



St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Saturday
5:30 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

June 25

Parish Family
† Melva H. Suarez
† Amira Rodriguez
† Marianna D' Stepano
† Omar Reveiz
† Domingo Luis Gonzalez

Sunday
7:30 A.M.

June 26

† Josephine and Bill Huppertz
† Nancy Jane Villemaire
† James Paine Jr.
† Jacques Beauvoir
† Butch DiLella
† Dolores Costner
† Ernesto Perez
† Maria Capocci
† Cecilia and Patty Eggink
† Carlos Borrego

9:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

Monday
8:00 A.M.

June 27

† Denyse Massena
† James Muro
† Gary Hancock
† Joseph and Marilyn Fair
Thanksgiving Virgin Guadalupe

Tuesday
8:00 A.M.

June 28

† Gutierrez Capo Family
† Wayne Hoffmann
† Joseph and Margery Dwyer
† David White, † Christopher Le Clerc

Wednesday
8:00 A.M.

June 29

† John and Hilda Akan
† Dwight Weddington
† Gustavo Alvarez
† Cowan and Judy Weddington
† Joan and Bill Fitzpatrick

Thursday
8:00 A.M.

June 30

† Hilaria Hong Ting
† Lorraine and Tammy Olesiewicz
† Costanza Bohorquez
† Terrence Oates, † Joseph Sweeney

Friday
8:00 A.M.

July 1

Dmytriv and Iwaskewycz Families
† Margaret Hunter, † Bill Reilly
† Maria Christina Von Feldt

7:30 P.M.

Gracias San Antonio

† Emilio Perez, † Rosalina Penate

Saturday
8:00 A.M.

July 2

† Emilia Sevilla Cuevas
† Philip and Julieta Antolin
† Oscar Jose Ugueto
Diane Pacheco
† Enrique Gangotena
† Melva H. Suarez, † Joseph D. Suarez
† Julia and Sergio Salas

7:00 P.M.

Parish Family

Sunday
7:30 A.M.

July 3

† Beatriz and Frank Menoscal
† Angela Jacobs
† Tyler Wilson, † George Albury
† Diomedee DiLella, † Luis and Melba Cuza
† Ila Mariesse Suarez
† Cornelio Matias, † William Ramirez Jr.
† Raiza Paz de Feo la Cruz

9:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 8:00 A.M.
First Friday 7:30 P.M. Spanish

Weekends

Saturday Vigil 5:30 P.M. Folk Mass
7:00 P.M. Spanish
Sunday 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Every Wednesday 5:00– 7:00 P.M.

Sacraments

Confessions

Wednesday and Saturday 8:30 A.M. English
Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm English
Tuesday 6:30 P.M. Spanish
Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

Sundays following Noon Mass.
Call 6 weeks in advance

Marriages

Please arrange six months in advance.

Communion and Confirmation

Two years of religious instruction required.

Rev. Edmond Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Peter Sutinga, Parochial Vicar

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. Joseph Pearce
Rev. Mr. Domingo Vasquez
Rev. Mr. Nestor Cardenas
Rev. Mr. Stephen James Pyle

Visiting Clergy

Rev. Michael Hippee
Rev. Miguel Gil-Diaz, O.C.D. Discalced Carmelites

Scripture Readings For The Week



Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 26, 2022*

*As they were proceeding on their
journey someone said to him,
"I will follow you wherever you go."*

(Lk 9:57)



The call and the cost of Christian commitment are heavily emphasized in this gospel where the life of discipleship and its qualities are laid out before us. There is nothing about being a follower of Jesus that does not demand effort. As all existing responsibilities have to take second place, discipleship is not something to be entered into casually. On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus meets three men who are anxious to follow him but who are unfit and unprepared for the challenge involved. The young man bursting with enthusiasm who, with whole-hearted response, vowed to be a follower whenever he would go, must have been surprised to hear Jesus dampen his spirits and warn him off with the caution, that the Son of Man did not have a home to call his own. Jesus is only being fair when he makes it clear in very direct speech what is expected of those who wish to join his group. If we want to accompany him we must know what we are doing and be aware of the harsh realities of life. To follow Jesus to Calvary can be no casual accompaniment of a wandering preacher. The message is harsh but clear if anything at all stands in our way or takes priority over Jesus in our lives, then we are not free to follow him.

