



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

2704 33rd Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205  
941.756.3732 • Email: [info@sjcfl.org](mailto:info@sjcfl.org) • Website: [sjcfl.org](http://sjcfl.org)

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: 1136

# COMPASSION



“A Samaritan traveler  
who came upon him was  
moved with compassion  
at the sight.”

LUKE 10:33

**PASTOR:** Fr. Rafal Ligenza  
**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Fr. Jim Simko

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday ..... 8:00am  
Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - Following 8:00am Mass  
and at 3:00pm.

Thursday - Before First Friday  
following 8:00am Mass.

The day before a Holy Day  
following the 8am Mass.



**Parish Office:** Location and Mailing Address  
2704 33rd Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34205

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:00pm  
Closed Noon - 1:00pm for lunch

**Contact Information**

Phone ..... 941.756.3732  
Email ..... info@sjcfl.org  
Website ..... www.sjcfl.org

**Emergency - After Hours/Weekends**

..... 941.756.3644

**Parish Staff**

**Fr. Rafal Ligenza: Pastor**

941.756.3732 ..... FrRafal@sjcfl.org

**Fr. Jim Simko: Parochial Vicar**

941.756.3732 ..... FrJim@sjcfl.org

**Carol Palmer - Business Manager**

941.756.3732 ..... cpalmer@sjcfl.org

**Bridget Olson - Parish Secretary**

941.756.3732 ..... bolson@sjcfl.org

**Liliana Ronderos - Director Religious Education**

941.756.3732 ..... LRonderos@sjcfl.org

**Mary Kay Arroyo - Adult Faith Formation**

941.720.8445 ..... mkarroyo@sjcfl.org

**Timothy O'Connor - Music Ministry**

941.753.5634 ..... musicmaker@sjcfl.org

**John Owen - Maintenance**

941.755.2611 ..... jowen@sjsfl.org

**Jean Tierney - Pastoral Care**

941.756.3732 ..... jtierney@sjcfl.org

**Jim Frame - Advisory Council**

941.592.9833 ..... jimframe@earthlink.net

**Finance Council**.....941.756.3732

**Bulletin Submissions** ..... bolson@sjcfl.org

**Saint Joseph Catholic School**

2990 26th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34205

**Deborah Suddarth - Principal**

941.755.2611 ..... dsuddarth@sjsfl.org

**Sunday Reflection With Fr. Rafal**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let's look at today's Gospel on this **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Jesus, you remember, is on the road to Jerusalem. He meets a cast of characters and spends time teaching. Today a scholar of the law - a scribe - approaches Jesus. In the Gospels scribes are uniformly negative. Why? Well, rather than bringing them close to God and the people, they use their knowledge to look down on others.

Let me give you an example: we live in a culture in which money is important to many of us. We want money to take care of basic needs and to help others. Money, however, can become a source of superiority. Back in the 1940's C.S. Lewis wrote: "What is it that makes a man with \$10,000 a year anxious to get \$20,000 a year? It is not the greed for more pleasure. \$10,000 will give all the luxuries that any man can really enjoy. It is Pride - the wish to be richer than some other rich man, and (still more) the wish for power." Ten thousand could buy a lot more in 1940 than today, so you get the idea.

It's true that pride can motivate a person to work hard, strive for excellence and benefit others. Still pride can become destructive. C.S. Lewis sums it up this way: "Each person's pride is in competition with every one else's pride." Pride often leads to put downs, bullying and even violence.

In today's Gospel the scholar of the law - the scribe - embodies pride. He studied hard, for sure, and he has knowledge which could greatly help others. Instead he uses his knowledge to show himself superior, more clever than anyone else - including Jesus.

Big mistake. Jesus has no need to prove anything to the scribe's question, Jesus responds with a question: You ask what to do to inherit life, well, tell me, what is written in the law? The scribe quotes the commands about love: love of God and love of neighbor. When Jesus tells him then to do it, the scribe wants to justify himself. So he asks, who is my neighbor?

Here's where it gets interesting. Jesus offers a parable for overcoming pride. He tells about a man journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho. Jerusalem, Mount Zion, is the high point, Jericho the low point, over 3000 feet lower than Jerusalem. In the Bible Jericho represents the world, the fallen world. On that road to Jericho robbers attack the unfortunate man. They steal his possessions including all of his clothes. They beat him so badly he appears dead.

A priest and a Levite come by. Like the scribe they know the law. They can talk about love of neighbor. Yet they are reluctant to investigate if the man is dead or not. Besides, they have "important" things to do. They may have plans to reform their nation.

