



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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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

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

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
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: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

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.

OCIA: 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
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 1): This is the beginning of my travelogue about my journey with “Ms. Daisy” (aka my mom) on our Eastern Seaboard Journey on board

the Viking Mars. As I mentioned last weekend, this trip included stops in Montreal, Quebec, Saguenay, Gaspé, Halifax, Boston, and New York. As I write this (last Monday), we had a full day at sea as we traveled from the beautiful seaport town of Saguenay to the Gaspé Peninsula. This trip has given me MANY opportunities in just four days to be grateful for and to marvel at GOD’s incredible creation. The scenery has been so incredibly breathtaking!

Equally incredibly breathtaking has been what PEOPLE created to give thanks and praise to God. The Churches we visited in Montreal, Quebec, and St. Anne de Beaupré were just as incredible and breathtaking as the scenery we experienced. No words I write here could adequately describe the beauty we saw regarding God’s creation or the beauty of the churches. So, this travelogue will give more space to the pictures we took rather than my words to describe what we saw.

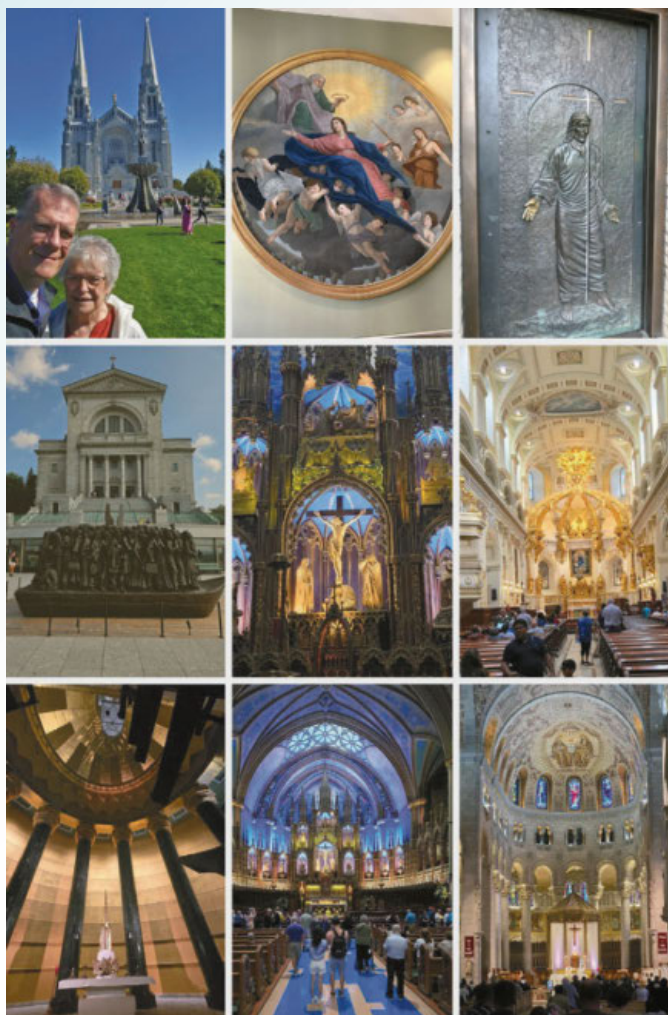
Before I begin, however, I must tell you about one Uber driver. We’ve had a few harrowing Uber moments because yours truly misjudged his timing in his effort to fit in too many things before we were supposed to be at our next stop. My mom and I didn’t do many of the standard tours because we wanted to hit some of the famous cathedrals and basilicas at our destinations.

Many of our stops were an attempt for my mom to retrace the journey she and my dad took on their honeymoon some 62 years ago. My mom had not returned to Montreal or Quebec since their honeymoon, so seeing these places and sites was very important for her.

