“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34
Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

John testified saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

Reflection:

John didn’t know who Jesus was, yet after witnessing everything the Lord has revealed to him, he prominently proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” The link of the Lamb to our Lord Jesus Christ has a powerful impact not only in early Christianity but also today.

God uses a lamb as a sign, that love takes time to heal, to win over, and to triumph. John the Baptist allowed himself to be obedient and trusting in the Lord amidst confusion and perhaps doubt. The fourth priority of our parish plan speaks about STEWARDSHIP. Our Time and Talent.

As we receive and welcome Jesus in the Eucharist can we allow the lamb of God to transform us by developing a heart of prayer, a heart to learn to follow His ways, and a heart to share our love to those in need?

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Juan dio este testimonio: «He visto al Espíritu bajar del cielo como una paloma y quedarse sobre él. Yo no lo conocía, pero Aquel que me envió a bautizar con agua, me dijo también: Verás al Espíritu bajar sobre aquél que ha de bautizar con el Espíritu Santo, y se quedará en él. Sí, yo lo he visto; y declaro que éste es el Elegido de Dios.”

Reflexión”

Juan todavía no sabía quién era Jesús, pero al ser testigo de todo lo que el Señor le había revelado, el proclamó prominentemente: “Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo” El enlace del Cordero a nuestro Señor Jesucristo tiene un poderoso impacto, no solamente en los antiguos tiempo del cristianismo, sino también hoy.

Dios usa al Cordero como una señal que el amor toma tiempo para sanar, para conquistar, y para triunfar. Juan el Bautista se permitió ser obediente y confiar en Dios en el medio de momentos de confusión y quizás duda. La cuarta prioridad de nuestro plan de parroquia habla de la MAYOR-DOMÍA – nuestros Tiempo y Talento.

Al recibir a Jesús y darle la bienvenida por medio de la Eucaristía, ¿podemos permitir que el Cordero de Dios nos transforme, desarrollando un corazón de oración, un corazón que aprende a seguir Sus caminos, y un corazón que comparte nuestro amor con aquellos que lo necesitan?
Gospel Meditation
For Your Day

“O”n the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today’s Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility. “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God … he is the one of whom I said, “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.”’” Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. “I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of “greater goods” and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him “the greatest prophet,” even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

We Serve...

When staffers at Catholic Charities first met Jess, she was anxious. The young mother hoped for help with an apartment. Jess had spent nearly 10 years in a very difficult relationship. But four years ago she found the courage to leave. Her daughters were just 4 and 5 at the time. On Dec. 20th, she received a surprise that was a long time coming — keys to her new home thanks to Catholic Charities. “There is no better gift for the holidays than to bestow on another family their own home. It’s just a great privilege. Catholic Charities has given me everything — everything I could have hoped for.”

Welcome! All Are Welcome Here

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely — with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay. We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

All Souls Loves Visitors!

We accept anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. Please register as an affirmation of your wish to share in the community life of All Souls. Registration cards may be found in the narthex of the church or chapel, the parish office during the week, or online at our parish website: allsoussanford.org. Why not sign up today? We love new members!

Register Today at: www.allsoussanford.org/parish-registration

Our New Parishioners

Virginia Vlassick  Patrick Phelan, Sr.
Paula Phelan  Patrick Phelan

Get Published...

Please e-mail Information to be published in the bulletin and announcements to bulletin@allsoussanford.org, or drop it off at the parish office (include your name and contact information)
A Spiritual Reflection for The New Year

Happy New Year, Happy New Decade, and Happy New You!

Our Advent Gift Cards to the Baby Jesus remained by His side at the manger during the Christmas season. Let’s reflect on what steps we’ve already taken on our Journey to Bethlehem.

If you have time today, why not do an examen? An examen, or “examination of conscience,” is a practice in which you reflect on where God has been active in your life. Miracles happen every day. You can do this each day or for a whole year, too, and now is the perfect time! How did 2019 go for you, spiritually? What goals do you have for 2020? Keep a Spiritual Journal. You’ll be amazed at what you find when you read it over a year from now! Give yourself some time, maybe 30 minutes or more:

1) Invite God to join you. Remember that you’re in God’s presence. That’s essential for any prayer. You’re not just talking to yourself. You’re actually talking with God. Imagine God sitting right there with you!

2) Call to mind what you’re grateful for. Think of all the wonderful things that happened to you this past year. Take your time. Savor this, and give thanks to God. Even if you’ve had a bad year, there’s still probably something that you can appreciate.

3) Review the year. Go month by month, or do it by topic—family, friends, work, church, and so on. Reflect back and notice where God was present. When did you say yes to God’s invitation to greater things, and how might God be calling you to do something now?