Then comes a Samaritan. Remember, Jesus had just passed through Samaria. He had personally felt the hostility between Samaritans and Jews. To speak favorably about a Samaritan would be like a Democrat praising a Republican - or vice versa. Jesus portrays the Samaritan as someone with practical humility. To care for the unfortunate man, the Samaritan uses his own resources: oil, wine and mule. He uses his own money and time. He gets help from others - in this case the innkeeper. And he promises to follow up. That's practical humility.

For today I ask you to remember: The word pride can have a good sense - we can take pride in others by genuinely admiring them. Still we must recognize that pride in the sense of smug superiority can do damage. It sets people against each other. Jesus teaches how to overcome pride: by looking for a way to praise even our opponents - and by practical humility. That means sharing resources and time, by getting others involved and following up.

Have a Blessed 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

*Rev. Rafal Ligenza*  
Pastor — St. Joseph Parish

## WEEKLY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday

Deut. 30:10-14 • Psa. 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 •  
Col. 1:15-20 • Luke 10:25-37

7:30 ..... The People of St. Joseph  
9:00 ..... † Charlotte Devine  
11:00 ..... † Robert Nagele  
5:30 ..... † James Milton, Jr.

### Monday

Isa. 1:10-17 • Psa. 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 • Matt. 10:34—11:1

8:00 ..... † Virginia Kelly

### Tuesday

Isa. 7:1-9 • Psa. 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 • Matt. 11:20-24

8:00 ..... † Norma Shackelford

### Wednesday

Isa. 10:5-7, 13b-16 • Psa. 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 • Matt. 11:25-27

8:00 ..... † Suzanna Thomas

### Thursday

Isa. 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 • Psa. 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 • Matt. 11:28-30

8:00 ..... † Hermila Vargas

### Friday

Isa. 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 • Isa. 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 • Matt. 12:1-8

8:00 ..... † Patrick Saunders

### Saturday

Mic. 2:1-5 • Psa. 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 • Matt. 12:14-21

8:00 ..... † Michael Mottola

4:00 ..... † Charles Gibson

### Sunday

Gen. 18:1-10a • Psa. 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 • Col. 1:24-28 • Luke 10:38-42

7:30 ..... † Charles Gibson

9:00 ..... The People of St. Joseph

11:00 ..... † Helen & Roland Cadoret

5:30 ..... † James Milton, Sr. & Jim Milton, Jr.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### Daily Mass Time Change (July 18-22 ONLY)

**Monday-Friday, July 18-22  
daily Mass will be at 11am.**

**There will be no 8am Mass  
on these days.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Matthew 26:41

### Pray for our sick and home bound parishioners and friends...

especially **Sylvia Corrie, Tom Clune, Jeanne Hanson, Christiane DeJonge, Anne Bachtel, Jerry Sullivan** and all our friends and loved ones.

### May the deceased of St. Joseph Parish be granted eternal rest in peace

### Pray without Ceasing for our sick who are battling life altering conditions

Please call the parish office at 941-756-3732 to place loved ones who are suffering or deceased on our prayer list and specify whether or not you want them placed on the “pray without ceasing” list. They will remain on this list until a request is called in to have them removed. You may view the list on our website: [www.sjcfl.org](http://www.sjcfl.org).

### Communion to The Home Bound

Are you or anyone you know unable to attend Mass? Are you convalescing? Are you unable to get to Mass because of a transportation problem? Ministers to the Sick and Home bound are ready to bring Holy Communion to you at your convenience. Please call 941-756-3732; Our clergy and parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion offer this important service to you.

### Parishioners Entering Local Hospitals

When admitted to either **Blake or Manatee Memorial Hospital**, please be sure to notify hospital staff of your religious affiliation. **Inform them not only that you are Catholic but also that you are a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.** In addition, please contact the Parish Office to advise of your hospitalization.



