

July 5, 2020

Parish Mission Statement
 A welcoming and joyful community committed to making disciples, by igniting and strengthening faith in Christ, and the celebration of Gods grace.

July

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday	7:30 am
Confession before Daily Mass	7:00 am - 7:30 am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday - Attend/Livestream	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am, 9:00,am ,11:00 am, 4:00 pm

Attend And Livestream @ the 9am

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday	7:00 am
Saturday -Office/Church	3:00 pm – 4:00pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday	7:00 am
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays	11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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WEEKEND MASS

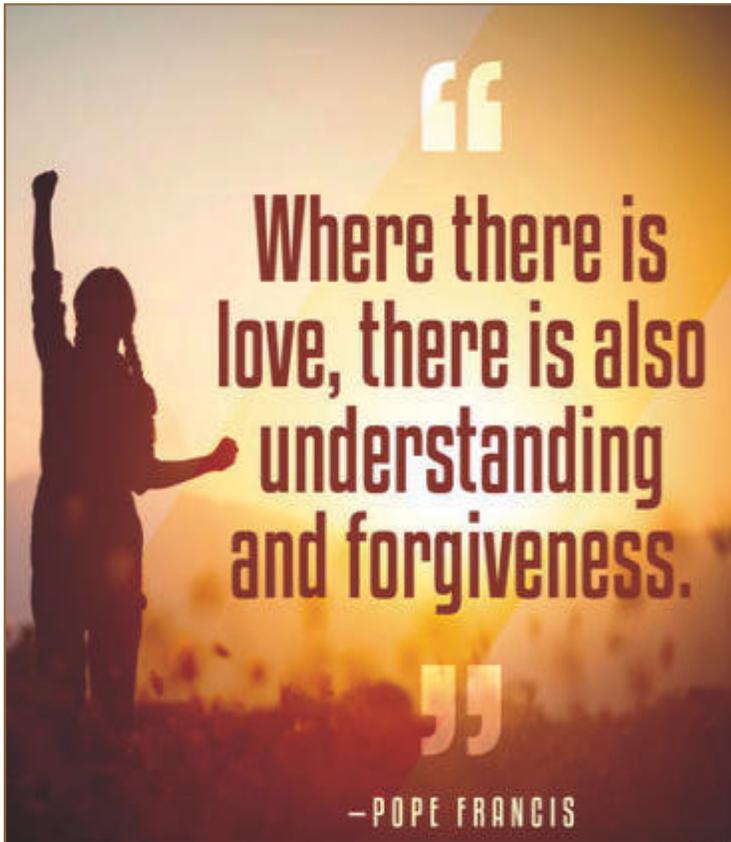
Sunday	9:00 am
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RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday	8:30 am
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ADORATION

Thursday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
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June 20th and June 21st

ST. ROSE: \$14,127.00
(includes online giving of \$9,943.00)

GOOD SHEPHERD: \$2006.00
(includes online giving of \$660.00)

TOTAL PARISH GIVING: \$16,133.00
(includes online giving of \$10,603.00)

Mortgage Retirement Contributions: \$4,441.00
(includes online giving of \$1,668.00)



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Sunday, July 5, 2020

- 7:00 am ALL PARISHIONERS
- 9:00 am +Michael Milovanovic
- 9:00 am +Christopher Puzon
- 11:00 am +Doris Jones
- 4:00 pm Gemma Sagisi-Thanksgiving

Monday, July 6, 2020

- 7:30 am Mary Jaster-Thanksgiving

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

- 7:30 am +Manuel & Nena San Pedro

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

- 7:30 am +Paul Arnestad

Thursday, July 9, 2020

- 7:30 am +Bob Ottaviani

Friday, July 10, 2020

- 7:30 am Josie Sagisi-Thanksgiving

Saturday, July 11, 2020

- 4:00 pm +Eugenio Perea

**Please keep the family and friends of
the recently deceased Tom Johns in
your prayers.**

Catechists & Aides Needed

If you are an adult who is a practicing Catholic in good standing and is willing to teach the Catholic Faith, please contact the office.
623-465-9740