4) Express your sorrow. Have you done things you regret? We all have. Tell God you’re sorry. If you’ve really hurt someone, the New Year is a good time to seek forgiveness. Think about going to confession for any grave sin. But don’t beat yourself up: you’re human, and we all make mistakes. Work to fix them.

5) Ask God for the grace to live 2020 as a person of faith. All of us have things that we’ll need God’s grace to face: health problems, financial problems, family problems, work problems. So ask God for help. Be specific about what you want and need.

6) Review the Spiritual Reflection Matrix from Advent. What will your NEXT STEP be along the journey? Ask God to be with you and help you take that step.

Happy New Year, and Happy New You!
**Share Your Story...**

As a child of God, you have a powerful story to tell. Sharing how you came to Jesus and the difference he’s made in your life can help others discover how they, too, can know God personally.

A personal account of what Christ has done in your life is compelling. One’s personal encounter with God cannot be easily dismissed. A changed life is dramatic evidence of God’s power.

Maybe you’re afraid to share your story or faith because you don’t know what to say. Remember that God does not call the equipped; He equips the called—and as Christians, we are all called to share what Christ has done in our lives. Some of Christ’s last words on earth were, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19). Sharing our faith isn’t just a suggestion, it’s a command. And God is with us when we obey Him.

Share your story and faith with others today, by emailing your personal witness to our staff at bulletin@allsoulssanford.org. Keep stories short, about 175 words or less. If your story is selected, we’ll publish it (anonymously) in a future issue of this Bulletin.

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**Celebrate The Gospel of Life Prayer**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. — *Evangelium Vitae*
We Give Together

Food Pantry Needs of the Week

Paper Towels. LAST WEEK:
156 items donated with a retail value of $475. Thanks!

New Year’s Resolution Idea
Grow in your spirituality through service to our brothers and sisters in need. Keep the Christmas spirit alive by joining us for our St. Vincent de Paul Meeting! This Monday, January 20, at 7 pm at Columbus Hall at 2509 S. Myrtle Avenue in Sanford. All are welcome. We hope to see you Monday!

Help Us Serve Meals In Our Community
Join us on Wednesday, January 22nd for St. Vincent de Paul Night at Grace ‘n Grits as we prepare meals for our brothers and sisters in need. We start cooking at 4:30 pm and meals are served at 6 pm. Where? First United Methodist Church at 419 S. Park Ave. in Sanford (enter on Magnolia). RSVP Today! 407.330.4400

News From St. Vincent De Paul Orlando
Your donations of clothing, household items, furniture and appliances (WE PICK UP LARGE ITEMS FOR FREE!) allow St. Vincent de Paul Orlando to regularly provide items to people in need through our Voucher Program. Donate today! Call our Donation Hotline at 888.986.4483 or schedule via svdporlando.org

All Souls Stewardship of Treasure

1/5 Offertory ........................ $19,747.96
1/5 Debt Reduction..................... $14,320.25
1/5 St. Vincent De Paul............... $2,838.00
1/5 Seminarians........................ $5,205.75
1/5 Church Mortg. Prin. Bal.......... $1,624,987.42
1/5 OCA Raised To Date............. $218,671.52
1/5 Over Goal.......................... $44,332.21

Have A Graphics/Photos/Videos Talent To Share?

All Souls Volunteers Needed!
All Souls is in immediate need of volunteers to help us in our Communications mission. If you have a background in any of the fields listed below, please send us your information: bulletin@allsoullsanford.org

• Copywriting/Editing
• Graphic Design
• Market Research/Data Analyst
• Photography
• Promotions/Events
• Social Media Management
• Video Production
• Web Design/Production

This is a great opportunity to work with a highly motivated, fun, and focused team of faithful Christians, in bringing Christ to others. Write us Today!

Family Life Coordinator for Family Life Committee Needed
Open your ears!
Is God calling you to step out of the box and use your talents to lead the Family Life Committee??

The Family Life committee is in need of a new coordinator! The Coordinator leads the Family Life committee in planning social, spiritual, and service events for the parish. These events include managing Kids Games at the Harvest Festival and planning the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Family Life committee has great potential for growth. New ideas and enthusiastic leadership is encouraged! Mentoring and support will be provided by the outgoing leader and current committee. Please prayerfully consider joining the team! For more information, please contact Holly Hooton at hhooton@allsoullsanford.org.