Every day we are faced with a situation similar to these three young volunteers. In the midst of our work, as we are hurrying about our business, we encounter Jesus who beckons us to come and serve. He longs for us to acknowledge his loving presence in silently carrying out his will. It's an on-going challenge requiring practical daily choices which are not always easy to make. Sometimes it may involve a serious conflict of loyalty or it may be a simple call to be friendly or neighborly. Our journeying with Christ at baptism with the promise to make his way of life our own. Growing in closeness to him is the result of making daily sacrifices, but the grind of monotonous living gets to us all and is evident in our half-hearted responses.

We love the call but we quibble about the cost to our personal freedom. Sunday Mass affords us a wonderful opportunity to deepen a renew the relationship which we have established with Christ as a believing community. It's a time to pray for the grace to follow him whole heartedly without wavering or reservation. The Lord's call requires an immediate response and is not just something to be fitted in after we have attended to all the important business; like maintaining our status, our popularity and all the other goals we set ourselves. Whatever invitation comes our way, our reply should always be: 'You are my God. It is you who are my portion'.

We place our needs before God our Father whose Son has gone before us and has called us to follow him. With confidence we pray for the grace to accept that calling.

God Bless,

Jathea Ee

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Divine Will



Book of Heaven, Volume 30, pg. 10, Jesus to Luisa:” My daughter, you should know that the Sovereign Queen, even from Her Immaculate Conception, was the first and only creature that formed the ring of conjunction between the Creator and the creature, broken by Adam. She accepted the Divine mandate to bind God and men, and She bound them with Her first acts of fidelity, of sacrifice, of heroism, to make Her Will die in every act of hers, not once, but always, in order to make live again that of God’s. From this sprang forth a source of Divine love that cemented God and man and all their acts, so that Her acts, Her maternal love, Her dominion as Queen, is cement that races, that cements the acts of creatures in order to make them inseparable from Hers, except some ungrateful one who refuses to accept the cement of the love of her Mama. She is the busybody Queen that doesn’t know how to remain in the idleness upon Her throne of glory, but descends, races as Mother in the acts, in the needs of Her children. Therefore, thank Her for Her so many maternal solitudes and thank God that She has given to all the generations a Mother so holy, amiable, that loves so much that she arrives to do as re-tracer of all their acts, in order to cover them with Hers, and in order to make up for that which lacks in them of beauty and of good.”

For information on living in the Divine Will call Rosalie 954-290-0436 or Cecilia Gomez DelCampo 954-240-5731 In the Will of God, Always !

Estudio Bíblico en Español



Todos los Martes via Zoom
7:30pm a 9pm
For Zoom login information
contact: Freisy@gmail.com

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET
THE POOR BOXES AT
THE CHURCH DOORS**

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Ministry is meeting on various Wednesdays at 7 PM. Please call or text Mary Sedlak at 305 409-3807 to check the schedule. Our ministry is to provide support and comfort during these difficult times.

Home Visitation of the Sick

Not able to come to Sunday Mass because of health reasons, and would like to receive Holy Communion, call the Church Office at (954 424 9504) Monday - Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Online Bible Study



"Please see information about a weekly bible study offered on Tuesday evenings, on line, beginning at 8pm. Look under

the Spiritual-Life tab on our parish website: Compassionate Bible Circles at the Arms of Love. Contact: Carrie Roach M.A.B.S. chrisconversations@gmail.com"

ADOM Detention Ministry



"I was in PRISON and you VISITED me" MATT 25:36. If you are interested in visiting the incarcerated, as the Pope has urged us to do, please visit www.detentionministry.org for more information and/or email:

mdearmas1@comcast.net (for women's jail)
alfredobernalb@hotmail.com (for men's jail)

Virtual Women's Emmaus Reunion First Saturday Morning of Each Month



**Emmaus Sisters
Only**

For more information email Linda Frohring at lindakids@aol.com. Information will be sent through our Emmaus emails prior to each reunion with zoom log in instructions. Let's come together in faith, worship and fellowship.

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Gospel Meditation

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives. ©LPi

Mental Health Resource Ministry

Adelina Vigilante adelinavigilante@gmail.com

This ministry is dedicated to providing individuals or families with mental health resource information available within our community.