# PARISH MINISTRIES

- Adoration Chapel**  
Gayle Flynn ..... gayleflynn77@gmail.com
- Altar Linen Society**  
Barbara Napoli ..... 941.756.3732
- Altar Servers** ..altarserverstjoe@gmail.com
- Charismatic Prayer**  
Marcy Canelli ..... 941.720.7622
- Children's Memorial Garden** ..... 941.756.3732
- Choirs** (children, youth & adult)  
Tim O'Connor..... 941.753.5634
- Food Pantry** ..... 941.756.3732
- Habitat For Humanity**  
Jim Frame ..... 941.592.9833
- Joy Program** ..... 941.756.3732
- Knights of Columbus**  
Jim Vanderhorst ..... 941.243.6995
- Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**  
Tim O'Connor ..... 941.753.5634
- Legion of Mary**  
June Beadle ..... 941.251.9806
- Prayer Chain**  
Lorraine Potter..... 941.756.3732
- Religious Education**  
Liliana Ronderos ..... 941.756.3732
- Respect Life**  
Karen Soccia..... 941.345.6833
- RCIA**  
Mary Kay Arroyo ..... 941.756.3732
- St. Vincent De Paul** ..... 941.755.4188
- Ushers** ..... 941.756.3732
- Women of St. Joseph**  
Ann Shelton ..... 941.742.0468
- Youth Group** ..... 941.756.3732
- 
- Life Resources**
- SOLVE** (Abortion Alternatives) ..... 941.748.0094
- Project Rachel** (Post Abortion Healing) .....  
..... 888.456.4673

## ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

### Parish Summer Celebration



## Tuesday, July 19 ... 5:30-7:00 pm

@ the Parish Center

**The Knights of Columbus will provide  
hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages.**

**Families/parishioners bring sides, salads, and desserts for 8-10  
people to share based on the first letter of your last name:  
(A-G) sides • (H-Q) salads • (R-Z) fruit and desserts**

*There will be activities and games for children. For more informa-  
tion, contact Liliana Ronderos, Director of Religious Education  
(LRonderos@sjcfl.org or 941.756.3732).*

## NEVER UNDERESTIMATE



## THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE



### WHAT JESUS DOESN'T SAY

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

### BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**Andrew D. Minor, CFP, CPFU, CLU**



Sr. Vice President  
Resident Director - Financial Advisor

**941-741-2407**  
andrew\_minor@ml.com

1401 MANATEE AVENUE WEST  
Bradenton, FL 34205

[http://fa.ml.com/florida/bradenton/andrew\\_minor/](http://fa.ml.com/florida/bradenton/andrew_minor/)



**Merrill Lynch**  
Bank of America Corporation

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management makes available products and services offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer and Member SIPC and other subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation.

© 2018 Bank of America Corporation.  
All rights reserved. | AR4M9LKC1 MLWM-100-AD | 07/2018

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK OF THIS BULLETIN. LET THEM KNOW YOU SAW THEIR AD IN THE ST. JOSEPH BULLETIN.**

### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



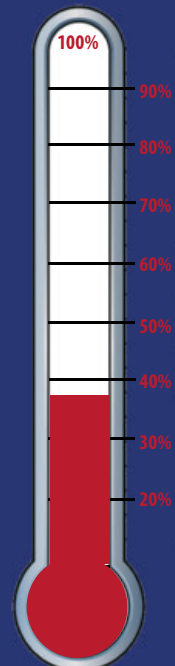
### 2022 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

*"Share with the Lord's people who are in need."*

—Romans 12:13

St. Joseph Church 2022 CFA Goal:	\$203,000
Total payments to date:	\$ \$77,189
Percentage of families participating:	19%
Thermometer/percent of goal:	38%

To donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal go to [www.sjcfl.org](http://www.sjcfl.org)



## SJCC Parish Schedule

### Sunday, July 10 - Reading #1136

MASS: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:30pm  
10:30am RCIA

### Monday, June 11

MASS: 8:00am  
8:30am Exposition CH  
2:30pm Fratelli Tutti SMR

### Tuesday, June 12

MASS: 8:00am  
12:30pm Women's Book Study LMR

### Wednesday, June 13

MASS: 8:00am

### Thursday, June 14

MASS: 8:00 am  
7:00pm Charismatic Prayer OMR

### Friday, July 15

MASS: 8:00 am

### Saturday, July 16

MASS: 8:00am and 4:00pm

### Sunday, July 17

MASS: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:30pm  
10:30am RCIA Y  
7:00pm Totus Tuus (HS) PC

**C:** Main Chapel; **CH:** Church; **CR:** Choir room; **G:** Gym; **MH:** McLaughlin Hall; **MR:** School Music Rm; **OMR:** O'Donnell Mtg. Rm and Kitchen; **PC:** Parish Center; **POC:** Parish Office Conference Rm; **R:** Rectory; **SCH/A:** School Activity Rm; **SMR:** Small Mtg Rm; **VCR:** Video Conferencing Rm; **Y:** Youth Room; **Z/C:** Zacchaeus House Chapel



*"Regardless of age we are all God's children with brothers and sisters whom He want us to love as ourselves."*

The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE is a 501(c)(3) charity that mediates gifts from generous donors to our sisters and brothers with short term emergency needs.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**TO DONATE GO TO**

[www.svd-p-manatee.org/donate.html](http://www.svd-p-manatee.org/donate.html)

## FRATELLI TUTTI

### Options for the Poor and Vulnerable (The Least of These)



*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. . . Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:31-40)*

For more information concerning the **Fratelli Prayer Ministry** call Rebecca Coates (941-348-3027).



