“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44
Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust… be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

What makes this teaching so special and powerful is the Truth and the Wisdom of God in it! This teaching contains the treasures of the Kingdom of God to be shared with all. The theme of Our Catholic Appeal is: “What God has prepared for those who love Him!” It means by Loving and praying those who insult and persecute us, we can also rediscover God’s given treasure as an expression of our trust and faith in Him after all “our heavenly Father makes His sun rise on the bad and the good…”

Our commitment to the call of becoming a good Steward through Our Catholic Appeal is our response to God’s invitation to be “perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect,” in loving and serving the Lord and one another.

Treasures of the Bible

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

“Pero yo les digo, Amen a sus enemigos y recen por sus perseguidores, para que así sean hijos de su Padre que está en los Cielos. Porque él hace brillar su sol sobre malos y buenos, y envía la lluvia sobre justos y pecadores… Por su parte, sean ustedes perfectos como es perfecto el Padre de ustedes que está en el Cielo”.

¡Lo que hace que esta enseñanza sea tan especial y poderosa es la verdad y sabiduría de Dios que se refleja en ella! Esta enseñanza contiene los tesoros del Reino de Dios para ser compartidos con todo el mundo. El tema de Nuestro Llamado Católico es, “Aquello que Dios preparó para los que lo aman”. Esto significa que, al querer y rezar por los que nos persiguen e insultan, podemos volver a descubrir los tesoros que Dios nos dio como una expresión de nuestra confianza y fe en él. Al fin de cuentas, “nuestro Padre en los cielos hace salir el sol sobre los buenos y los malos…”

Nuestro compromiso al llamado de ser buenos administradores por medio de Nuestro Llamado Católico es nuestra respuesta a la invitación que nos extiende Dios a ser “perfectos como es perfecto nuestro Padre celestial”, en amar y servir a nuestro Señor y a nuestro prójimo.

Tesoros de la Biblia

Fr. David Vivero
Gospel Meditation
For Your Day

“The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well.

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“We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

We Serve...
Serving The Homeless

By Glenda Meekins of the Florida Catholic February 21, 2020

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“When we serve anyone, we are serving God, and that is the way I want to live my life. I know that any time I spend serving God makes a difference.”

Excerpts from an article in The Florida Catholic

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: allsoulsanford.org. Why not sign up today? We love new members!

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

Our New Parishioners
Francis Reising  Mark Sewell
Sandra Reising  Mary Ann Sewell
Caroline Reising  Riley Sewell
Andres Valencia  Martin Alvarez
Sarah Valencia  Ma Josefina Brant

We Pray
All Souls Catholic Church

We Teach
School and Jesus Christ

We Serve
All Souls Cemetery

We Endure
All Souls Historic Chapel
“What happened to my boots?”
I cringed when my neighbor Nancy asked that question. I’d hoped she wouldn’t notice the scuff marks, and if she did, I hoped she wouldn’t care. But here she was, demanding an explanation.

It was an awkward incident; I knew that. That’s why I returned the boots by leaving them on her doorstep. I wanted to escape responsibility. I wanted to avoid her reaction.

“Yeah,” I said. “Sorry.”

“What happened?” she said. “I mean, they’re really beat up.”

“I said. “I just danced. I guess the heels kept kicking the boots and I didn’t realize how torn up they were getting.”

Secretly, I rolled my eyes. What difference did it make? The boots weren’t important to her. When I borrowed them to wear to the school’s square dance, she said they’d been in her closet for years. She’d never once worn them.

An uncomfortable silence followed.

“Do you want money for them?” I asked. It seemed a ridiculous question. It’s not like they were her prized possession.

Nancy paused. “No,” she finally said. “I was just surprised to see them looking like this.”

Time passed. To me, the boots were a problematic memory, one I avoided at all costs. However, things changed when, years later, my brother’s unexpected death shattered my world, causing me to delve into my Catholic faith.

I began frequenting the sacraments. I started reading scripture. I began praying daily, including the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon...”

Injury...pardon...Again, memories of the boots surfaced. This time I didn’t push them aside. Instead, the prayer awakened my soul. I decided to make res-
titution for Nancy’s boots which I ruined so long ago. I realized I’d handled the situation poorly back then. I knew the injury was my fault and it was time, finally, to ask pardon. And I knew exactly what to do.

I reached for my sky-blue notecards.

“Dear Nancy,” I wrote. “Please accept this check in repairation for your boots which I ruined so long ago. I know you probably don’t need them anymore, but use the money to buy a new pair of shoes for yourself...or for whatever you see fit. Sorry it took so long. I appreciate your friendship!” I wrote a check and slipped it, alongside the note, into an envelope and mailed it.

I smiled. My heart felt happy. It felt like a weight had been lifted from me.

I’ll never forget Nancy’s reaction. “What’s this?” she asked. She seemed to be glowing. “I forgot about that long ago,” she said. “Take the money back. You didn’t have to do that.” But I laughed. “No, keep it,” I said. “It’s for you.”

