



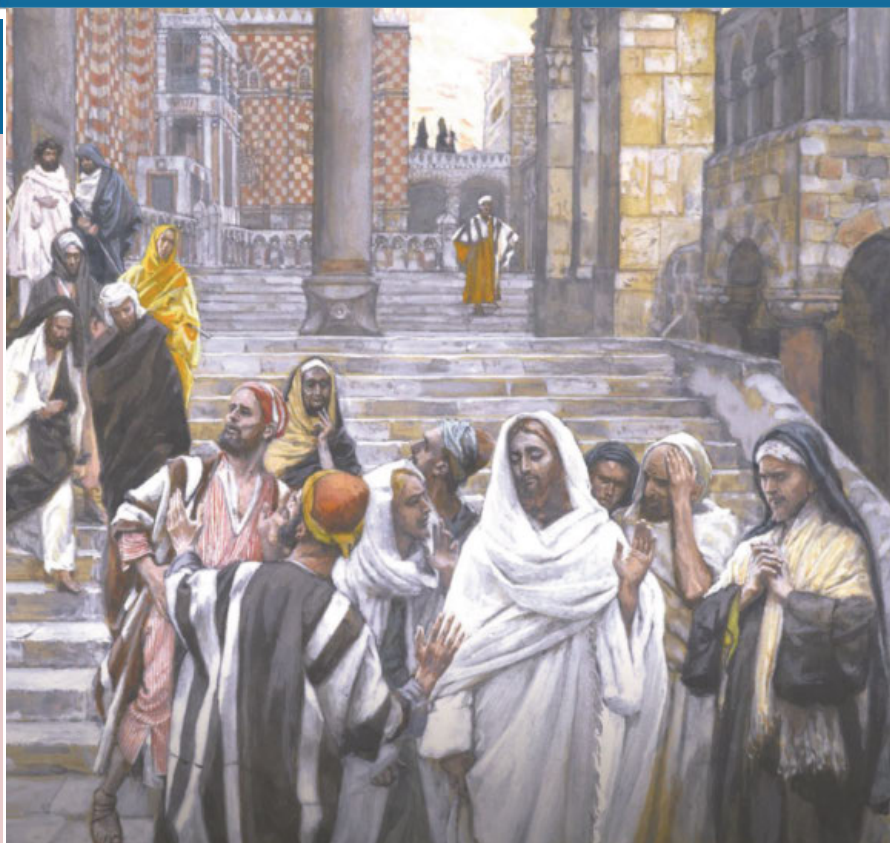
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." - Mk 9:38-39

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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

TALLer Tales



Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 2): This is a continuation of my travelogue about my journey with “Ms. Daisy” (aka my mom) on our Eastern Seaboard

Journey on board the Viking Mars.

Last week, I spoke about the beauty of what human beings created to give honor to God in the form of the churches we visited. They were undoubtedly breathtaking. I wanted to start this week by writing about the beauty we saw in the landscape created by God and some of the beautiful skylines we saw at night.

Again, a picture is worth a thousand words, so I include more pictures here than words. There was beauty everywhere, from the beautiful sunsets to the lit-up church against a beautiful sunset to a lit-up city and bridge. Decades ago, pilgrimages to the churches of Montreal and Quebec, especially Sainte Anne de Beaupre, were pretty common. We often think of pilgrimages only in terms of places far away, but we have plenty of pilgrimage sites within our reach; you don’t have to travel too far at all.

Back to my trip. After leaving Montreal and Quebec, we traveled to the beautiful seaside town of Saguenay, a city in Quebec that leads into the St. Lawrence River.

As my mom was booking our excursions, she was excited about seeing the Saguenay Fjords. She talked about it multiple times, but I didn’t pay much attention because I had no clue what a fjord was or where

Saguenay was even located. Once on the ship, I finally “googled” fjords one night. Seriously, how many of you know what a fjord is or have even seen a fjord?