## Delight in Giving

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.*

— 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17



### **PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK**

The St. Joseph Catholic Church Homebound Ministry is looking for caring individuals who are willing to take Holy Communion to the homebound, nursing facilities, as well as the hospital. Training is provided. Diocesan requirements of fingerprinting and Safe Environment class must be met before starting this ministry. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact Jean Tierney (jtierney@sjcfl.org or 941.76.3732, extension 3115).

## **WOMEN** **of Saint Joseph**

### **Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 pm**

**McLaughlin Hall**

All women of the parish, ages 18 and over, are invited to join us at our next gathering. After a very short meeting, we will be having game night!

A reminder that there will be no gathering in August, but we will return on September 20.

Good news ... our Annual Tea Party will be held on Tuesday, October 18, so save the date and keep your eye on the bulletin for more info!



## **Daily Mass Time Change (July 18-22 ONLY)**

**Monday-Friday, July 18-22  
daily Mass will be at 11am.**

**There will be no 8am Mass  
on these days.**

Fr. Rafal wants the entire Parish to join with the missionaries and children who will be participating in our summer program, Totus Tuus, to celebrate ... truly CELEBRATE ... daily Mass together as a faith community. **With that in mind, July 18-22 daily Mass will take place at 11am. (There will be NO 8AM MASS July 18-22 – Monday-Friday.)** Fr. Rafal is grateful for your support and cooperation as our children & youth embark on this amazing week-long experience.



## Medical Events DO Occur in Church During Mass!

Should you be seated near an individual in distress please:

1. Have someone stay with that person.
2. Report the event to an usher who is usually in the rear of the church or in the back of each wing of the church.
3. Usher will follow their guidance in getting EMS to respond while initially tending to the distressed individual.

**AS MEDICAL EVENTS DO OCCUR...** the parish is requesting trained medical persons to please let ushers know they are in attendance at a mass and can be called upon to assist should a Medical Event occur during mass.

Even the strongest of us have moments when the burdens of life seem too great. It is then that the Lord whispers to our hearts

# Come to Me

all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest

Matthew 11:28



### JULY

28: 7:00pm Officers & Program Directors Mtg. (MH)

## BOCCE BALL

6:00pm Every Wednesday  
McLaughlin Hall

## THE SJCC SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for appetizers or dinner at a very lovely spot.

**Thursday • July 21 • 3:00pm**

@ Riveiera Dunes Dockside  
102 Riviera Dunes Way, Palmetto

To reserve your seat...

RSVP no later than Monday, July 18

to Gerri at 941-981-3518

or Sue at 941-744-5448

We look forward to seeing old and new friends!

## MATCHING GIFT DOUBLES YOUR FOOD PANTRY DONATION

**THE FOOD PANTRY HAS BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE MATCHING DONATIONS FROM THE FLANZER TRUST.**

**Double your donation to the St. Joseph Food Pantry UP TO \$500 per household per month!**



The mission of the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust is to enhance the life of the people of the Suncoast through social services and healthcare initiatives.

To donate, go to [www.Flanzertrust.org](http://www.Flanzertrust.org), then to the red bar "Donate Here." Under "Choose your recipient" select "St. Joseph Food Pantry of Bradenton."

You can also donate by check. Make your check payable to Louis & Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust, put St. Joseph Food Pantry in the memo line, and mail to 1843 Floyd St. Sarasota FL 34239.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry.

[WWW.DIOCESEOFVENICE.ORG](http://WWW.DIOCESEOFVENICE.ORG)

Go to the Diocese of Venice website to keep up to date on Adult Faith Formation and other Diocesan Events.



It's time for  
**STILLPOINT'S ANNUAL  
CHILDREN'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
SHOE CAMPAIGN**

Your donation of \$25 gives a young child the opportunity to select the style and size of shoes he or she would like to wear for the new school year. Thank you and God Bless you for making this effort possible.