Catholic Hospice

To those families who have a terminally ill patient, there are two hospice agencies available to assist your needs. Catholic Hospice at 1-800-533-3933 or Vitas at 954-777-5396.

Grupo de Oracion Carismatico

Todos los Miércoles via Zoom: 7:00pm a 9pm
For Zoom login information: y@gmail.com

Radio Maria

Radio Maria is a new Catholic radio station now broadcasting in the Miami area on 91.9 FM. Tune in for daily Mass at 9 a.m. Pray the Rosary with us five times during each day and Liturgy of the Hours three times a day. Listen 24/7 to a wide variety of authentic Catholic programming including Bible Study, Catholic Homeschooling, pro-life issues, Divine Will, Catechism, Marian topics, Divine Mercy, and so much more. Listen 3 a.m. - 3p.m. in English; and 3 p.m. - 3 a.m. in Spanish. If interested in volunteering, call Yoli at 305-303-3488.

Parish Contact Information

Parish Administration

954-236-7981

Fax: 954-476-4336

Church Office

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Religious Education

954-476-5204

Fax: 954-476-4336

School Office

954-476-5200

Fax: 954-476-5203



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St. Bonaventure Parish Happenings

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADORATION

Every Wednesday
5:00 - 7:00 PM In The Church



"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

***Come spend some prayerful time
In the presence of Jesus.***

Separation and Divorce Can Cause Anger

Why am I so angry? Will the anger never stop? What do I do now? This is an invitation to anyone separated or divorced to begin the healing process. Come to our separated and divorced support sessions; meet with others who share your feelings and concerns. Join us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Chapel Cry Room. For information; please reach out to:

Taylor @ thitaylor@gmail.com
Charles Reeves @ 954-465-0996

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Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

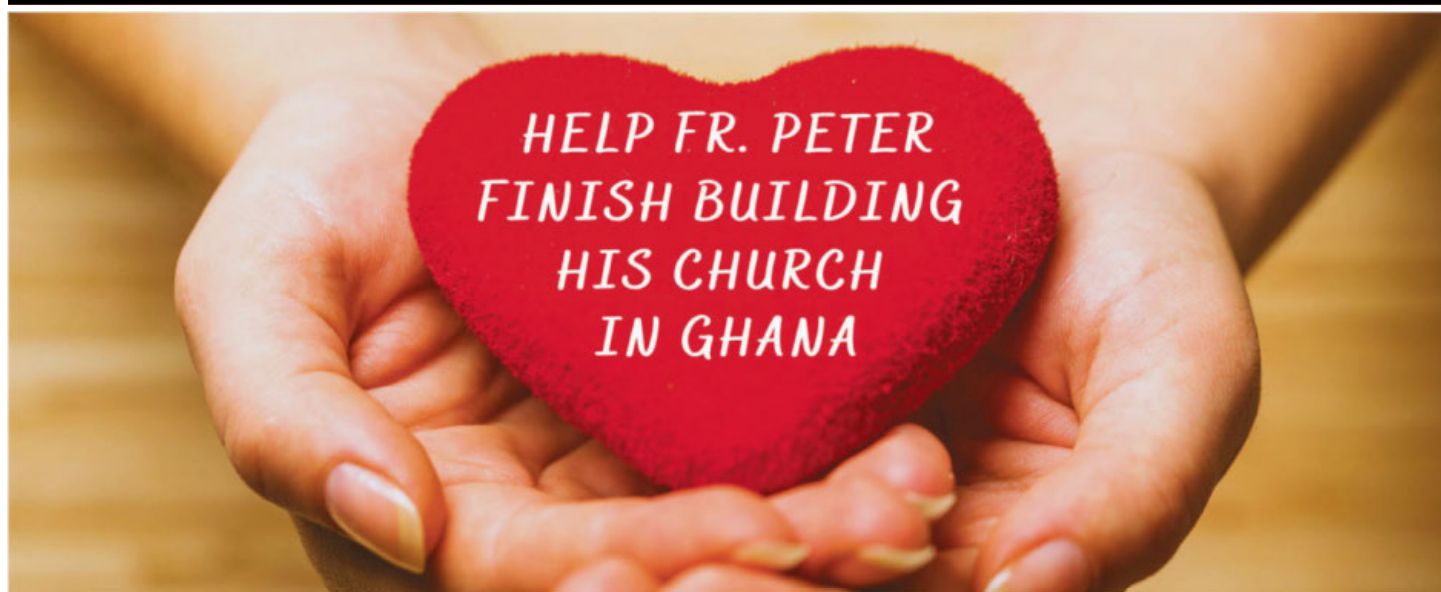
Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get the story for himself, from some of today's most interesting and articulate Catholic voices.