Smiling, she thanked me, adding, “You made my day!”

It was the most freeing thing I ever did.

Reconciliation...it appears in unexpected places...in many ways...on any given day...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...God answers prayers.

This story is excerpted from Tomaselli’s latest book, My Emmaus Walk through Stormy Waters, available on Amazon.

Steve Ray Lenten Mission in Feb.

Steve Ray is a Catholic convert, national speaker, author, pilgrimage guide, frequent guest on EWTN and Relevant Radio, and ardent defender of the faith. Steve will be the featured speaker at this year’s Lenten Mission at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Oviedo, Florida On February 28 & 29th. The Mission will begin on Friday Evening and continue on Saturday (28 & 29), and will cost only $20 for the entire event (this includes a lenten dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday morning and a lunch provided by Jason’s Deli on Saturday afternoon).

Registration is convenient and can be done on-line at this website: http://www.oviedocatholic.org/steve-ray-lent-mission-2020/
We Give Together

Food Pantry Needs of the Week

**Food Pantry Needs of the Week:** Quart Liquid Shelf Milk

**LAST WEEK:** Thanks for donating 314 items valued at $845. We’re blessed to receive more bags from the Knights of Columbus Food Drive and donations from Kindergarteners at All Souls Catholic School!

Will You Be There? Souper Supper - Mardi Gras Style!

One week left before we’ll be serving up a feast of tasty soups on **Saturday, February 29 at the Social Hall.** Join us for all-you-can-eat soups, bread, dessert and beverages. The price can’t be beat: **$8 for adults and kids under 12 are FREE.** Doors open at 6 pm and we’ll serve until 8 pm (while supplies last!). Join us for a night of great soups and even better company!

News From St. Vincent de Paul Orlando

Beginning Monday, March 9, our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in Apopka and Clermont will be open an hour later to serve you better. Visit us Monday through Saturday between 9 am and 8 pm. More information: svdporlando.org

All Souls Stewardship Opportunities

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Parish Office Volunteers

Are you a student, retired, or looking to dust off your job skills? Want to do a little work around the office? All Souls is looking for volunteers to help with the phones, greeting parishioners, and general office duties. Administrative skills and bi-lingual proficiency are helpful, but not required. Our staff is warm and our hearts are welcoming. **Call Us Today! 407-322-3795**

Share Your Talents

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@allsoussanford.org

- Writing and/or Editing
- Graphic Design
- Market Research/Data Analysis
- 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!

Child Athletic Director

All Souls is looking for a grade school child to be an athletic director for Grades K-5.

Duties include:

- Organizing teams in various grades and sports.
- Working with the registrar on registrations and student payments.
- Representing All Souls at games during the sports season.

Requirements:

- Child must be a student at All Souls Catholic School.
- Fingerprinting and background check must be completed.

Benefits:

- While child is in grade school, their sports registrations are free.
- Volunteer hours would be completed.

For more information please contact the school office 407-322-7090

Vincentian Reflections

“In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: “You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Thank you for all you do to help our brothers and sisters in need.”

St. Vincent De Paul (1581—1660)
All Souls Catholic School

Blessed In So Many Ways!

One blessing we are so grateful for are the benefactors that help our school. We need the support of the wonderful men and women who help us grow while we strive to offer an affordable tuition cost so that any family wishing for a Catholic education may have the opportunity.

We have been gifted by an anonymous benefactor who will match $2.00 dollars to everyone $1.00 collected!

Please consider giving to help our students and school continue to flourish and grow! Father David will be announcing opportunities for second collections, but you can donate right now on our Website at allsoulscatholicschool.org. Just scroll down to the Donate button and make your contribution or stop by the school office located at 810 S. Oak Ave in Historic Sanford. We would love to give you a tour and show you all the exciting things happening around our campus!

Please prayerfully consider donating to this incredible opportunity for our school. Our school community thanks you for your continued prayers, as we keep our parishioners in our daily prayers.

Blessings,
Barbara Schirard
All Souls School Principal

All Souls Catholic School

United States Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in Catholic Education.

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
St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp’s leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippippi in Macedonia.

At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint’s body burned. The “Acts” of Polycarp’s martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr’s death. He died in 155.

Divine Mercy Sunday

9 Things You Need to Know About Divine Mercy Sunday

Millions of people look forward to and are profoundly moved by this day! Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church’s calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible.

We will unravel the wonder of this incredible feast each week in the Bulletin and in a 5-week study/reflection beginning on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020. The study will take place in the historic chapel 800 S. Oak Ave. Sanford from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your spot. There is a $20 fee to offset the costs of books and materials.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Our Lord’s Divine Mercy Sunday grants forgiveness of all sins on the Feast of Divine Mercy… mercy for even the most hardened sinners! Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, through whom Jesus requested our devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day.