According to my friends at the National Geographic Society, “A fjord is a long, deep, narrow body of water that reaches far inland. Fjords are often set in a U-shaped valley with steep walls of rock on either side. Fjords are found mainly in Norway, Chile, New Zealand, Canada, Greenland, and the U.S. state of Alaska.... Fjords were

distance; she wanted to see the fjords up close. HOW? Well, my mom booked us for a 45-minute seaplane adventure around the fjords of Saguenay. This was another one of her bucket list items.

The seaplane adventure was phenomenal. The plane only held the pilot, me, my mom, and another couple from the ship. We were able to board the plane just a short distance from the pier where we were docked.

My mom was nervous at first because she didn’t know how she would handle the plane ride. But she put her mind to the bucket list item and was bound and determined to make it happen. And so we did!

It was an incredible 45 minutes! Our pilot was ever so kind and helpful. It took us a while to get into the plane because the seats were literally only a few inches off the floor. I wish there were a video of trying to stuff Ms. Daisy’s driver (me) at 6 foot 7 inches into this plane. I almost decked my head because the plane’s wing came swinging down on me as I stepped onto the plane’s floating step!

Our pilot gave us an incredible tour. Listening to his stories of flying in the area for years was also fun. Outside of the tourist season, they often fly fishermen to remote fishing villages. He

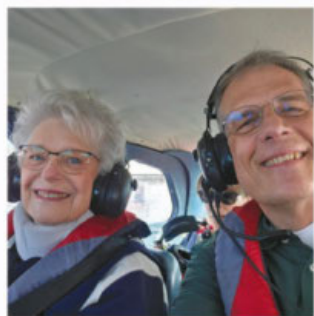
said it wasn’t too uncommon to get a call to fly in some “liquid refreshments” from the local stores after a week of dropping people off! Now THAT’s an interesting twist to DoorDash, UberEats, and GrubHub!

Enjoy the pictures.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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created by glaciers. In the Earth’s last ice age, glaciers covered just about everything. Glaciers move very slowly over time and can greatly alter the landscape once they have moved through an area. This process is called glaciation. Glaciation carves deep valleys. This is why fjords can be thousands of meters deep. Fjords are usually deepest farther inland, where the glacial force was strongest (<https://bit.ly/natgeo-fjord>.) You should check out the pictures included on the Nat Geo site.

My mom didn’t just want to visit Saguenay and experience the beauty from a

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 29, 2024



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other as well . . .” So says Jesus in Luke’s gospel. To make things even more difficult, St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans says, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.” Wow! Acting like a Christian is a tall order!

Jesus encourages living such a seemingly impossible lifestyle when he says in Matthew’s gospel, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, *so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven*; for he makes the sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” As it turns out, we are supposed to *act* like God if we *say* we are his adopted children. Not easy. As difficult as it is to hear a command from Jesus that goes so against our grain – “love your enemy” – it seems just as difficult to put his command into practice. Even if we are able to surrender to the idea of doing good to those who hate us, how *exactly* are we supposed to do it? After we get into a heated argument with a coworker, are we supposed to say, “So, do you want me to buy you lunch?” *Really*, how do we do this?

To “do good to those who hate us, and curse us, and mistreat us,” we first have to identify who the haters are. *Politically*, we have essentially a two-party system, so it doesn’t take much work to figure out who hates who. *Religiously*, it gets a little more interesting. But, for the most part, any faith group or denomination that believes differently than “*me*” gets the evil eye. *Economically*, we have the “haves” and the “have nots,” although that distinction varies radically around the world. *Intellectually*, the academics are pitted against the “simple folk”. *Socially*, the elites and the masses are at odds. Obviously, many such distinctions can continue to be made. Beyond that, there are many overlaps between these rival groups.

So, divided as we are into so many opposing groups, are we all supposed to just get together for a picnic to work things out? Probably only if everyone wears body armor and has a fast getaway car. The truth is that we are at a point in our world where it is nearly impossible to get close enough to our enemies to do any good to them, even if we want to. So, we have to go back to the reason why we should even try to be good to them in the first place: *to be like our heavenly Father*, who is good everyone.