Featuring Jennifer Fulwiler, Holly Ordway, Abby Johnson, Jeff Cavins, Brandon Vogt, Scott Hahn, Francis Beckwith, Patrick Madrid, Devin Rose, Mark Shea, Leah Libresco, Kevin Vost, Richard Cole, Mark Regnerus, David Currie, Matthew Leonard, Taylor Marshall, Jason Stellman, John Bergsma, Patrick Coffin, Christian Smith, and Kenneth Howell.

St. Joseph's Assisted Living

Assisted Living facility sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami with newly furnished apartments/suites, 24/7 nurse and emergency pull cord systems. We provide three meals served daily in our dining room, weekly house-keeping/laundry, plus a FT Activities Director. We offer assistance in bathing, dressing, and monitoring medications. A beautiful chapel with scheduled and private worship for all faiths. Reasonable monthly rates. For additional information call: 954-739-1483.

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BUILD FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER

Sponsor any of the following for St. Anthony of Padua Parish

- Church Pews 110 @ \$290.00 each
- Pew front 4 @ \$140.00 each
- Celebrant Chair 1 @ \$141.00
- Concelebrant Chairs 4 @ \$80.00
- Altar Server Chairs 6 @ \$32.00
- Credence Table 1 @ \$44.00
- Vestment Wardrobes 2 @ \$211.00
- Sacristy Cabinets 2 @ \$140.00
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- Main Center Door 1 @ \$2,316.00
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- Stained Glass Windows Sm. 23 @ \$223.00
- Church ceiling 1 @ \$4,386.00
- Ceiling Fans 21 @ \$35.00
- Audio System 1 @ \$4,211.00
- Painting The Church 1 @ \$4,210.00
- Or any donation amount you would like

Circle your choice above and pay by a check made payable to St. Bonaventure Church. Note in the Memo "Build From The Heart". Please include your phone number on the check. Place it in an envelope and drop in the collection basket, mail it to us, or bring it to the Parish Administration Office or Church Office.

Prefer to pay by Credit Card?

Simply call us at 954-236-7981 and we can assist you.

All Donors Names will be listed on the Tree of Life in the Church in Ghana.

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THE ROSARY GUILD

will resume face-to-face meetings in the Parish Center the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. beginning Saturday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing returning members and welcoming new members to this vibrant ministry.

The Rosary Guild was able to make and deliver thousands of Rosaries into outstretched hands around the globe during the past two years...and Mary smiles!

If you have any questions call:

Donna Weddington at 954-296-9507.



Young At Heart

Young At Heart Enjoys Summer Fun!

Join us on Tuesday, June 28 for our Young at Heart meeting at 12:30pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served. New Members are always welcome!

Check out the games. For additional information, contact Nancy Mechaber at 954-815-6190.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

La Pascua se ha ido, las solemnidades especiales también, nuevamente iniciamos el Tiempo Ordinario. Tiempo de reflexión en las enseñanzas de Jesús para su seguimiento al discipulado. “Hemos sido llamados por Dios y llamados a permanecer con Jesús, unidos a él. Es precisamente la ‘vida en Cristo’ lo que garantiza la fidelidad de nuestro servicio. Contemplantarlo, adorarlo y abrazarlo en nuestro encuentro con Cristo en la Eucaristía, en nuestra vida de oración, en nuestros momentos de adoración, y también reconocerlo presente y abrazarlo en las personas más necesitadas (Papa Francisco).

