



*A Woman Healed by Touching the Garment of Jesus*  
Alexandre Bida (1813-1895)

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I want to revisit a topic that I revisit fairly often, the media and social media, this time focusing on its relationship with the identity and mission of the Catholic Church. It is not as though I want to harp on this topic, but then again we do live in an epoch of human history in which we find ourselves connected and sharing information in a way that would have been unimaginable to previous generations. This connectivity is both a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing in that information is available to us in an instant, and it is a curse in that anyone with a mobile device or internet connection can say and publish whatever they want, with little or no accountability or reference to the truth of things.

The lion's share of Catholic social media, and presumably "catholic" news services, seem to be no different than their secular counterparts. In the secular world we see great partisanship and divisiveness in the news and social media with an intentional focus and emphasis on shaping opinion rather than just reporting events and the facts of those events. Much the same holds true in the Church where we find otherwise well-intentioned individuals playing their audiences and followers for "clicks" and "likes" in the advance of their agenda, as if the Church were some kind of political animal in need of a political messiah.

The Church is not in need of people who have correct political opinions, but of people who are willing to hear the Gospel and be converted, and out of that experience comes, not an opinion, but a witness to the truth that unites one to other witnesses to the truth in the bond of love, in the person of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps I need to make use of an example. One thing that baffles me, is when I hear among those of a more traditional mindset that we need to "unite the clans." The traditional clans must unite in order to push back and overcome certain progressive elements within the Church, or so the narrative goes. But this begs the question, if being traditional, which by definition means adhering to the deposit of the faith handed down by the Apostles and their successors the bishops through each generation, then how on earth can there be "clans?" Where did these clans come from, and who gets to decide which clan gets to call the shots and be the one around which everyone else unites? The Church established by Jesus Christ is *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*. There are no clans. One other quick note; not everything that is "new" is bad, and not everything that is "old" is good. As the Holy Father has mentioned on occasion, the Church is not a museum, She is a living body maturing through

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# *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

27 June 2021

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm  
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

**Sunday**  
Sacred Heart at 8:30 am  
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

*Update for the summer months (June, July, August)*

**Wednesday**  
Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm  
*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

On Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, seminarians Matthew Christiaens and Tyler Frohlich will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Helena.



Matthew Christiaens



Tyler Frohlich

Please pray for these dedicated young men and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT

Antiphon:

*All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

Collect:

*O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13  
2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or Mk 5:21-24,35b-43

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

2005 *Since it belongs to the supernatural order, grace escapes our experience and cannot be known except by faith. We cannot therefore rely on our feelings or our works to conclude that we are justified and saved.*<sup>56</sup> *However, according to the Lord's words "Thus you will know them by their fruits" - reflection on God's blessings in our life and in the lives of the saints offers us a guarantee that grace is at work in us and spurs us on to an ever greater faith and an attitude of trustful poverty.*

*A pleasing illustration of this attitude is found in the reply of St. Joan of Arc to a question posed as a trap by her ecclesiastical judges: "Asked if she knew that she was in God's grace, she replied: 'If I am not, may it please God to put me in it; if I am, may it please God to keep me there.'"*

### Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.

### Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

**Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2**

### The Holy Father's prayer intention for June



**The Beauty of Marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney



## Saint Junipero Serra

*Feast Day July 1  
Patron of Vocations*

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749.

At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World.

In 1768, Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits (who had been wrongly expelled by the government) in the Mexican province of Lower California and Upper California (modern day California). An indefatigable worker, Serra was in large part responsible for the foundation and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United States when it was still mission territory.

He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts.

Junipero was a dedicated religious and missionary. He was imbued with a penitential spirit and practiced austerity in sleep, eating, and other activities. On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988. His statue, representing the state of California, is in National Statuary Hall. His feast day is July 1.

St. Junipero Serra from Catholic Online, [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=401](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=401).

### Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

*Vigil of The 13th Sunday in OT*

Rest of the Soul of Maria Anna McDonell r.b. the McDonell family

#### Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

*13th Sunday in OT*

Sick & Shut-Ins / Intentions of the Parish Faithful

#### Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Rest of the Soul of Rodrigo Moreno, r.b. Janice Donovan

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time as She makes Her pilgrimage through this world.

So as not to appear to be picking on more traditional Catholics, those who bring a more politically progressive viewpoint to the understanding of the Catholic faith are not entirely without fault. I would have two points to make in this regard. The first is that the moral teaching of the Catholic Church is based on the natural law. Nature is God's creation and with the creation of all things comes the governance of that creation. Things are what they are, and when we speak of the "non-negotiable" aspects of Catholic morality, we are speaking about the nature of things as created by God and cannot be changed. It is we who must conform to the natural law, and not the other way around. Secondly, to be Catholic is to profess the Catholic faith, which is faith in Jesus Christ. The Catholic faith is not a mere matter of personal belief and devotion, by its very nature it is an integral witness to the One who is risen from the dead. One cannot profess the Catholic faith privately and then speak and act differently in public life. We cannot serve two masters.

At the risk of oversimplifying the matter, many of us can remember the great consternation that was produced when JFK became president, the fear being that the pope would have undue influence over him, and we certainly cannot have that. But what about other influences on our presidents? Most notably the industrial-war complex? Or other lobbyists and special interest groups? Why is the one voice, speaking to the common good of all, denied its rightful influence with regards to the just governance of a free people? These are honest questions that require honest answers.

I have never tried to deny that there is a crisis in the Church. Scandal and ambiguity have had and are having a very disorienting effect on many people, and to be honest, our failure to rise to the occasion and give authentic witness to the faith is causing great harm. Our political infighting within the Church is perhaps the greatest of all the scandals because it prevents the truth of the Catholic faith to be known in all its power and beauty.

