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WEEK!**



January 30, 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor's corner

January 30, 2022

Dear Parishioners

The praise of love in the second reading is a favorite reading that many young people choose for their wedding ceremony. It presents a magnificent ideal of married life.

Unfortunately, many of them forget it. A growing number of those marriages end in divorce.

God calls us all to greatness – to the greatness of loving as God loves. Love is the greatest of the gifts that Paul writes about today. He calls this gift “a way.” Love is a way of life to which we are all called.

We all have certain talents and gifts. But the talents have to be developed, oftentimes by very hard work and practice. Talents can be buried, and that is tragic, for then the entire family and parish suffers, to say nothing of the one who buries them.

Flannery O'Connor was one of America's finest modern writers. She learned from the French philosopher Jacques Maritain how to develop what he called “the habit of art,” habit not being a mechanical routine,” but an attitude or quality of mind that is as essential as talent. Her habit of art drove her to exploit the potential of language and characterization, which eventually helped her become a very talented writer.

She also acquired and developed the habit of being, an attitude or quality of interior disposition. What came out of her habit of being is a self-portrait of a deeply religious, very intelligent, humorous, humane, and genuine person. She lived and acted out of the fullness of her Christian being.

We can't all be writers as she was. But God has called each of us to be a lover. God has given us the talent, the power to love. If we bury that talent, fail

to develop it by hard work and sacrifice in our daily contacts with others, we doom ourselves to a life of bitterness, frustration, and joylessness for ourselves and for our families, parishes, and communities. Nazareth failed to take its son Jesus to its heart. Nazareth rejected love, as so Jesus left his hometown to itself.

Today, St. Paul spells out the characteristics of a way of life formed by love. We can consider the list as a personal examination of conscience, one that examines our relationships with God and with our neighbors. Paul says that true love is kind, patient, not jealous, does not put on airs, is not snobbish, is never rude, is not prone to anger, does not brood over injuries, is never self-seeking, always trusts, always hopes, always endures whatever comes.

An author wrote a book which he entitled Looking Out For Number One. His wife read it and divorced him. Looking out for number one is what love is not. There is only one Christian habit of being – the way of love. To follow that way, we always come back to the love that Jesus has for us. The conviction of our having been known and called and chosen because God has us from all eternity is the foundation of the habit of being we call “Christian.”

God doesn't just love humanity as a whole. God loves each one of us personally. God loves us as we are, even with all our faults, our weaknesses. All God asks of us is that we believe in his love, open ourselves to it, and allow God to love in and through us. Here is a prayer God really wants to answer:

Lord our God, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love all people as you love them.

Have a blessed week.

Father Tom

Mass and Prayer Times

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am
9:30am
11:00am

Monday-Saturday 8:30am

The Holy Rosary
Monday-Saturday
after the 8:30am Mass

Confessions Saturday at 9:00am

Parish Stewardship

January 22-23, 2022		
First Collection		12,259.21
Online Donations (reported 2/month)		
Christmas		25.00
Solemnity of Mary		10.00
School Subsidy Collection		926.00
School Subsidy Online (reported 2/month)		
Total Week's Offertory		13,220.21
Weekly Operating Budget		14,409.68
Surplus (Deficit)		(1,189.47)
	Orlando Seminarians	400.00
	St. Brendan Outreach	490.00

300 Club Winners

January Winners
\$50
Kathleen Majorino
Tony Carlisimo
Carlo Colombi
Jack Rafool
\$100
Todd Carnevale
February Winners
\$50
Dorothy Gleason
Joe Greer
Terri Rinko
Mary West

Congratulations to all!

Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 29	4:00PM	† Mike Van Houten	The McDonough Family
Sunday, January 30	8:00AM	† James Murphy	Jack & Arlene Halsey
	9:30AM	Pro Populo	
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00AM	† Renee Hennessy	Gerri Masson
	8:30AM	Marilyn Stack	Father Eammon Gill K of C
Monday, January 31	8:30AM	† Donna Waldron	Father Eammon Gill K of C
Tuesday, February 1	8:30AM	† Salvatore Annino	Wife & Family
Wednesday, February 2	8:30AM	† Mary Ellen Polichnowski	Leslie Patton
Thursday, February 3	8:30AM	† Richard Osterndorf	The Acebal Family
Friday, February 4	8:30AM	† George Wing	The McDonough Family
	4:00PM	† Ann Richards	Joan & Dick Saccone
Saturday, February 5	8:00AM	† Charles Kane	Charles Marootian
	9:30AM	† Matthew Gable	Matthew Gable
Sunday, February 6	11:00AM	Pro Populo	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic School,

The annual national celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins today! Each year this celebration highlights the many contributions of Catholic Education to our nation. We are truly blessed here at St. Brendan's to have an excellent school, one that is fully accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference.