Our Uber driver picked us up in Mount Royal and was ever so attentive to my mom. He was the most talkative of our drivers. He was more talkative because he spoke fluent Arabic, English, and French; the other Uber drivers in Montreal and Quebec knew very little English. So, we started chatting with him during our 40-minute drive and learned

he had a 7-year-old son. We asked how he liked the school system in Montreal. He said it was good; he only objected that religion was not taught or spoken about in the classroom. That was my door to start talking “shop.” I told him I was a Catholic priest. Right away, he smiled and said, “I KNEW IT.” I wasn’t dressed in my clerics, so I asked him what gave it away. He then told me he was Orthodox, and his wife was Catholic. He said he suspected I was a priest when he picked us up. First, he picked us up

the church is amongst the most dramatic in the world and regarded as a masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture. Approximately 11 million people visit Notre-Dame Basilica every year, making it one of the most visited monuments in North America.” I was surprised to learn you must pay to visit the Cathedral (\$12 per person). They are in the middle of significant renovations that should be completed by 2040. The altar area, the pulpit, the Casavant organ, and all the niches are breathtaking.



Equally stunning, in a completely different genre of building styles, is the Oratory of St. Joseph in Mount Royal, Canada’s largest Church. Saint André Bessette, a lay brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, founded it and is buried in this sacred space. They also have an outdoor stations of the cross in which all the stations are created in life-size limestone statues.

Then there is the most beautiful Basilica of Sainte Anne de Beaupré, located about a half hour from Quebec and one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in North America. The basilica is known as a place of many miracles. Many visitors who have prayed at the church and were healed left their canes, crutches, and walking aids at the Basilica as a testament to their healing. The main entry wall into the basilica is completely covered with crutches!

The final church we visited in Quebec was the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame, the oldest church in Canada. Here, there is also a Holy Door, only the eighth such door in the world and the only one outside Europe. We were lucky because the door is open until December 8, 2024, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Quebec.

at the Oratory. Second, I was dressed in black shoes, black pants, and a plaid dress shirt. Third, it was hot outside, and most wouldn’t dress like I was on a hot summer day. My mom and I laughed. “So, I look like a priest on his ‘day off,’” I asked. He just nodded and laughed in return.

So this priest, on his “day off,” and his mom explored some phenomenal churches that my mom and dad visited on their honeymoon in 1962.

Let’s start with the Basilica of Notre Dame in Montreal. These two sentences from Wikipedia say it all, “The interior of

It was so impressive to see these churches, the vast number of visitors, and the faith of the people who were reverently praying at each place. It was an unexpected and grace-filled blessing to see them and equally grace-filled to help my mom revisit, for the first time, the churches she and my dad visited as part of their honeymoon in 1962.

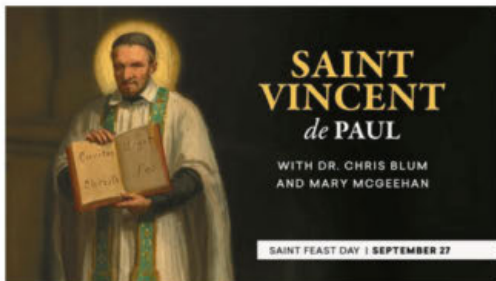
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 22, 2024



St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



Padre Pio | Lukas Storyteller

As the talent contest approaches and our friends prepare their special dance, Paul gets hurt and has to leave the contest. When Lukas takes him to the doctor, Paul learns from the example of Padre Pio about the importance of having a clean soul and offering his sufferings to God.



First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.

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There is a line in Psalm 119 that is commonly translated: "Lord, how I love your law!" The sentence has an exclamation point at the end! Such a sentiment seems so strange. Our normal tendency is to throw off "the law." After all, "Who needs rules? I want to do my own thing! I'll decide for myself!" From our earliest years, we push back against the law. Mommy or Daddy say we must share our toys and our response is "NO!" Then we pout over having to even hear such a thought. We want what we want! This desire to make our own rules persists throughout our lives. So, how could anyone say, "Lord, how I love your law!"?

The psalm goes on to speak of becoming wise through observance of the law; that the law will keep us from evil; that aligning with the truth of age-old rules brings a peace of mind that is sweet. Supposedly, the law of the Lord makes life so good that we can say we *love* the law . . . with an exclamation point!

The genuine goodness of having "lovable rules" is that they bring order into any situation that abides by them. A lack of rules causes everything to break down into chaos. A baseball game where the batter gets as many swings as he wants, until somebody on the opposing team gets so tired of waiting that he goes and beats the batter to a pulp, is not a fun game. We like rules when we feel like they work for us. But, more commonly, we like to freelance as much as possible – without regulations. Examples of our worldly desire to be free of the rules are endless.