To Contribute please make your \$25.00 check payable to "Stillpoint Mission" with "SHOES" written on the memo line of your check.

**MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:  
SHOES  
c/o of Stillpoint Mission  
P.O. Box 619  
Bradenton, FL 34206**

If you prefer to use a credit card, you can make your donation at [www.stillpointmission.org](http://www.stillpointmission.org)

**\*\*Please do not make checks out to St. Joseph Parish & do not send them to the Parish Office. Donations are to be made directly to Stillpoint Mission.\*\***

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

—Stillpoint House of Prayer—

7-31

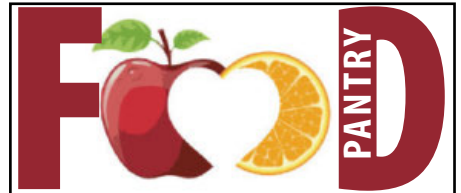


**FOOD PANTRY  
LOOKING FOR SUMMER HELP!**

The St. Joseph Food Pantry is in need of summer help to stock shelves and do some heavy lifting.

We are also in need of courtyard greeters and computer operators.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Carole Tiskiewic ([caroletisk@gmail.com](mailto:caroletisk@gmail.com) or 910-523-2597).



[www.stjoepantry.com](http://www.stjoepantry.com)  
<https://facebook.com/stjoesfoodpantry>

**FOOD WANTED  
MONTHS OF MAY THROUGH JULY**

**SUMMER VACATION FOOD FOR CHILDREN**

Fruit Jelly in Plastic Containers, Granola/Breakfast Bars, Canned Fruit, Snacks, Pudding Cups, Raisin/Nut Packs, Juice Boxes, Shelf Stable Milk Boxes, etc.



**BEVERAGE MAKINGS**  
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Dry Milk, Iced Tea Mix, Fruit Drink Mix, etc.

**BREAKFAST**  
Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, etc.



Please help us feed the hungry of Manatee County by continuing to support the Food Pantry's mission. Your generosity is appreciated. Food bins are located at all church entrances or drop food off at food pantry Mon. - Fri., 9:00am - Noon. With your help we can fight hunger together.



**If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.**

Kateri Tekakwitha, (pronounced [gaderi dega'gwita] in Mohawk), was a young Mohawk woman who lived in the 17th century. The story of her conversion to Christianity, her courage in the face of suffering and her extraordinary holiness is an inspiration to all Christians.

Tekakwitha is the name the girl was given by her Mohawk tribe. It translates to "She who bumps into things." Kateri is the Christian name she took at the time of her baptism. Kateri was born around 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon near present-day Auriesville, New York. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief, Kenneronkwa, and Tagaskouita, a Roman Catholic Algonquin woman, who had been adopted into the tribe after capture. Her mother had been baptized and educated by French missionaries in Trois-Rivières, east of Montreal. Mohawk warriors captured her and took her to their homeland where she eventually married Kenneronkwa. Tekakwitha was the first of two children. A brother followed.

As a young girl she would circle a cornfield while praying the "Hail Mary" in her native tongue. She had learned the prayer from her mother before being orphaned, scarred and nearly blinded by the same small pox epidemic that caused her parents and baby brothers death when she was about four years old. She was then adopted by her father's sister and her husband, a chief of the Turtle Clan who bitterly opposed her fledgling Christianity.

By the time Tekakwitha turned 17, around 1674, her adoptive parents had become concerned over her lack of interest in young men as potential husbands. In accordance with Iroquois custom, they paired her with boy who they expected she would marry. However, Kateri wanted to dedicate her life to God by remaining single and offering her life to Jesus. Rather than cooperate, Tekakwitha fled the cabin and hid from her family in a nearby field. For this rebuff, Tekakwitha's aunts punished her with ridicule, threats, and harsh workloads. While submitting to their work demands, Tekakwitha who had taken a vow of perpetual virginity, stayed firm in her resistance to marriage.

In the spring of 1675 at age eighteen, Tekakwitha met the Jesuit Father Jacques de Lamberville, who was visiting people in the village. Most of the women were out harvesting corn, but Tekakwitha had injured her foot and was in the cabin. In the presence of others, Tekakwitha told him her story and her desire to become a Christian. It was after this that she started studying the catechism with him.

After about a year of catechism study, she was judged ready to convert to Catholicism. Lamberville baptized Tekakwitha at the age of 19, on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676. She was baptized "Catherine" after St. Catherine of Siena (Kateri was the Mohawk form of the name).