Founded nearly 60 years ago by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt from Rockland County, New York, St. Brendan's maintains a strong Catholic identity, the keystone for all we do here at the school. We stress high standards in academics and a dedication to Christian service. We are "the" Catholic school presence in the greater Ormond Beach community. Because of the strong Catholic education that they will receive here, we have students who come to us from many communities, some as far away as Palm Coast, Port Orange, and South Daytona. The following should give a small snapshot of our parish school:

- We are 58 years young and thriving
- All of our teachers possess either State or program specific credentials
- Our Pre-Kindergarten prepares students well for the rigors of Kindergarten and our school has averaged a 99% over the last few years on the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Test
- Participating in the Diocesan Catholic Youth Sports League, St. Brendan's has received the Principal's Trophy for being the county program champions four times in the last six years
- Our school participates in every Diocesan collection for the children of our Sister Diocese in the Dominican Republic. We also support the St. Brendan Food Pantry
- And the good work of the Lord continues.....

Despite living in these pandemic days with school being different in so many ways, we endeavor to make each day a "normal" day centered on God and filled with learning. All of our students attend in person as the social aspect of school is vital to their development.

The work of Catholic education is quite difficult in these days but this work MUST go on

as it is a vital ministry of the Church! How does it go on? The answer is quite simple. Your support of our school, not only through your prayers but through your most generous contributions in the weekly second collection, enable us to continue this important work. Your contributions go directly to support Catholic education at St. Brendan's. It is certainly greatly needed and it is most graciously appreciated. It is because of YOU that we are able to continue to provide a Catholic education for

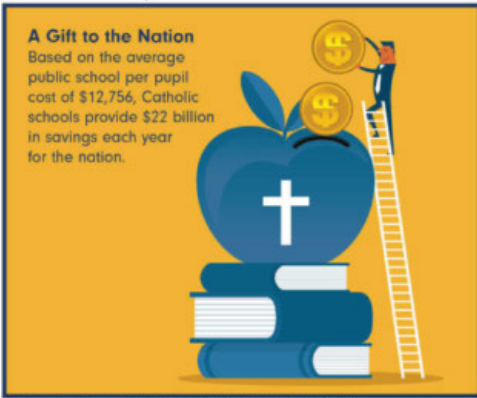
the children entrusted to us. We are humbled by your generosity and could never do it without the parishioners and visitors of St. Brendan the Navigator. It is truly YOUR school and you are certainly doing your job to insure that there is a Church of tomorrow by helping educate the children who will take the leading roles in that future!

When we join together each morning for prayer, we begin by saying our school's tag line, "Molded in God's image, we strive for excellence." You give us the ability to carry on this mission of Catholic Education in Ormond Beach. On behalf of all of us at the school: faculty, staff, and students, I offer my sincerest gratitude to you for your support of our mission and for enabling us to do the great work that God has called us to do.

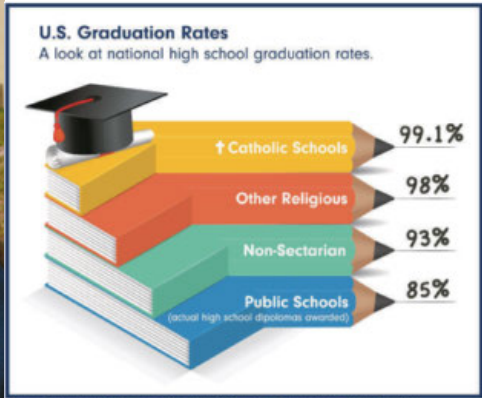
Peace and all good,

Philip Gorrasi, Principal

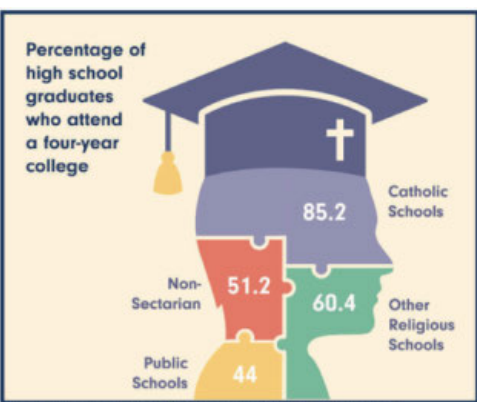




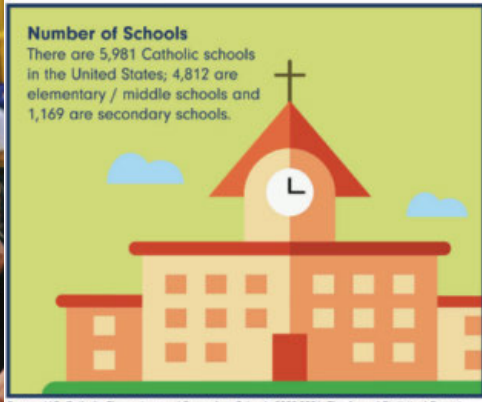
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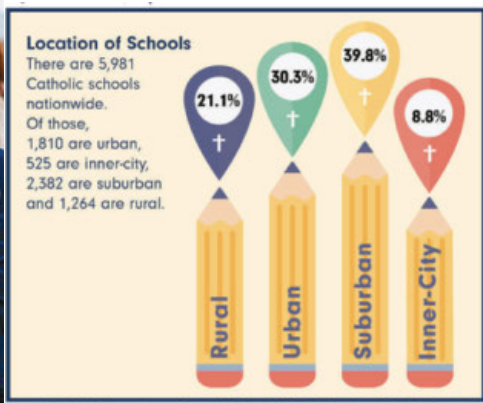
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Reflections on the First and Second Readings



The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Gifts

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–29

When you discover what you are good at, you cannot let go. You may have a gift for parenting, teaching, listening, or playing a hand of bridge. Or golf. Once in a while we find out something else about the gifts God gave us. We may not know why we have them, but events may call us to use our gifts in a way that reveals God's will.