As kids, we do not want to be told when to go to bed. Teens don't want restrictions put on which friends they are allowed to hang out with. We resist punching a clock at work or being required to show up on time for class. We want to eat and drink whatever we desire, even if it destroys our health. Speed limits, stop signs, and traffic lights are *obviously* meant for somebody other than us. Being required to go to Mass *every Sunday* strikes us as being boring, old-fashioned, and unnecessary. Furthermore, telling us what we can or cannot do with *OUR BODIES* is off

limits! No rules here! Oddly enough, Psalm 119 advises doing just the opposite of our natural inclination to "do our own thing." It tells us over and over . . . and over again, how "happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees (Ps 119: 1-2). Psalm 119 is l-o-n-n-n-g, the longest psalm in the whole book of Psalms. Yet the entire psalm goes on about how God's *decrees, precepts, commands, statutes, commandments, words, ordinances, ways* – in a word, his *laws* – are the best thing since sliced bread. Continuously throughout Psalm 119, we are told that God's law is guaranteed to make us *happy, blameless, pure, secure, wise, respected, honored, liberated, delighted, humble, single-minded, zealous, truthful* – and more. All through observance of the law! If we are thoughtful and honest, the advantages of following God's rules *should* ring true in the deep recesses of our hearts, even though worldly temptations nudge us to venture off on our own. Out of love for us, God promised that "I will make a new covenant with my people . . . I will put my law within them, and I will write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31: 31,33). This New Covenant was established with the coming of Jesus into our world. He broke the power of Satan that shackled us to a inbred hatred for the law and reformed our hearts to be receptive to the beauty of the law. We can indeed *love* the law because, in Jesus, we can now understand that *his* truth is true law – and his law sets us free. We are free to love as Christ loves.

We can love the law because Jesus sums up genuine law with the Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12: 29-31). We can love the law because the law itself is to love.

Every 'little law' is a minor manifestation of the Greatest Law.

Once we see that connection, we realize that God's law is life-giving – totally freeing. Eating right and going to church on Sunday is not drudgery anymore. It *feels* right because it *is* right. It is the kind of thing a person can love – a law of love.



On a different, wonderful note: this past Monday, I was honored to attend the St. Clair Shores City Council meeting with our business manager Dina Ciaffone, Debbie Bigham, Thelma and Chuck Socia, and Richard Hass to receive a 2024 Beautification Business Award from the SCS Beautification Committee on behalf of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

The City of St. Clair Shores prides itself on the care we invest in beautifying our city's surroundings. Debbie, Thelma, Chuck, and Richard have spent countless hours making St. Joan of Arc Parish stand out for its outdoor beauty. If you have ever pulled a weed; planted flowers, bushes or grass; moved piles of dirt or landscape materials; or watered plants in scorching heat: multiply that by *the hundreds* and you'll get a feel for the work these fellow parishioners of ours do to glorify God by beautifying our grounds.

Thank you Debbie, Thelma, Chuck, Richard, and all other St. Joan Gardeners! We will be honoring all of our volunteer gardeners with a dedication of the plaque from the City when Monsignor returns.

And thank you to the St. Clair Shores Beautification Committee for recognizing their generous work!

Peace,
Fr. Bob



ARE YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE STRUGGLING?
DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED SAVING?

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- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
- Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
- Have you considered separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?



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HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230
email: DetroitRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org

Scholarships are available for SJA parishioners who cannot afford the weekend cost.
Contact the Parish Center (586-777-3670 or info@sjascs.org) for more information.





TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 29 B

Reading One – Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial – Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading Two – Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have

stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Alleluia – Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



September 22, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

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

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his death, and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is most important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explains. Those who follow him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross! (Cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As James wrote in our second reading, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." The path of humility Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness, but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in whose image we are made. We become more like him in following his example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. "Behold, God is my helper," our responsorial psalm declares. "The Lord sustains my life." If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear?

PRAY We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace – in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for our Center for Exceptional Children

The Center for Exceptional Children at St. Joan of Arc helps people with different challenges meet Jesus, become his friend, and share his friendship with others. We learn about Jesus, the Bible, and our Catholic faith through religious education and spending time together. We come together to share our faith, friendship, and love and to appreciate all of God's creation. **Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, beginning Oct. 5.**

<https://sjascs.org/center-for-exceptional-children>



Blessing of Pets Saturday Oct 5 at 1:30 pm

 St. Joan of Arc

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Pray for Us!