After Catherine was baptized, she remained with the tribe for another six months, where she was ridiculed and scorned by villagers. She was subjected to unfair accusations and her life was threatened.

Nearly two years after her baptism, she escaped to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, a settlement of Christian Natives in Canada.

Tekakwitha was said to have put thorns on her sleeping mat and to have lain on them while praying for the conversion and forgiveness of her kinsmen. Piercing the body to draw blood was a traditional practice of the Mohawk and other Iroquois nations. She lived at the mission the remaining two years of her life.

Within minutes of her death on April 17, 1680, at the age of 24, witnesses say her scars vanished and she appeared radiant and beautiful. Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, as well as being shunned by her tribe for her religious conversion to Catholicism, she is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church.

Under the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, she was beatified in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on October 21, 2012. Various miracles and supernatural events are attributed to her intercession.

She is the first Native American to be declared a Saint. Her feast day is July 14. She is the patroness of the environment

and ecology as is St. Francis of Assisi.

Comments:

Most of us tend to think that our proposed holiness is thwarted by our situations. If only...we had more time, more solitude, better health, etc.

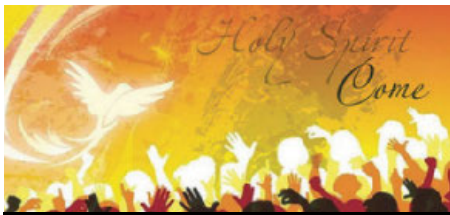
Throughout her short life, Kateri provided us with an example of how vital a personal relationship with God is for everyone. It should be our first priority. Kateri practiced a life of exemplary virtue proving that Holiness thrives on the cross anywhere, no matter what our circumstances are. She never lost sight of God and always walked in his presence. Through her personal love for Christ, she became a light for those around her. She was an example for everyone she met and through this example, she drew people to Christ.

Quotes from St. Kateri:

"I am not afraid to love God."

"I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul have its' ordinary nourishment."

"If I should become sick and unable to work, then I shall be like the Lord on the cross. He will have mercy on me and help me, I am sure."



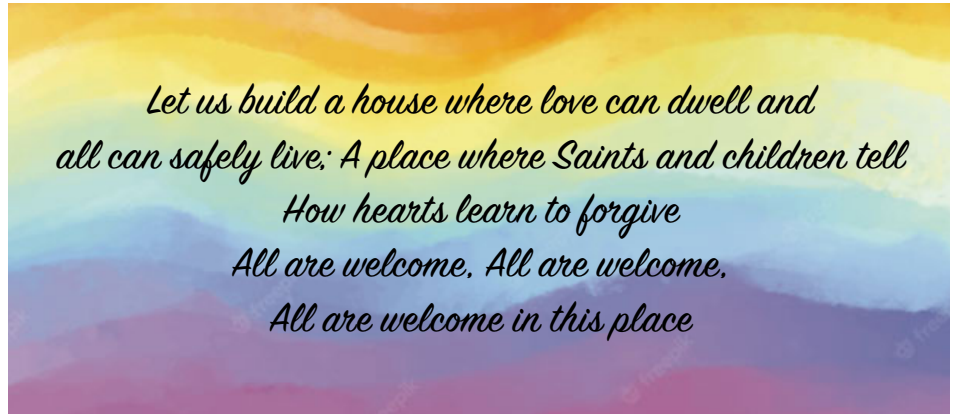
## Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursdays 7:00pm

O'Donnell Room-Parish Center

At Confirmation you received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us to learn more about them. All are Welcome.

For meeting dates, please call Marcy (941-720-7622) or Joe (941-773-7705).



*Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
all can safely live. A place where Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
All are welcome. All are welcome.  
All are welcome in this place*

# Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home



At Palms Memorial Park  
**941.371.4962**  
170 Honore Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
www.palmsmemorial.com

Alfred Connizzo, Family Service Counselor, Parishioner

Dignity

LIFE WELL CELEBRATED

Veteran Preplanning Discount Available  
Serving Your Funeral Home & Cemetery Needs  
Throughout Sarasota & Manatee Counties

If the final resting place for your loved one is in another state, we can accommodate this need.