By being good to all people, God basically dumps all of the responsibility for our success or failure in life in our own laps. When everyone is treated equally well by God, we cannot continually blame him for handing us a bag of rocks when we ask for food to feed the family. Many people who live extremely tragic lives do blame God, though. They shake their fists at the Creator for having created them . . . or at least for not bailing them out of their unbearable troubles. This is understandable. But God is not the one who creates the chaos. WE DO. The *human race* is responsible for messing up the human race, *not God* who created it. Surely, Jesus has come and redeemed the human race, but the fullness of redemption won’t be ours until we get to heaven.

In the meantime, we can help humanity get to heaven *by not making things worse*: by not returning hate for hate, cursing for curses, mistreatment for mistreatment, war with more war. We can do a lot to be God-like by simply refraining from acting like idiots. From the proactive angle, we have to be more creative. The scriptural image of feeding our enemy – sending a burger and a cold one over to our enemy’s house – doesn’t really work. But, if we can figure out what our enemy is actually hungry for, we might be able to make some progress.

The simplest, positive thing we can do for our enemies is the age-old gift of praying for them. When we believe that prayer truly works, it is a *mighty*

gift to give. The recipient doesn’t even have to know about it. Beyond that, we can think about what deep hungers our enemy might have. If that enemy is an estranged family member of ours, is there a way to let them know we don’t *totally* reject them? Can we let them know the door is not forever shut? Is there a way to let our enemies know that we want good for them, not to destroy them, even if our differences are irreconcilable? Can we control ourselves long enough to listen for any valuable ideas our enemies might have? Can we at least *not* want them dead?

If we cooperate with God by trying our best to love everyone, we place the responsibility for their salvation squarely on them. We eliminate an excuse for others to continue lives of hatred and sin. When we react in kind to enemies who hate us, we simply propagate the hate. We grow the hate. We prolong it; and we endanger ourselves. Alternatively, by responding to aggression with love, we disable the excuses of others to prolong the war. Like St. Paul says, this can be infuriating. It’s like hot coals heaped upon one’s head when they are forced by someone else’s kindness to realize they are indeed hateful idiots.

Doing good to hateful enemies is probably the hardest thing for any human being to do. Hate attacks us on all levels. Responding to hate with love is supernatural . . . divine. We are able to respond to hate with love only because Christ has shown us how to do it and has given us the Holy Spirit to move us. Jesus loved the haters who reviled him as he suffocated to death on the cross. “Forgive them, Father. They know not what they are doing.” Consider such love. Shall we try our best to be his sisters and brothers?

In Christ,

Fr. Bob



September 29, 2024

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Experience, education, and brainpower give parents wisdom and foresight. They can see the bigger picture and determine, for example, that eating an entire box of cookies will make their child sick – no matter how appetizing the cookies *appear*. God, likewise, has a perspective that is infinitely broader and deeper than our own. This divine perspective is the lens through which we must understand the strong language Jesus uses in today's Gospel. God is a Father who loves us unconditionally and who, like the parent who refuses a child unlimited sweets, knows the harm that sin causes his children in this life and in eternity. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." These words, meant to drive home a point for Jesus' disciples, remind us that God desires our good infinitely more than we do, and that this good is ultimately to be united with him for eternity. God *hates* sin in our lives because he *loves* us. If we believe this, no sacrifice will be too great for us as we strive to root out sin, grow in virtue, and follow Jesus with undivided hearts.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moses' exclamation in the first reading, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" remind us of the mission, given to us at baptism, to permeate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words and example. This is what it means for us to be "prophets." But how do we *become* prophets? And how do we accomplish our task effectively? We begin by engaging in the process described above: leaving sin behind at all costs and embracing lives of virtue. As this process brings us closer to God – especially through prayer, but also through works of mercy – we become increasingly capable of seeing as God sees, making judgments according to his wisdom, and ordering the world around us according to his desires. Our words likewise become more powerful in leading others to Christ because they flow from our ever-deepening friendship with him.

REFLECT What corner of your life have you hesitated to give to God? What attitudes or habits have you been reluctant to invite him to transform? Ask him for the courage and perseverance to give these things over to him and, if needed, to bring them to confession. If you allow him, he will draw you closer to himself and you will become a "prophet" for others in the true sense of the word.