**Discounts applicable to families whose
parent commits to volunteer for the year.**

15th Sunday Ordinary: **Reception of God's Word** (Mt. 13:1-23)

Why did Jesus not speak plainly and instead speak to them in parables? When He was in trial before the Sanhedrin, many of them have this question in their hearts, “*If you are the Messiah, tell us.*” Jesus answers them saying: “*If I tell you... you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond.*” (Lk. 22:67-68) The real problem is not in His language, maybe He is already speaking plainly, but we are not listening. It is in the way the listener receives the Words of Jesus. The Gospel today, addresses this question: Why are we not in a better disposition to listen and accept Jesus' Words? The problem is not in the plain language, but on the part of the receiver of the message, in the reception of the Word.

The parable presents a wonderful picture of this problem. A farmer sows good seed in different kinds of soil. In every case, the seeds are good, in fact the best, it is the kind of soil that determines if it will bear fruit. The given here are: God is the sower, the seed is the WORD of GOD, and the soil is us. Every seed has the potential for phenomenal growth and to yield a hundred-fold. The Word of God has this potential in the life of a person, it is the Divine Word capable of enlightening and transforming the heart and life of every recipient. If accepted in the right condition in the garden of the heart, the Divine Word can do wonder and produce abundant life in the good soil, a receptive heart and soul.

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading compares this to the effect of the rain and snow that comes down from heaven. God's rain is on the good and the bad, it makes the dry soil fertile, it nourishes the nutrients in the soil, just like the Word of God giving Divine Life to a dry heart. God promises at the end of the reading, “*It shall do my will, achieving the end for which I send it.*”

God constantly sows His Divine Word, planting the seed in man's heart, but not all hearts are a good soil, meaning, they are not in the best or ideal condition to receive and nourish what God has planted. As we always say: *count our blessings*, we all receive countless blessings and graces, but the Lord knows that not all these blessings will bear fruit, some will be taken away, some will be scorched, and some will be choked. But still, He continues to sow, for the few that will fall on good soil, a good heart, a good soul, it fruits in abundance will compensate the many that was lost. We all have the responsibility to foster and nourish a good soil/soul, with the help of the Lord. It requires hard work and some sacrifices, but its fruits are hundred-fold, in abundance: love, kindness, generosity, patience, peace and joy, and above all, *Eternal life*.



MATTHEW 13:1-23

¹⁵For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.'

This Love one Another Stuff Always Confused Me

When the priest would call the congregation to love one another during Mass, I was one baffled kid. Although the Bible, Sutras, Quran, Vedas, and Talmud all say the same thing—love is good—every friend of mine was taught that sex was bad. Confusing for a child still 10 years away from studying logic with Jesuits. As near as I could piece together, loving one another didn't mean, you know, actually *loving* anyone—that was a sin. Some other kind of loving was the religious kind, but at 8, I could not imagine how to practice it. Or if I even wanted to, if it meant I had to be super nice to the snotty girls in the back row of my third grade class.

Today, when tragedies strike as they do now far too often, social media becomes instantly peopled with memes and messages entreating us to love one another. Often, what we really mean is “Please don't shoot us,” but we haul out the old chestnut of brotherly/sisterly love, as though we know what we mean when we say this to each other. I'm not so sure we do.

Left to our own devices, humans do eventually get around to crossing oceans, invading countries, conquering tribes, colonizing Indigenous peoples, being invaded and conquered and colonized ourselves, forming previously forbidden romantic alliances, mixing up the gene pool, and birthing babies who illuminate (and who must navigate) the painful complexities humans create around ideas of who is “us” and who is “other” and why anyone ought to care in the first place. We us/other ourselves into states of high agitation around differences in sexual desire, religious belief, hair texture, height, and gender.