At Manasota Memorial Park  
**941.755.2688**  
1221 53rd Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34203  
www.manasotamemorial.com



Robert Toale Family



(888) 905-4453 | (941) 747-3300 | InjuriesArePersonal.com

**Wyman Plumbing**  
Repairs Remodeling Drain Cleaning Video Inspection  
941-755-1595 or 941-778-2322

**Dr. Peter G. Livingston, M.D.**

**Board Certified-Retina Surgeon**  
• Diabetic Eye Diseases  
• Macular Degeneration  
• Retinal Detachments  
• Retinal Vascular Disorders  
**941-567-4078**

Macula & Diabetic Eye Center, LLC  
5117 26th St. W., Ste. B, Bradenton 34207

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**



**Michael Melicia, Agent**

New York Life Insurance Company  
941.565.6296  
mmelicia@ft.newyorklife.com



AARP

Life Insurance & Long-Term Care Options from New York Life

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust  
• Burglary • Flood Detection • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide  
1-855-225-4251



Seamless Gutter Professionals  
**Robert Stiscak**  
Ss. Peter & Paul Parishioner  
(941) 465-0032 • www.guttersolutionsfl.com

**FLOWERS BY EDIE**  
www.flowersbyedie.com  
755-1549 • 4607 Cortez Rd. W.  
Mark & Susan Clark - Parishioners

**Home Instead**  
To us, it's personal

HHA #299992755

**CAREgivers Wanted!**

- Flexible Schedules
- Competitive Pay
- Best-in-class training
- Superb 24/7 support

**www.hominstead.com/533/careers**  
**941-739-3050**

Right Intentions, Inc. dba Home Instead Senior Care

**Sage Biscuit Cafe**  
Breakfast & Lunch 7am - 3pm  
Open 7 days a week  
(941) 792-3970  
6656 Cortez Rd, W Bradenton, FL  
www.sagebiscuitcafe.com

**Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!**  
Instantly create and purchase an ad with  
**AD CREATOR STUDIO**  
4lpi.com/adcreator

**support our ADVERTISERS**

**HIGH PRESSURE**  
Commercial & Residential Power Washing  
Pressure Washing / Soft Washing  
Patio • Driveway • Building • Roof • Curbing • Fencing • Paver Sealing  
(941) 465-5886 | highpressurecontact@gmail.com

**INJURED? JUSTICE PAYS**  
Bernie Walsh  
Bradenton  
**941-752-7000**

**A/C WAREHOUSE**  
AIR CONDITIONING - HEATING  
**ONE FREE** Parishioners MAINTENANCE  
\$89 VALUE  
(941) 755-5555  
**ACWarehouse.com**



**RUTKOWSKY EYECARE**

Walter Rutkowski O.D., FFAO  
Board Certified Optometrist

Exams • Contact Lenses • Low Vision • Magnifiers  
Telescopes • Glare Control • On-Site Optical Lab  
941.794.1315

5005 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton • Parishioner

**FLYNN LAW**

Wrongful Death • Personal Injury • Car/Motorcycle Accidents • Dog Bites

Lifelong Parishioners of St. Joseph

Call or Text: 941.773.8443

**GARY'S CARPET CLEANING**  
Residential & Commercial

**1 Hour Drying**  
No Steam - No Shampoo  
Serving Manatee and Sarasota  
Counties for over 25 years  
Gary Ritsema (941) 795.2422  
622 50th St. W.  
Bradenton, FL 34209

5% Off w/ Bulletin

**CENTER FOR SIGHT**

**Dr. William Soscia**  
Cataract & Lens Replacement Surgeon

5409 University Parkway  
Sarasota, FL 34201

941-330-2020



**Constance Charles-Logan, M.D., FAAP**

1414 59th St. W • Bradenton, FL 34209  
(941) 761.0663 • FAX (941) 761.3347  
www.wcpmd.com

WEST COAST PEDIATRICS

Parishioner "Pediatrician For West Bradenton"

**Probate • Wills/Trusts Real Estate**

(941) 747-0888  
www.BakerandPaul.com

Free Consultation with this Ad.

515 9th St. East • Suite 100  
(9 blocks East of Manatee Memorial) • Bradenton

Loren M. Paul, D.D.