Bring your pet to the doors of the Sr. Carol Center

SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Gala for St. Joan of Arc School

SPARK^{the} NIGHT RED and WHITE

November 2, 2024

Our annual Gala is the largest fundraiser to benefit St. Joan of Arc School!
We **ENCOURAGE** everyone to wear a SPARK of red and white!!

Here are ways you can support this great event!

- ✦ **Attend the event!** Tickets are \$125/person and will go on sale in late September.
 - Your ticket includes a plated dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing, and a front row seat to our silent and live auctions...and a chance to win from our Charger Corner raffle!
- ✦ **Buy raffle tickets!** \$5000 in prizes to four lucky winners!
 - Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of October 5th/6th
 - Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100. Cash or check accepted. Payable to: St. Joan of Arc
- ✦ **Auction Donations!** Contact the School or Parish Center offices to donate auction items.
 - Give Back Boards will be available beginning the weekend of Sept 7th/8th.
 - PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to accept new and wrapped items.
- ✦ **Be a Sponsor or Advertise!** Promote your business thru our various sponsorship & advertising opportunities. Contact Emily Radatz for further information.

Contact Us:

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Mark your calendar for a great time...

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 23rd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

7:00 PM Walking with Purpose

Tuesday, September 24th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, September 25th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - EH

Thursday, September 26th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, September 27th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

School Field Day

Saturday, September 28th

11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Delaney J. Rozelle
1:30 PM Baptism of Camden R. Chwalek

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

Sunday, September 29th

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 22, 2024 – War and Peace

An old rock song observes that war is good for “absolutely nothing.”

It’s a sentiment that seems so obvious it need not even be said. But of course, almost nothing these days is absolutely obvious to everyone, everywhere.

Aside from the usual considerations and consequences of war, one media outlet reported recently of another factor that would likely come into play, should the United States ever again be in the position of needing to fight a widespread war: there likely wouldn’t be enough troops to do so.

The article went into detail about several factors that contribute to the situation, starting with the elimination decades ago of the draft, missed recruiting numbers for the major branches of our military, the lack of qualified people to serve – given chronic health conditions – and the lack of ability to quickly mobilize in the event of an emergency.

All of which, one hopes, is being addressed by our nation’s top military minds.

But we also are called to look inwardly, as well, and to consider what proclivities, desires and motivations exist in each of us that give rise to war in the first place.

War is a large-scale and international set of consequences, to be sure, but it starts with every single person, individually, and our inclinations toward others.

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from,” St. James asks in today’s second reading. “Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war.

“You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

Our prayer: Let peace begin with me.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 23, 2024 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (White)
7:00 am	The deceased members of the Krolikowski Family
Tuesday	September 24, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Mary & Frank Fleming
Wednesday	September 25, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Felice DiBerardino
6:00 pm	Marie Margaret Stanley
Thursday	September 26, 2024 Weekday, Saints Cosmas and Damian Martyrs (Green/Red)
7:00 am	Pierre Zaranek
Friday	September 27, 2024 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest (White)
7:00 am	Catherine Graebert
Saturday	September 28, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-six Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Raymond Radatz, Earl Pare, Colleen Hemman, Bonnie Batche, Carolyn Casper, Josephine Alberti, Elizabeth Webster, Thomas Benoit, Karen Rygiel, Kevin Collins, Marie Ann Easley, Nicholas Nehro, Mary Steele, Robert F. Palonis, Cliff Hastings, Michael Francis Todd, Nancy Barkley, Diane Cowart, Joseph & Angeline Calus, Norman Dolinski, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow and Tom & Diana Ziolkowski
6:00 pm	Huo Calisi
Sunday	September 29, 2024 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Barbara Pollack
12:00 pm	Dr. Joel Rojas, C. Pat Walters, Sam & Michael Ciaramitaro, Dennis Lex, Angelina Calbone, Sicilia Grego and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow and Bobbie Timmreck

Daily Readings

Monday, September 23	Friday, September 27
Proverbs 3:27-34 Luke 8:16-18	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday, September 24	Saturday, September 28
Proverb 21:1-6, 11-13 Luke 8:19-21	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Luke 9:43b-45
Wednesday, September 25	Sunday, September 29
Proverb 30:5-9 Luke 9:1-6	Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-48
Thursday, September 26	
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9	

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Minnie Louise Haskins



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Crossroads

For close to twenty years, our parish has helped serve meals at Crossroads. We will follow the same process as we have in the past few years. Rather than asking for food donations, we will ask for cash donations so that we can purchase all the food that is needed.