Readings for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 6 B

Reading One – Gn 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

Responsorial – Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Reading Two – Heb 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

Alleluia – 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate. In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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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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Next local weekend is October 11-13, 2024

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

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Contact the Parish Center (586-777-3670 or info@sjascs.org) for more information.



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.

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Mark your calendar for a great time...

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH
6:00 PM First Reconciliation Mtg.– EH
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose

Tuesday, October 1st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, October 2nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - EH

Thursday, October 3rd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
1:00 PM Hearts a Fire - EH
5:30 PM Baptism of Giovanni A. Ruggirello
6:30 PM Light of the Spirit Prayer Mtg.
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, October 4th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Funeral for Lawrence Hakim

Saturday, October 5th

SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE - Mack Parking Lot
9:00 AM Exceptional Faith Formation
11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Leo & Calvin Bastone
1:30 PM Baptism of Brandon G. DiMaso
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, October 6th

SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE - Mack Parking Lot
8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

September 29, 2024 – It's Only Money

It's getting to the point where the numbers seemingly aren't even based in reality. It's nothing to hear about multi-million-dollar contracts for professional athletes, for example.

Then there are the numbers attached to the wealth of business entrepreneurs and, especially, tech entrepreneurs. One website published a story a few weeks ago that predicted one entrepreneur known for his electric vehicle, space exploration and social media enterprises will likely become the world's first trillionaire by 2027.

The story explained that this industrial titan's wealth has been growing at an average annual rate of 110 percent. The story also named other global billionaires who, quite likely, will follow behind in 2028 in reaching the so-called trillionaire's club. To be sure, there is nothing wrong with high-level, elite, hard work, and its attendant wealth accumulation. Whether one admires these folks or not, they obviously have contributed much to the world, and have enabled others to grow their lives, as well.

The main thing people of goodwill might pray for though – whether it's on behalf of the world's trillionaires or with respect to their own more modest fortunes – is that they keep wealth and money in perspective. It's only money, after all, and our sights must be set higher and longer-term.

“Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries,” St. James warns in today's second reading. “Your wealth and 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 ... You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.”

Sobering words, to be sure.

Money comes, sometimes in vast quantities. Money goes. Our life with God is eternal.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 30, 2024 Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 am	Giuseppina Ciccone
Tuesday	October 1, 2024 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 am	Joseph Gielniak
Wednesday	October 2, 2024 Holy Guardian Angels (White)
7:00 am	Agnes & Jack Hubbard
6:00 pm	Katherine Sustrick
Thursday	October 3, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	William Dobrzecowski
Friday	October 4, 2024 Saint Francis of Assis (White)
7:00 am	Dennis Fleming
Saturday	October 5, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Bonnie Batche, George J. Bugarin, Juliette Zaraneck, Roseann Coules, Madeline Intravaia, Pat Boehm, Carol Cummins, Nancy Barkley, Bernard Ewald, Special Intentions for the J. Champagne Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow, David & Donna Lawrence, Annmarie Valdez, Esther David, Gloria Strzelecki, charlotte Powell, Pat Maher and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
6:00 pm	Special Intention for Steve and Peggy Hysick on their 35th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	October 6, 2024 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Irene Butala (Mother of Michelle Carlson)
12:00 pm	George J. Bugarin, John Power, Dennis Venuto, Edward Rowady, Hugo Calisi and a Special Intention for Christine Bugarin and for Alison Reslow

Daily Readings

Monday, September 30	Friday, October 4
Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16
Tuesday, October 1	Saturday, October 5
Job 3:1-23 Luke 9:51-56	Job 42:1-17 Luke 10:17-24
Wednesday, October 2	Sunday, October 6
Job 9:1-16 Matthew 18:1-5, 10	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16
Thursday, October 3	
Job 19:21-27 Luke 10:1-12	



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Minnie Louise Haskins



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When: October 4, 2024 from 7 pm to 12 midnight

Where: Saint Basil the Great Church, 22800 Schroeder, Eastpointe 48021

7 pm-Sorrowful mysteries of rosary and confession

7:30 pm- Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 pm- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament inside church w/hymns; additional confession time following procession if needed.