Vincentian Reflections

“ In today’s Gospel, after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove ... and remain upon him.” As you make your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know you are a sign of God’s Spirit of love to those who are suffering.”
All Souls Catholic School
Bears At Play!
All Souls Catholic School is known for its challenging academics and high expectations, but our students, staff, priests and parents know how to have fun as well! Pictured are some of our “playful Bear” moments!

All Souls Catholic School
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If you are interested in a Catholic school education for your student, we would love to introduce you to our campus! Please contact our school office and schedule a tour today.

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Are you looking for technology friendly FREE VPK for your child? All Souls Catholic School is currently enrolling new students! With some of the highest “readiness Rates” in Seminole County, our VPK students are Kindergarten ready! Call us and come tour our campus. Phone: 407.322.3795
Confirmation Preparation for 8th Graders or Higher

Information was mailed Thanksgiving week to all those families who potentially have an 8th grader (or older) who is eligible to prepare to celebrate the sacrament in April 2020. Your son/daughter is invited to prepare for the sacrament if…

- They were Baptized Catholic (or Welcomed into the Catholic Church)
- Celebrated 1st Reconciliation and First Eucharist (prior to September 2019)
- Is in 8th grade or higher
- Attended formal faith formation (or Catholic School) in 2018/2019

Any families of children/teens that meet this criteria but did not receive the paperwork in the mail should call Holly Hooton at 407-322-3795.

Confirmation

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder’s place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: “It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman…. It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.”

St. Francis de Sales is the Patron Saint of Authors, Deafness, Journalists, Writers

And The Bible Says...

John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:32-34


Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The purpose of the CCW is to offer support, education, inspiration, and empowerment to the women of our parish, and to encourage them in their spiritual growth, leadership, and service to our community.

**General Meetings:** First Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at 7 pm.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus Social Hall, 2509 Myrtle Ave, Sanford, FL 32773. For more info: www.allsoulsanford.org/ccw-2

Concilio de Mujeres Católicas de All Souls

**Juntas Generales:** Primer martes del mes (excepto julio y agosto) a las 7 p.m.

**Ubicación:** Salón Social de Los Caballeros de Colón, 2509 Myrtle Ave, Sanford, FL 32773. Para mas información: www.allsoulsanford.org/ccw-2

Juan dio este testimonio: “Vi al Espíritu descender del cielo en forma de paloma y posarse sobre él. Yo no lo conocía, pero el que me envió a bautizar con agua me dijo: ‘Aquél sobre quien veas que baja y se posa el Espíritu Santo, ése es el que ha de bautizar con el Espíritu Santo’. Pues bien, yo lo vi y doy testimonio de que éste es el Hijo de Dios”. - Jn 31, 32-34

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Our Faith Community

“9 Days For Life”
Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for their mothers before and after their births;
We pray to the Lord

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22

Healing after Abortion
If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit: HopeAfterAbortion.org

Receiving Christ
The parish hosted a First Reconciliation Penance Service on December 9th for approximately 62 children from both our school and Faith Formation Programs. Our Pastor, Father David and parish priests Father Ken and Father Ed offered Christ’s unconditional love and mercy through individual confessions. Please continue to pray for all of these children and their families as they continue to prepare to receive Christ in First Holy Communion this coming May.

Help An “Outmate”
Those left behind when a family member is incarcerated are just as affected as the inmates themselves. “Outmates” need not be isolated by this experience. Families reaching out to each other can help ease the pain. We offer each other information and support. If you would like to be in contact with others in this situation, please join us in the Mother Theresa Room in St. Mary Magdalen’s Parish Life Center, 861 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 am. Coffee & light refreshments will be available.

For further information please contact Jean or Jack Canatsey at fmforlando@gmail.com or call 407-463-5780 or 407-695-6818.

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**Observations**

- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; St. Charles of Sezze**
- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
- St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Prayer Intentions**

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This Week’s Catholic Resources

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Vatican Archives: Provided in hypertextualized text together with wordlists and concordances. http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

**FORMED**

The Catholic Faith On Demand. Get thousands of movies, programs, audio, and books instantly—on your TV or mobile device. https://formed.org/

**MAGIS CENTER**

The Magis Center provides comprehensive and systematic responses to restore, reconstruct, and revitalize belief in God, the transcendent dignity of every person, the significance of virtue, the higher levels of happiness, love, and freedom, and the real presence of Jesus Christ. https://magiscenter.com/

**RELEVANT RADIO**

Bringing Christ to the world through the media. https://relevantradio.com/

**THE ROSARY ON MP3**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, please tell others about this list so they will not have to spend hours looking for Marian Rosaries on audio. God Bless. https://www.catholicdoors.com/misc/rosaryonmp3.htm

**USCCB**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). http://www.usccb.org/about/