We will be cooking and serving food at Crossroads on September 22nd. Our menu will include chili, hot dogs, condiments, cornbread, cookies, fruit, and beverages.

If we have additional funds, we would also like to purchase toiletries for all the guests, as we did last year; they were pleased to receive this gift from us.

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Online: sjascs.org/crossroads
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 - Drop off in the Sunday Collection Box
 - Drop off at the Parish Center



Please note the donation is for Crossroads!

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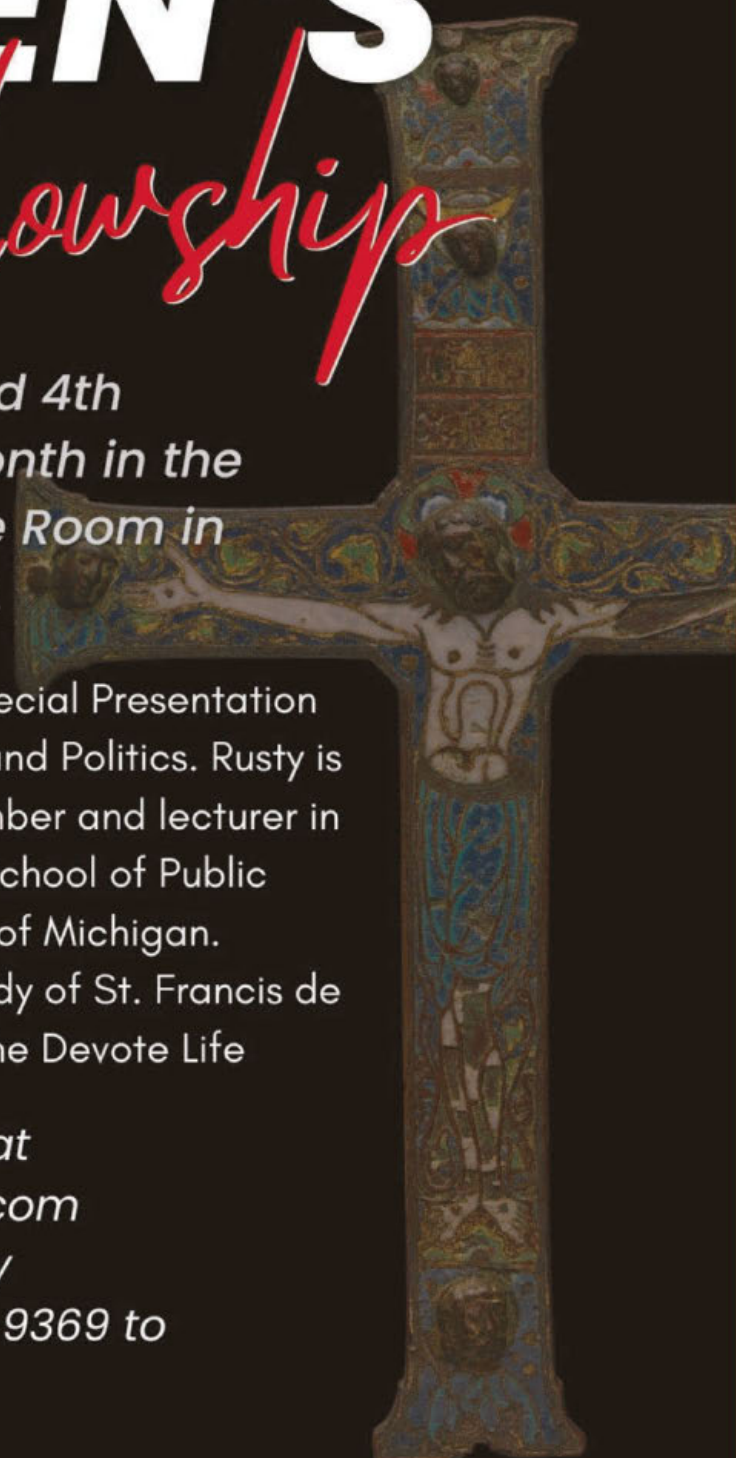
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- October 14 and 28: Special Presentation by Rusty Hills on Jesus and Politics. Rusty is an adjunct faculty member and lecturer in at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.
- November 11: Begin Study of St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devote Life

