pray fervently for those in authority "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life" (1 Timothy 2:2).

When speaking about the responsibility of the rich and those

## **Sunday Readings**

#### Amos 8:4-7

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-8

I ask that...prayers...be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life.

#### Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

in authority, Jesus places emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous, for the person wins the trust of others only to misuse that trust by taking advantage of them. Nothing could be further from their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust placed in you by your colleagues and clients; neighbors, family, and friends. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own! +

Make your life a responsible gift to others.

#### A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus assures us that we are always in time to put right with good the harm done. Those who have caused tears, make someone happy; those who have wrongfully taken, give to those who are in need. By doing so, we will be commended by the Lord.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



#### REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS ONESTIONS BEELFECTION

- Am I trustworthy with the authority and gifts I have received?
- Do I look more for my own progress and protection or that of others?

## Do What You Say You're Going to Do

By Paige Byrne Shortal

There is a life lesson in today's Gospel: the person who can be trusted with minor matters, may be trusted with great matters. Likewise, if you can't manage the small stuff, then forget about dreaming big.

This may seem obvious, but we deny the obvious every day. For example, if we overspend our bank account, don't we imagine that having more money is the answer? For the very poor this may be true, but sometimes even those who are comfortable quickly spend their raise or bonus and before they know it, they're overdrawn. There are even winners of the lottery who, before they know it, find themselves with a negative bank balance. When it comes to money, no matter the amount, there are only three possibilities: spend what we have, spend more than we have, or spend less than we have.

Or think about folks whose houses are cluttered with too much stuff. Having a bigger house looks like the answer and yet it doesn't take long to fill up more closets.

We imagine that a "little lie" is okay. "Fibbing" we call it. Yet, fibbing here and cheating there and soon we're able to tell real whoppers without giving it much thought.

We imagine that "just a few" cookies while on our diet won't



Harmful habits usually start with small stuff and grow from there.

matter too much. Skipping our walk just for today can't hurt. Putting off until tomorrow the dishes—or our homework or writing a thank you note or returning a call—"just this once" doesn't matter. Missing Sunday Mass is OK if it's not every Sunday. Calling in sick when we need a break—well, everyone does it.

These are the habits of failure and

they all start with small stuff. When life seems to be in shambles or it feels like we are spiraling out of control, we might consider trying this: Let's do what we say we are going to do. Period. If we're not eating sweets, then don't eat them. If we're Catholic, we're obliged to go to Sunday Mass, so we go. If we own it and it's dirty, clean it. If we don't have the money, we don't buy it. If we said we'd meet someone at 3 PM, we don't show up at 3:10.

If we do what we say we're going to do, life becomes simpler, and we also feel better about how we are living it because we are keeping out word. We don't have to keep making the same decision over and over because that decision is already made. And we find ourselves becoming people who can be trusted with great matters. It starts with the small stuff. +



Faithful God, you keep your promises to us. Please give us the grace to keep our promises to you and to others.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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#### WEEKDAY READINGS

September 19-24

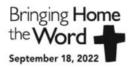
Monday, Weekday: Prv 3:27–34 / Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions: Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, St. Matthew: Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13 Thursday, Weekday: Eccl 1:2–11 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina: Eccl 3:1–11 / Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday,** Weekday: Eccl 11:9—12:8 / Lk 9:43b–45



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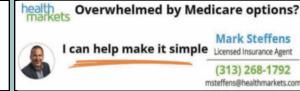
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