“Los zorros tienen cuevas y las aves tienen nidos, pero el Hijo del Hombre ni siquiera tiene donde recostar la cabeza” (Lucas 9:58). Seguir a Jesús, implica caminar con él sin cosas que nos impidan ver su camino. Empezar el viaje con Jesús en este Tiempo ordinario, será todo un reto. El Señor nos llama a cada uno a seguirlo de acuerdo a la vocación que hemos elegido. Una firme determinación es esencial. Se espera, que, no seamos cristianos del pero no estoy listo, pero cuánto tiempo debo servir, pero tengo muchas limitaciones. Ojalá, que el Señor nos ayude a ser valientes y decididos con esa libertad alegre de la que nos habla Pablo, en su Carta a los Gálatas. Servirnos unos a otros con amor. Para vivir dignamente el cristianismo, no bastan las ideas. Hay que llevar a cabo los hechos, que aunque pequeños, si salen del corazón, son la expresión de fe y seguimiento a Jesús. ¿Listos para la aventura de seguir a Jesús en este Tiempo Ordinario? ¿Está mi determinación firme a pesar de mis dudas? ©LPi



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 8:30 am English
And 5:30 – 6:30 pm English
Saturday 8:30 am English
Tuesday 6:30 pm Spanish

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Vocation Blessing Cup



We invite all parishioners to pray now more than ever for the protection and sanctification of all priests, religious and deacons, to pray for the seminarians and for an increase in vocations. If you are interested in receiving the Vocation Blessing Cup (sanitized) for a week, please call the contacts below. Thank you for your prayers!"

Zeli Torres zelitorres@aol.com

English and Spanish

Ana Cantiello

(954) 424-9504

English, Portuguese and Spanish

Marines Boscan

(786) 287-5987 Spanish

Word of Life

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."



St. Vincent de Paul Society



Our St. Vincent De Paul Society provides emergency help to the needy within our parish boundaries, regardless of religion and to parishioners in need regardless of their address. If you have furniture, beds or other items to donate, please call our store at 954-462-0716 to schedule a pick up.

**We Continue To Feed Those In Need
Non Perishable Items Can Be Placed In the
Boxes On The Portico.**

**Jelly, Peanut Butter, Corn,
Canned Meats and Boxed Milk.
Grocery Store Gift Cards
are always welcome**

**We are collecting used children's shoes
and clothing "ANY CONDITION"**

**To be sent to children in Nicaragua.
Drop in boxes on the portico.**



**CHAMINADE
MADONNA**

**Class of '71
High School Reunion**

Chaminade-Madonna is hosting their **50th Class reunion** from *July 22nd through July 24th* Friday tour on campus, Saturday eve (5pm Mass at Saint David), Saturday night dinner at Tropical Acres, Sunday morning brunch at Tin Cup. RSVP asap to Donna Valentine at dvalentine@hypowerinc.com.

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Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All.

All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth.

Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations.



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Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)

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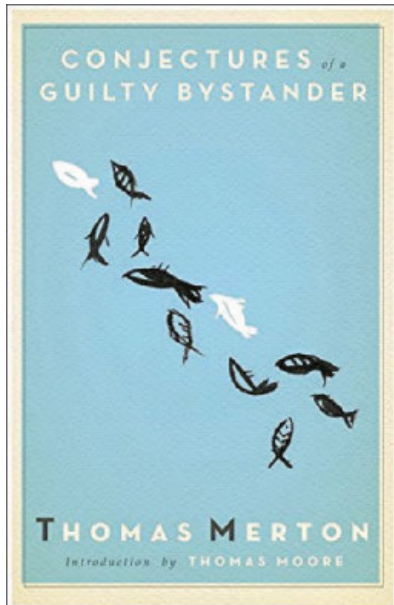
Twitter: @USCCBFreedom

For text and action alerts, text "FREEDOM" to 84576



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St. Bonaventure Adult Library



Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander by Thomas Merton

In this series of notes, opinions, experiences, and reflections, Thomas Merton examines some of the most urgent questions of our age. With his characteristic forcefulness and candor, he brings the reader face-to-face with such provocative and controversial issues as the “death of God,” politics, modern life and values, and racial strife—issues that are as relevant today as they were fifty years ago.

Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander is Merton at his best—detached but not unpassionate, humorous yet sensitive, at all times alive and searching, with a gift for language which has made him one of the most widely read and influential spiritual writers of our time.

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All of our books are available for your spiritual growth on many different areas. We hope you enjoy this service. If you have books to return please do so at the return box. This service is FREE and you have all the time you need. Any question please contact Damary Lebrón @ 954-816-9347



The Religious Education Office and Registration are now closed for the summer. We will resume Registration in mid-August. Please check future bulletins and our website for information and dates and times for August registrations. We wish all of our families a safe and blessed summer.