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Prayers Needed

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Kristen Benedict	Linda Frank	Maria Krzesowski	Fe Reyes	Terri Szolach
Edna Burton	Jeanne Gainer	Charles LaCombe	Sr. Alice Riegel	Kim Thomas
Marie Byrski	Larry Gehrke	Patricia LaCombe	Paulette Russia	Bernadette Thompson
Maryann Carlin	Larry Graham	Concetta Leone	Jenna Rose	James Thompson
Ed Cole	Peter Grantz	Mila Lictawa	Victoria Rydholm	Linda Vitale
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	David Lott	Lily Saith	Eileen Wallace
Joan Combellack	Geoffrey Greve	Dominik Mackowski	Barbara R. Scharneck	Elaine Walters
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Anita Dembeck	Chris Janutol	Mark Moffitt	Wendy Stevens	Marilyn Wicker
Debra Dembeck	Lorraine Jonas	Nina Mondalek	Patty Stevenson	Joyce Wiekrykas
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Kainoa Dunn	Lorraine Kilroy	Michelle Pierson	Gloria Strzelecki	Joan Wright
Jean Edwards	Catherine Konen	Vicky Pranger	Cathy Sullens	

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
September 22, 2024

The Price of Goodness

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow, they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20

With violence and torture let us put him to the test / that we may have proof of his gentleness.

James 3:16—4:3

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

Mark 9:30–37

[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness? †

**While we might truly value
the goodness of others,
that goodness can also
shame us.**



A Word from Pope Francis

If you want to be first, you need to get in line, be last, and serve everyone. Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters.... Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured...by service. Not on what someone *has*, but on what someone *gives*. Do you want to be first? Serve.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do you ever resent the goodness of others?
- Does that goodness challenge you to be better?

Consider Yourself at Home

John Shea

A big part of Sunday is going to a building without a second floor. There may be a balcony or a choir loft, but basically the ground floor of the church is the only floor. The altar and pulpit are elevated so people can see, but other than that it is a prairie. The shopping-bag lady and the real estate man and the cop in uniform and the blind guy who everybody helps to Communion and you and Ralph the twit all stand and kneel and sit next to each other—as if we had something in common. On Sunday, you know you belong. You might not be happy with those to whom you belong, but you are not in the Lost and Found department. An entire group of motley people has arrived with a claim check.

Some have suggested that the Sunday



gospel should be thrown like a rock. This is their image for the powerful way the gospel can shatter normal ways of thinking and acting. The most celebrated place where the good news hits like a rock is “Love your enemies.” The

injunction to love our enemies is meant to disorient our taken-for-granted world of enemies and friends. Upon hearing it, it might stop people long enough to find other ways. They might pause and question the natural way they divide the world into friends and enemies. They may brainstorm creative ways to invite perceived enemies into dialog. They may pour considerable ingenuity into the ways of peace rather than strategies of greater aggression. But in order for this to happen, Christians must face squarely the good news that they can and must change. Sunday is solidarity, even after we have been lost or have run away or just have been gone too long for reasons we can no longer remember. Sunday is the day we know there is nothing between us but the walls we build. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Stewardship: Seeing Lazarus the Beggar In Those We Encounter” by Randy Hain

As we reflect on the many references to almsgiving in Scripture, we see that in biblical times, people were most likely seeing, touching, and talking directly with the people to whom they were giving alms and showing mercy. Today, however, thanks to factors like population growth, economic segregation within our cities, physical distance, and advances in technology, our almsgiving and acts of mercy are too often reduced to a point-and-click exercise on the computer. I’m not negating the impact of giving money, but I want to also stress that being physically present and making a concerted effort to reach out to others can help us diminish the risk of losing our basic humanity. †

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Righteous God, inspire us today to imitate those who are good to us and pray for those whose behavior is harmful to others. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 23–28

Monday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina:
Prv 3:27–34 / Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, Weekday:
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, Weekday:
Prv 30:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, Weekday:
Eccl 1:2–11 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, St. Vincent de Paul:
Eccl 3:1–11 / Lk 9:18–22

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

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