What we define as “race” is actually geographically contained phenotypical characteristics that, if mixed with other contained pockets of DNA, blur the boundaries of who looks like whom and within this century will surely create gorgeous human combinations of wonderfulness that may or may not possess really big ears (just throwing my own family DNA in there).

Being multiracial is what most people are in Latin America and the Caribbean, and it is darn common in large chunks of Europe, Africa, and Oceania. America comes late to officially recognizing that people of different races fall in love and make babies, having only offered multiracial boxes to check in the 2000 census. In 2010, 9 million of us self-identified as being more than one race. Maybe it's time to stop constructing boundaries when they are so readily permeable.

So far, checking multiple religion boxes is not an option, although many of us—and here, I mean the world-wide “us” of mammalian, bipedal folks with consciences—have parents whose parents raised them in two different traditions. We mixed-religion children grew up in households where Lutheran and Catholic or Jewish and Muslim or Hindi and Methodist practices had to be blended and reinvented around the kitchen table and performed creatively at bedtimes and holidays. We said the Our Father one way with Grandma A and another with Grandma B, decorated Hanukkah bushes with tinsel and dreidels hung on strings, and prayed to the Mother-Father God from prayer rugs facing Mecca.

So is that what loving each other means? To know that humans are of many races, that they seek their gods and goddesses in many forms, and that some of us love the “other” instead of the “us”? I think we know that. The state of our culture and our world does not arise from a lack of knowing. I'm not even sure it's from a lack of tolerance. I think it might just be that we don't love ourselves deeply enough.

If I love all the selves housed within me, including the flawed, human, insecure ones, then why would I need to hate you? If I can accept, tolerate, and nurture myself, why would I feel threatened by you? If I believe I am enough and acceptable just as I am, then I need not prove myself superior to you, proselytize to you, or judge you. Now, I don't mean that I have nothing to learn and am the most mature and evolved human on the planet, although I am fairly charming. I am evolving, growing, learning, and any day when I resist those activities is a day of reduced joy. I am a college professor, and being among young people who are committed to refining and reinventing themselves is wildly energizing and, yes, spiritual. I highly recommend it.

And, I don't mean that if we all just bucked up and felt great about ourselves, then mental illness and oppression and inequity would all disappear. I am not naïve or overlooking the nuances and complexities of being human. Enhancing one's self-respect isn't going to remedy every wound suffered in this world, and there's the tragedy of it. But if we created societies and cultures that nurtured children with education, food, and health care; that did not report in 24/7 media everywhere that we are too fat, too dark, too wrinkly, and too ugly to have worth and value; and that protected the vulnerable because humans are built to do that for each other, then. Oh, then. Then, we might see fewer hate-contorted faces at neo-Nazi rallies, fewer pipe bombs sent through the mail, fewer school shootings, fewer suicides.

I do mean that even as we imperfectly move toward full maturity, we are still so darn cute. We are delightful and deserving of love. We should smile back in the mirror now and then. We do not have to prove to ourselves that we have a right to be here. We are here. Ta-da! Toddlers are terrific teachers of this concept, by the way, having been exposed to fewer deprecating forces than those of us who are fully grown. Hang out with an 18-month-old and then get back to me. If I treat myself with profound respect, if I dare to be kind to myself, and if I exist within a society that values each of us, then I don't need to make you into something less so that I feel like something more.

We are worth something—we are worth a great deal—to ourselves and to each other. If we knew that, if we fully accepted it, we might heal. Perhaps the most godly expression of self-love is the gift it delivers of recognizing ourselves in each other. There you are. I see you. Why, hello. If we love ourselves better, I think the world might just shift on its axis. It won't fix everything, but it might fix a lot.

Baptism Preparation Class
Monday, Aug. 3rd at 6:00 pm
in the Parish Office

In preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism, parents are required to attend a this preparation class.