You may have given advice that somebody needed. You may have helped a child overcome an obstacle. You may have lifted someone's spirits. You may have saved someone's life. You did all this because you had a gift, and when the moment arrived, you used the gift God gave you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God's words to Jeremiah ring deep within our souls. Think about this: God knew you before you were born. God had you in mind before you were conceived. God designed gifts for you from the very beginning. God had a plan.

We are born without knowledge of God's plan. We are not sure how we fit. We may never know. God may be using us in ways beyond our awareness. The gifts we have are not ours. They belong to God.

When we use God's gifts, they bring us satisfaction. We cannot let go of what God meant us to be and do. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

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The Challenge of Love

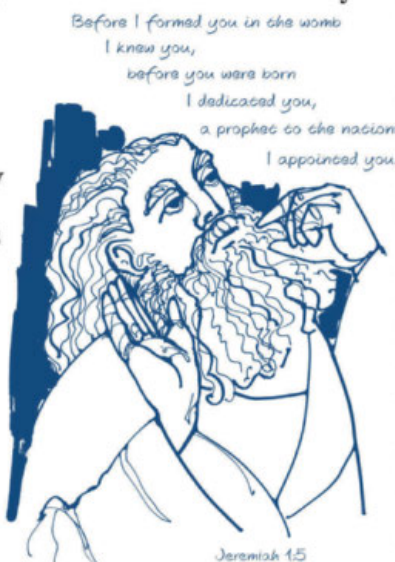
Corinthians 12:31–13:3

One of the most popular readings at weddings is this passage from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. It bears all things. Love never fails." It is a beautiful hymn to love, and it captures the emotions that many couples feel as they celebrate their wedding day.

But Paul did not have marriage in mind. He was writing about the early Christian community in Corinth, the equivalent of a parish today. The members had many gifts. They were not using them well. They were divided in their sentiments. They said they believed in Jesus, but they were not acting the way he taught. Jesus wanted everyone to love God and to love their neighbor. That was not happening in Corinth.

So Paul reminded them what love is — and what it is not. "It is not jealous, it 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." The Corinthians were guilty of all these things.

Paul would probably be surprised to know that this passage is used so often at weddings today. He would probably remark, "OK—but just remember. If this describes the love of a newly married couple, that is the kind of love you should have for everyone in your parish. Not just for one person."



Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8 ♦ *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* ♦ *Luke 5:1–11*



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Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday or 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Call Valeta Orlando at x-307 in the Parish Office for more information.

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

For information contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

Are you a non-Catholic adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Seekers and inquirers are always welcome. Contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office. No pressure; no commitment.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00am-3:30pm

St. Brendan's Outreach Ministry

Food donations accepted in the church narthex at all weekend Masses all through the year. Special collections at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

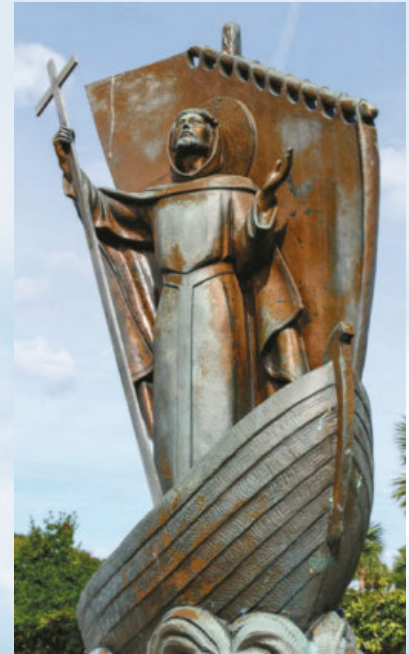
New Parishioners

St. Brendan warmly welcomes you! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and Religious Articles Store. Please return form via the Sunday offertory or bring it or send it to the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus always welcomes new members. For information contact Steve Silvestro: 386-238-8695
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The Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

welcomes all women of the parish. Meetings are held first Monday of the month Sept. - May. For information, contact Ann Smith 386-299-3153.



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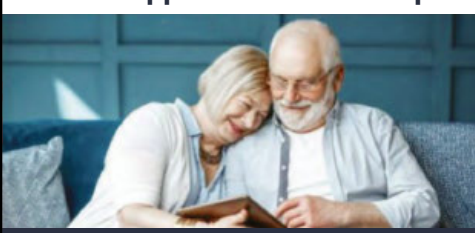
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