**KLEMENT, JUNGMAN, VARGA & TROXLER, DDS, PA**

**COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL GROUP**

J. Robert Troxler, D.M.D.

Robert J. Klement, D.D.S.  
Comprehensive Dentistry

2103 59th Street West • Bradenton, Florida

941-792-2766

www.bradentondental.com Parishioners

**CAPTAIN PATSY CHARTERS**  
SIGHTSEEING, DOLPHINS

941-720-1381  
CAPTAINPATSY@AOL.COM

**FRIGG'S PLUMBING CO.**  
REPAIRS • REMODELING  
New Installations - Water Heater Sales - Repairs  
748-2151 • 1317 - 12 Ave W. • 746-3361

**PROFESSIONAL PLUMBING**



(941) 355-5400

"Call The Professionals"

**Ed Curry, Realtor**

941.799.9440

Parishioner

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate

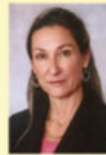
EdCurryRealtor.com



**Andrew D. Minor, CFP®, CLU®, CPFA**  
Senior Vice President  
Senior Resident Director - WMA  
941.741.2407, andrew\_minor@ml.com

**Merrill Lynch Wealth Management**  
1401 MANATEE AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34205

http://fa.ml.com/andrew\_minor



**Joyce Falken**  
Financial Advisor

2808 Manatee Ave W • Bradenton, FL 34205  
Bus. 941-748-1324 Fax 866-532-5745  
joyce.falken@edwardjones.com  
www.edwardjones.com/joyce-falken



**FARM STAND**

Indoors!

**GAMBLE CREEK Farms**

Open 5 Days A Week

MON-TUE CLOSED  
WED-THUR-FRI 10AM-5PM  
SAT-SUN 9AM-1PM

MENTION YOUR CHURCH AND GET 10% OFF!  
VISIT US! 14950 Golf Course Rd Parrish  
LOCALLY SOURCED ORGANIC PRODUCE



**WAGNER REALTY**

**Greg Leksich**  
Realtor • Parishioner  
941-526-0824

**EYE CENTER, Inc.**

**Dr. Michael A. Mackie**  
BOARD CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST  
Eye Health Examinations  
Prescription Eyewear / Contact Lenses  
941-756-2020  
St. Joseph School Alumnus

**GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

BY PLACING AN AD HERE!

CONTACT US!

Contact Greg Maurer to place an ad today!  
gmaurer@4LPi.com  
or (941) 243-3206



**NT NAJMY | THOMPSON PLLC**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



**Joseph L. Najmy**  
Wills & Trusts  
941.748.2216  
jnajmy@najmythompson.com

**Cortez Dental**

(941) 756-4999 Lic & Ins  
www.cortezdental.net

Susan Sheahan D.M.D.  
Dana Lucy D.M.D.  
Douglas Wasson D.D.S.  
Christina Legradi D.M.D.

4016 Cortez Road West  
Ste. 1101 • Bradenton

**JEFFREY S. GOETHE**

BOARD CERTIFIED WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES ATTORNEY  
(941) 741-8224  
BARNES WALKER  
GOETHE, PERRON & SHEA, PLLC  
MAIN OFFICE 3119 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
EAST OFFICE 9020 58th Drive E Unit 103  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
St. Joseph's Parishioner Since 1990



**Brown AND SONS FUNERAL HOMES & Crematory**

TRUST 100®  
SERVING FROM 2 LOCATIONS  
604 43rd St. W. • 5624 26th St. W.  
758-7788 • Catholic Funeral Directors  
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE BROWN FAMILY

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE



**Premier Sotheby's INTERNATIONAL REALTY**

**Karen Soscia, Parishioner**  
941-345-6833

Savvy & Sophisticated with over 22 years of Real Estate experience  
Let me be your personal advisor!



**MLG MACKAY LAW GROUP**

Estate Planning  
Real Estate  
Family Law  
Civil Litigation  
\*\*Full Service Firm\*\*

**Jose Estigarribia, Esq.**

Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 5604  
Cardinal Mooney Graduate  
St. Joseph's Parishioner  
1402 Third Ave W., Bradenton, FL 34205 (941) 746-6225  
Jestigarribia@mackeylaw.com



Wagner Realty Since 1939  
**Joan Oliszewski, GRI, Realtor**  
941-920-0741 • PARISHIONER  
E-MAIL: JOANOLISZEWSKI@GMAIL.COM  
WEBSITE: FLSUNSHINEHOMES.COM



**WORLD DESIGN INC.**

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

**John A. Ziemnicki**

AR12518, AIA, ALA  
818 13th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205  
(941) 755-3934

Fax (941) 756.6869 • John@WDIarchitects.com  
www.WDIarchitects.com



**Bracciano Dermatology**

**DAVID M. BRACCIANO, D.O.**  
Dermatology & MOHS Surgery

8430 Cooper Creek Blvd., Suite 102 | University Park, FL 34201  
941.360.2255 | www.braccianodermatology.com



2-D-4-2

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

16-0259