Palabra De Vida

"Que, por medio de nuestras oraciones y mediante la intercesión de san José, patrono de los padres, los padres puedan conocer la función *insustituible* que desempeñan en la vida de sus hijos, ¡y la responsabilidad que comparten al acoger el regalo que Dios le concede de una nueva vida!"

Reverendísimo Shelton J. Fabre,
obispo de Houma-Thibodaux

“La función insustituible de los padres al acoger la vida”

Wednesday Evening Bible Study



Bible Study is now online via Zoom, on Wednesday evenings @ 7PM. If interested send me an e-mail at deaconjoe1981@aol.com for more information.

summer institute

Wrestling Camp

Dates: July 5-8; July 11-15; July 18-22

Times: 9am to 3pm

Grades: Boys & Girls 1-12

Cost: \$150

CONTACT: Coach Morgan

cmorgan@mccarthyhigh.org

For more information or to register
visit: www.mccarthyhigh.org

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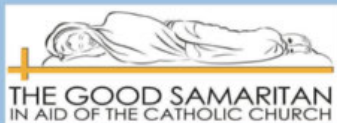


We invite you to pray the Holy Rosary for the Priesthood, Seminarians and Religious Vocations

Location: St. Bonaventure Chapel

When: Every Thursday at 8:30AM

Sponsored by:
St. Bonaventure Vocation Blessing Cup Ministry
In collaboration with "The Good Samaritan Ministry"
Archdiocese of Miami



RELIGIOUS ARTICLES GIFT SHOP

Visit our Religious Articles Gift Shop located outside on the Northeast corner of the Church.

The Home Blessing Kit is a great gift idea for family and friends and special occasions. It is in English and Spanish and contains the blessed items, prayers, and instructions for blessing and protecting your home and your family.

It is available in the Gift Shop for a donation of \$15.00. All proceeds go to HOPEFUL SPIRIT INC to support its project in Haiti.

Also on display, you will find a wide variety of beautiful religious gift items for every special occasion that will enable you to make a statement about your faith, as well as give you an opportunity to symbolically share it with others. We have baby gifts, statues, crucifix, rosaries, jewelry, plaques, frames, auto items and much more! Stop by to see for yourself.

Plan a special night of family entertainment and rent one of our inspirational or educational DVDs for \$3.00 per week.

Saturday & Sundays After Masses
Monday's and Friday's CLOSED
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30 pm

The Bible and Me?



Who has the final word when two parties disagree on matters of faith and practice? If you or I were to answer that question, would we say, 'God has the final word'? And if that is our answer, how would we find out what God says on a matter of faith and practice? Well, he has already spoken. His words are available for all to read.

'All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Wow! We can be equipped for every good work by knowing the scriptures.

On that question of the Bible and me, do I have a Bible? Do I study it? Should I study it? How about this – Does Jesus want me to study it and live by it? What does he say in Mathew 4:4? *'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'* Every word? Wow! It's a very thick book. Is that even possible?

The longest Bible chapter is Psalm 119. It has 176 verses. What do all of those verses speak about?

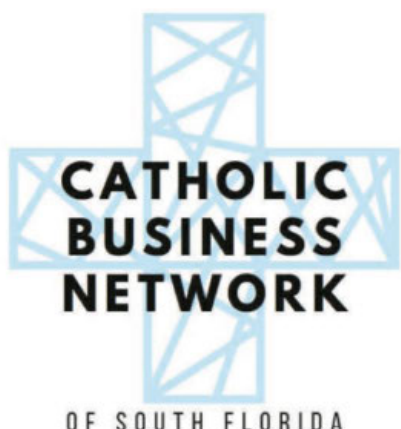
The Word of God. For example, verse 9: *'How can the young keep his way without fault? Only by observing your words.'* Or verse 72: *'The law of your mouth is more precious to me than heaps of silver and gold.'* In a Christian's walk, there's no replacement.

A scribe asked Jesus what is the greatest commandment. He answered, *'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'*

It's a thick book but loving God and our neighbor deeply fulfills the top two requirements. Studying his Word helps us do both.

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