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Love

of a father,
a love
without end



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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5 pm & 7 pm

Sunday

7am 9am
11am 5pm

Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM
Tuesday-Friday: 6:00 PM

Communion Service

Sunday 4-4:30pm

Parish Webpage

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Do not be afraid;

**you are worth
more than many
*sparrows.***

Matthew 10:31



First reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!'

All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine.

'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.

O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!

The word of the Lord.. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.

I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my children,

Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon
me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kind-
ness;

in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of

Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many

The word of the Lord.. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



We would like to Congratulate the graduates of 2020!

Maggie Greenwald
Casey Solano &
Avery Debelen

Can't wait to see where life will take you next. Wherever it is, our prayers are with you!

Pray for the sick

Linda Lizotte

Juanita Garcia
Amađor Eugenio Sr.
Amađor Eugenio Jr.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Father's Day



Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas
More

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria;
Blessed Virgin
Mary



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20

5:00 P.M. † For the deceased members of the Mustillo Family

By Rose Yeager

7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, June 21

9:00 A.M. † Bob Dietrich

By 9AM Choir

11:00 A.M. Parishioners of St John

TUESDAY, June 23

8:00 A.M. † Carmelita Quedado

By Manny & Sonny Silverio

WEDNESDAY, June 24

8:00 AM † Marie A meo & Roger Rameau

By Marie Hayeck

THURSDAY, June 25

8:00 AM † Aurora Ocampo

By Minda Mamansang

FRIDAY, June 26

8:00 AM †

By

SATURDAY, June 27

5:00 PM † Edward, Florence & William McKay

By Larry McKay

7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, June 28

7:00 AM Leonila Sales

By Ordillas Family

9:00 A.M. Parishioners of St John

11:00 A.M. Aurelia Mallari

By Eduen Family

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church oppose stem-cell research, especially when it has the potential to cure illnesses like Parkinson's disease?

Stem cells are unspecialized cells with the ability to divide and produce a variety of more specialized cells. Scientists hope that one day they can be coaxed into specific kinds of cells that can cure disease or repair diseased organs.

In a 2008 statement, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said there are two kinds of stem cells. Adult stem cells come from umbilical-cord blood, adult tissue, and placenta that can be obtained with no harm to the donor or ethical problems.

Embryonic stem cells, on the other hand, are obtained by destroying embryonic human beings in the first days of development. Since harvesting these cells involves the deliberate killing of humans, obtaining or using this kind of cell is immoral. This is why the Church has opposed extending federally funded stem-cell research beyond currently existing cell lines.

Although stem-cell research may hold therapeutic potential, it's never permissible to sacrifice a person. "The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow, if his or her survival is viewed as disadvantageous to other human beings considered more deserving or productive," the bishops said.

Catholics should support more research on adult stem cells, which show great promise, and resist efforts to expand research using embryonic cells.

Financial Assistance available for Registered Parishioners of St John's. If you are in need of financial assistance please email Samantha Matthews to set up an appointment. SaMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com (904) 246-6014



If you are hiring or know of anyone that is, please let us know. We would like to help our St John Families in need of new jobs. Please email Sam, Kathy or Monica (emails on front of bulletin) or call the Parish office with information.



Prayer to Overcome Racism

*Mary, friend and mother to all,
Through your Son. God has found a way to
unite himself to every human being, called
to be one people. Sisters and brothers to
each. other.*

*We ask for your help in calling on your
Son, seeking forgiveness for the times
when we have failed to love and respect
one another.*

*We ask for your help in obtaining from
you Son the grace we need to overcome
the evil of racism and to build a just
society.*

*We ask for your help in following your
Son, so that prejudice and animosity will
no longer infect our minds or hearts but
will be replaced with a love that respects
the dignity of each person.*

*Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your
Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.
Amen.*

*If you would like a copy of the full
letter on the Sin of Racism please
Email one of us in the office or come in
to pick up a copy.*

**Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring
Call to Love
A Pastoral letter on the Sin of Racism
from the USCCB**

Fear Not

Easier said than done. There is so much to be afraid of today: war; the loss of life and the devastation caused by it; unemployment and poverty; illness and the pain and diminishment that often accompany it; the threat of ecological collapse; to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: "Praise the Lord, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!" (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: "the Lord hears the poor" (Psalm 69:34).

Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: "...How much more did the grace of God...overflow for the many" (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not!

FOR Reflection:

- * What societal situation frightens you most? Here is where you might pray for trust in God's loving care.*
- * What might you do to change, even so slightly, what frightens you?*

What role does the Church have to play in the drama that is unfolding before us?

First and foremost, we must not forget that the Body of Christ must witness to the aforementioned repentance in the life of the Church. We have to own our own susceptibility to being both victims of violence and perpetrators of senseless violence. The People of God are also called to be peacemakers; to be part of the solution. As Catholic Christians, we have to have greater passion for peacemaking because everyone's life is at stake. Again, as Dr. King stated so eloquently, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." As Christians, we must stand for Christ who displayed our broken human tendency to shed innocent blood in his very body on Calvary. We crucified life, innocent life, and we continue to crucify each other due to our unwillingness to acknowledge our true relatedness. This means we must not only name the shameful hurts, but we must be held accountable to those who we seek to serve as peace-makers. We must be instruments for the restoration of order to situations of personal and societal disorder. We do this only by inviting Christ into the heart of these conflicts for he alone is the salve that can bind our wounds, heal our brokenness and initiate new ways of seeing and listening to one another.

To read full interview on what the Church says about racism go to our page and find the link under racism in the Diocese portion.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:**5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Monica at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

Camp Gladiator

Trainer Matt Bean Mathewbean@campgladiator.cpm

Location and Times @St John Catholic Church

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:15am, 6:30am, 9am and 5:30pm