To learn more about St. Faustina, go to: https://tinyurl.com/337dadk

Stay tuned next week for #2:

2. When was it made part of the Church’s calendar?

And The Bible Says...

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:43-45a

“Han oído ustedes que se dijo: Ama a tu prójimo y odia a tu enemigo; yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumniar, para que sean hijos de su Padre celestial”. - Mt 5, 43-45


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Our Faith Community

Children At Mass
Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Mt. 19:14

As children of God we have the privilege to approach Him unhindered with childlike wonderment and awe especially in public worship, our Mass, which is the source and summit of our beliefs. Liturgy is public worship at the Church, which brings us all together to love and praise our Father.

On occasion our approach to Christ is hindered, whether by something spiritual/internal, or by an external distraction from the pews. Sometimes we hear the plaintive cries of a little one whose parents, recognizing their sacred duty to raise their child in the faith, have brought them to Mass. As many of us know, that goes way beyond just having your baby baptized. Since parents are the primary catechists in the life of their child, they are the ones who initially introduce Jesus into the family. That parental duty entails bringing the family to Mass on a regular basis.

Celebrating Mass with the faith community instills in children the communal nature of our worship, which cannot be learned without regular participation. In other words, it’s going to take some practice to learn how to behave appropriately in Mass.

Ultimately, parents want their children to come to know Jesus in a very personal way through the beautiful rites and rituals performed during Mass. Unfortunately, there will be those times when that opportunity is postponed, in order to discipline (a child) which may entail retreating to the narthex to respect the sacredness of the Mass, as well as other worshippers. For those families of children with exceptional needs, removing the child can often create more of a disturbance than the minimal outburst occurring within the pew. Frequently, these children find solace in the routine of the Mass and when that is deviated from, it creates anxiety. The familiarity of the Mass provides comfort in a world that can be quite overstimulating to them.

Jesus wants us to help children (as well as each other) to come to know him in a personal way. He wants us to help them grow into devoted followers of Christ.

Dear Father, we love the children just as Jesus loved them and we are thankful that these children have someone who loves them enough to bring them to Jesus. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

My Story...
That Weekend Changed My Life...
I am a cradle Catholic, educated for 12 years in Parochial schools taught by nuns. My faith has always been the core of my existence. Naturally, I chose a Catholic spouse to support me on my earthly pilgrimage. Life was busy with kids, work, shopping and the usual family activities. I didn’t grow spiritually during this time, but felt I was a good practicing Catholic.

When I was in my mid 40’s, I was invited to make a Cursillo Weekend. On that weekend, I fell head over heels in love with Jesus. I realized there was so much more to Catholicism than I imagined with my childhood education and experience. The talks and testimonial and happenings on that Cursillo set me on fire and caused a yearning to grow in knowledge of my faith. I invested in a catechism and lots of other Catholic books, and learned as an adult what the Church teaches about dogmas, traditions, the sacraments, etc.

After 30 years, I am still excited about my faith and my personal relationship with Jesus. I know true joy, not just happiness.

Anonymous
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**Observations**

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ploycarp

Blessed Luke Belludi

Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

Ash Wednesday: St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Blessed Daniel Brottier

**Prayer Intentions**

**22 Saturday**

8:30am - Chapel
- Gabriela Tejada
  - Requested By: Jeff & Paola Moser

5:00pm - Church
- Italia Fanin
  - Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Mattioli

**23 Sunday**

8:00am - Chapel
- Catherine Bauman
  - Palmer Family

9:30am - Church
- Bob Porras
  - Requested By: Alex Gonzalez

11:00am - Church
- Fr. Edmund Szpieg
  - Requested By: Ann & Tim Reilly

12:30pm - Church
- Jesus Diaz
  - Requested By: Mercedes Del Valle

2:00pm (Latin-Cf Norb Figurski
  - Requested By: Bibeau Family

8:30am - Chapel
- Elaine Durkin
  - Requested By: Cathie and Joe Durkin

**24 Monday**

8:30am - Chapel
- Veronica Cullen
  - Requested By: Catherine Kosiak

**25 Tuesday**

7:30pm - Church
- Reyes-Diaz Family
  - Requested By: Lopez Family

8:30pm - Chapel
- Joseph Hai Ngo
  - Requested By: By His Daughter

12:10pm - Church
- Bernard Rodriguez Family
  - Requested By: Dulce Rodriguez

**26 Wednesday**

8:30am - Chapel
- Joan Sherman
  - Requested By: Sherman Family

**27 Thursday**

5:00pm - Ash Wednesday
- St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin

**28 Friday**

8:30am - Chapel
- Jose Bermudez-Torres
  - Requested By: Bermudez Family

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**This Week’s Catholic Resources**

Reliable sources to help you learn more and grow your faith.

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Great advice for Catholics: Destinations, Cruises, Trip Planner, Calendar of Catholic Events Worldwide. https://thecatholictravelguide.com/

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