Although not a requirement, Godparents are strongly encouraged to participate.

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Curveball & Choices

The year 2020 had presented a life of curveballs, and we are in a moment of time where life is spinning and we have to adjust. The suffering unleashed by the virus raises questions about God, “What is He doing in the face of our pain? Where is He when everything goes wrong? Why does He not solve our problems quickly?”

If we can reread the account of the Passion of Jesus, the people *acclaimed* Jesus as He entered Jerusalem, BUT they rejected Him when He was crucified because they had expected *“a powerful and triumphant Messiah,”* rather than a gentle and humble figure preaching a message of mercy.

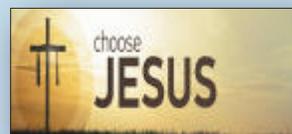
Today we still project these expectations on to God. Scripture tells us that God is not like that. He is different and we could not know Him with our own strength. That is why He came to us at Easter, where He revealed Himself completely to us, on the cross. The cross shows us that Jesus *does not point* a finger at anyone, *but opens His arms* wide to everyone; taking our sins upon Himself.

On a daily basis, the average person makes 4,000 decisions a day - what to eat? wear? CHOICES MATTER! God provided us with reason and conscience, two powerful gifts that are present to help guide us when we have to make choices. These gifts work together to help us distinguish the good from the bad. “All choices are not equal”.

This week I ask that you reflect on scripture – think about Peter who denied Jesus three times, but became our first Pope; of Judas, who betrayed Jesus and how each one of us has a little Judas inside of us, because we have the ability to betray, to choose our own interests - most often denying our Lord by not being in His presence, especially on Sunday. Think of your families and you and how you can redefine your faith to include Our Father, His Son and our Mother Mary into your everyday lives.

I leave you with one last question to ponder, “Are you willing to recommit to our Catholic faith by opening your hearts and minds to the love of the cross?” God wants us to become great decision makers. This is one of the reasons He sends us the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and counsel as we travel through our days.

Who do you choose? ! . . .



Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be HOLY!



**Confirmation/First Eucharist Masses
Updated Class & Mass Schedule**

Sacrament Prep Classes – 4:30pm – 5:45pm
Via ZOOM virtual classroom

Jami & Rick Alvarez - Originally Sundays
Classes: Tuesdays - June 16, 23 and July 7, 14, 21, 28
Retreat/Rehearsal Sat., Aug. 1st - 11am
Confirmation/1st Eucharist Mass - Sat., Aug. 15th @ 1pm

Debbie Rivera - Originally & Still Wednesdays
Classes: Wednesdays - June 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22, 29
Retreat/Rehearsal Sat., Aug. 1st - 9am
Confirmation/1st Eucharist Mass - Sat., Aug. 15th @ 11am

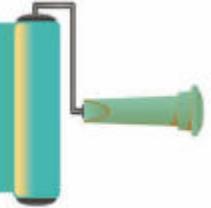
Rita Rossini - Originally Sundays
Classes: Thursdays - June 18, 25 and July 8, 16, 23, 30
Retreat/Rehearsal Sat., Aug. 1st - 1pm

Religious Education Registration - COMING SOON
Classes will be held Sunday only from 8:45am - 9:15am
Location to be announced

CLASSES

PS - KINDER	These children will receive introduction to our faith and begin to learn the basic prayers
PreSacramental Preparation	These children must be in at least 1st grade. They will be introduced to God's plan of salvation from Creation, the Old & New Testaments, as well as the life of the church. They will also know all of their basic prayers.
Sacramental Preparation Year 1 Reconciliation	These children must be in the 2nd grade or above and have received the Sacrament of Baptism. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Sacramental Preparation Year 2 Eucharist	These children will be in 3rd grade or above and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will learn about the Eucharist as the source and summit of the sacraments of initiation and the Catholic faith.
Sacramental Preparation Year 3 Confirmation	These children will be in 4th grade or above and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will focus on Confirmation and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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