9 pm-Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30 pm- quiet adoration and staggered 10-minute break

10:00 pm - Joyful mysteries

*Luminous mysteries will be prayed time permitting

10:30 pm -Prayers of Reparation and prayer for the entrustment of the family

11pm- Glorious mysteries

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary

11:30 pm- Procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima inside church w/hymns

11:45 pm -Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil concludes with prayers for intentions of the Holy Father, one our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be

We welcome you to join us even if you are not able to stay for the full 5 hours.

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Kristen Benedict	Linda Frank	Laurie Krim	Alison Reslow	Terri Szolach
Edna Burton	Jeanne Gainer	Maria Krzesowski	Fe Reyes	Kim Thomas
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Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	Mila Lictawa	Victoria Rydholm	Eileen Wallace
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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

September 29, 2024

Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends, even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or healthcare workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been parenting for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it. †

Sunday Readings

Numbers 11:25–29

[Moses said,] "If only all the people of the LORD were prophets! If only the LORD would bestow his spirit on them!"

James 5:1–6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

[Jesus said,] "For whoever is not against us is for us."

*If we really value
something or someone,
no sacrifice is too great.*



A Word from Pope Francis

The disciples would like to hinder a good deed simply because it is performed by someone who does not belong to their group.... Brothers and sisters, every closure tends in fact to keep us at a distance from those who do not think like we do, and this...is the root of many great evils....

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Is there a habit that keeps you from being your best self?
- Do you want to ask God for the will to change?

Order and Inspiration

Paige Byrne Shortal

There is a tension between Order and Inspiration—both goods, both necessary in the life of the Christian community, both essential to the seeking of wisdom and truth. Inspiration informs and enriches Order. Order tests and directs Inspiration. When Order and Inspiration cooperate, there is possibility for great good.

Consider the efforts of Dorothy Day or Mother Teresa. Dorothy Day was inspired to begin the Catholic Worker movement—to establish places of care for the indigent. There was concern about her apparent association with Socialism and her bishop denied her the title “Catholic.” Dorothy did not abandon the Church as she continued her work, nor did she abandon her dream. She simply persisted until the bishop saw the good of



what she did. Order (the bishop) tested Inspiration (Dorothy Day’s dream).

The case of Mother Teresa is similar. She had a vision of Christ speaking to her from the mouths of the poorest of the poor and she was moved to serve them.

The Archbishop of Calcutta denied her request to engage in this new ministry and asked her to wait a year, and then one more. Mother Teresa complied, prayed, hoped, and continued to petition the Archbishop until he was satisfied that her Inspiration was tested and true.

Imagine if Dorothy Day or Mother Teresa had simply persisted in following their Inspiration without submitting it to Order. Would we know of them now? Would there be Catholic Worker Houses across the land or the Missionaries of Charity, the world-wide religious community founded by Mother Teresa?

The tension between Order and Inspiration is real and both the Keepers of Order and the Inspired Visionaries may suffer. Overcoming this tension and bringing good works to fruition requires patience, humility, listening, desire for the truth, and, above all, charity. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Mass Before and After Vatican II” by Fr. Matthew O’Toole

The growing appreciation for the role of sacred Scripture played an important part in Mass reforms at the Second Vatican Council. The conciliar document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* declares: “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word.” (SC 51). The Council Fathers set in motion a revision of the *Lectionary*, the book containing the Scripture readings arranged according to the liturgical seasons. To give the faithful greater exposure to the word of God and the breadth of the Bible, a three-year cycle of Scripture was subsequently instituted for Sunday Masses, and a two-year cycle of readings was created for the weekday liturgies. †

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*Faithful God, inspire us
to follow the way of Jesus,
to live according to his truth,
to imitate him that we may have
the fullness of life. Amen.*

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WEEKDAY READINGS

September 30—
October 5

Monday, St. Jerome:
Jb 1:6–22 / Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, Holy Guardian Angels:
Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 / Mt 18:1–5, 10

Thursday, Weekday:
Jb 19:21–27 / Lk 10:1–12

Friday, St. Francis of Assisi:
Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, Weekday:
Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 / Lk 10:17–24

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