What is my main point then? My main point would be to examine with humility the degree to which our faith has been affected by "catholic" media and social media and reorienting ourselves toward the voice of Jesus Christ. There is some really good content out there that is truly edifying because it draws our hearts and minds towards Christ and not the political maneuverings of sinful men within the Church. Bad actors within the Church return to the dust from which they were made, and their memory and antics fade over time. The saints on the other hand, shine like stars in the sky, and their memory endures because their deeds were done in Christ, the Light that never fades. As I have said before, if you love your soul, then take care what you feed it. It's the only one you have.

Peace,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

**ROSARY GROUP**

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 9:00 am



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**Prayers of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Adorable Heart of Jesus, glowing with love for us and inflamed with zeal for our salvation. O Heart that understands the misery to which our sins have brought us, infinitely rich in mercy to heal the wounds of our souls, behold me humbly kneeling before You to express the sorrow that fills my heart for the coldness and indifference with which I have so long returned the numberless benefits which You have bestowed upon me.

With a deep sense of the outrages that have been heaped upon You by my sins and the sins of others, I wish to make reparation to Your most Sacred Majesty. It was our sins that filled Your Heart with bitterness; it was the weight of our guilt that pressed down Your face to the earth in the Garden of Olives and caused you to die in agony on the Cross. But now, repentant and sorrowful, I implore Your forgiveness.

Adorable Heart of Jesus, Source of true consolation and ever merciful to the penitent sinner, impart to our hearts the spirit of penance that we may be sincerely sorry for our sins. Pardon them, O Lord, in Your mercy, and let all who have sinned against You in the Sacrament of Your love be converted and return to You. Deliver us from our sins. And in order to repair the sins of ingratitude by which we have grieved Your most tender and loving Heart, may we love and honor You in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar, where You are present to hear and grant our petitions and to be the food and life of our souls.

Merciful Jesus, be our Mediator with Your heavenly Father, whom we have so grievously offended. Help us to amend our ways. As Your Sacred Heart is our refuge and our hope when we have sinned, so let it be the strength and support of our repentance, and nothing in life or death shall ever separate us from You. Amen.

A **VIRTUAL, ONLINE** Retrouvaille marriage help program begins September 16th. The virtual program is Thursday and Friday evenings and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, September 16-19, 2021. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. There is a \$165 registration fee. Please know that no one is turned away because of the inability to pay. For additional information please contact us at **406-761-4830** or view the details at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Parish Offertory Progress Report**  
Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Immaculate Conception**  
\$173,053 of \$170,000 (102%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
\$45,580 of \$44,500 (102%)



**Thank you for your generosity!**

# PARISH ACTIVITIES



SAINT PAUL  
STREET EVANGELIZATION

## Saint Paul Street Evangelization At the Farmers' Market

Ronan: Thursdays  
Please call Linda Dorrington  
(406-596-1460) for more info.

Polson: Fridays  
Please see sign up sheet in the sacristy.

## Knitting Group

Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!



## Sunday, July 4th

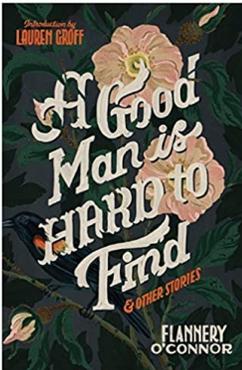
Following the 10:30am Mass, the Knights of Columbus will have a short ceremony for the installation of a new flagpole!

## Parish Softball

If you are interested in joining our parish summer softball team, come to practice on Sundays at 4:00PM at the Cherry Valley school fields, or contact Luke at (406) 871-6112.



## A Look Ahead...



For those who would like to participate in a summer book reading opportunity, there will be a 2 hour discussion on **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm at Immaculate Conception to discuss Flannery O'Connor's *A Good Man Is Hard To Find*. Lisa Bertoglio will be leading the discussion and the book can be purchased on Amazon or your favorite book source. Please indicate your interest by contacting the parish office so that preparations can be made.

## About Flannery O'Connor

Flannery O'Connor was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1925, the only child of Catholic parents. In 1945 she enrolled at the Georgia State College for Women. After earning her degree she continued her studies on the University of Iowa's writing program, and her first published story, 'The Geranium', was written while she was still a student. Her writing is best-known for its explorations of religious themes and southern racial issues, and for combining the comic with the tragic. After university, she moved to New York where she continued to write. In 1952 she learned that she was dying of lupus, a disease which had afflicted her father. For the rest of her life, she and her mother lived on the family dairy farm, Andalusia, outside Millidgeville, Georgia. For pleasure she raised peacocks, pheasants, swans, geese, chickens and Muscovy ducks. She was a good amateur painter. She died in the summer of 1964.

Reference: Amazon.com [https://www.amazon.com/Flannery-OConnor/e/B000APYI6W/ref=dp\\_byline\\_cont\\_pop\\_book\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Flannery-OConnor/e/B000APYI6W/ref=dp_byline_cont_pop_book_1)

## New Parishioners Welcome Dinner

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Please consider joining us for a community meal to get to know one another, newer and formerly established parishioners alike!

If you are new to the parish, please register your family with the parish office by filling out a registration form, found at the entrance of the church.

## Bishop Vetter Visit (Mark your calendar!)

Bishop Vetter will visit our parishes for the first time on Saturday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and Sunday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The Mass schedule will change for that one weekend only in order to accommodate the bishop's visit:

**Sacred Heart**: Sat. 10/23 Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception

**Immaculate Conception**: Sun. 10/24 Mass at 9am, followed by a reception

**St. Joseph Mission**: To Be Announced

Let us give our shepherd a big welcome!

