

St. John of the Cross



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Roman Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy 4th of July Weekend! I hope you have a great weekend. This weekend I get to baptize (well Fr. Scott Goodfellow does as I am the Godfather, but I will anoint with Chrism) my 12th nephew Noah! Noah was born in April. He will be baptized at the 4 pm Mass at Ss. Robert & William where his parents Mark & Kate got married. Mark is my brother and my godchild. We are 15 years apart and my Mom wanted us to have a special bond, so she made me his godfather. So cool that I now get to be the godfather to his son!

As we continue to deal with COVID-19, civil unrest and all the other chaos of our country, we will be electing a president for our country for the next four years and many other government officials on all levels of government this November. While perhaps I am being nostalgic, I do not remember this being such a tense time in our country the way it is today when it comes to politics. As a church, we believe it is a sacred right and duty to participate in an election. It is such a privilege to be able to do so, and I strongly encourage you to study, reflect and pray about the issues at hand as well as the candidates and where they stand. We know there is no such thing as a perfect candidate, but I do believe we all must make the best choice in line with our Catholic faith and our Catholic conscious. I do believe this can be done. The church will never tell you who to vote for, nor will they endorse a candidate. That would take away your free will. However, the church teaches very clearly on the issues which I think can help shape and form your conscious. For example, while the ethical and humane treatment of animals is important, that would never take priority over human life. There is a hierarchy of how issues rank as you make your decision.

As I have been praying about how to shepherd, pastor and lead us through this election season, as well as to continue to lead us through COVID-19 and the civil unrest, I am thinking that as a parish we can all start at the same starting point. We are all Catholics and the second greatest commandment we all must abide by is the "Love one another." Second, we are all U.S. citizens who seek "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in our great country! I believe these two realities would implore us to make a commitment to LIFE. I am asking us to each prayerfully consider making a communal pledge to LIFE, especially protecting human life from conception until natural death, ending racism in all its forms in our country, protecting those who are sick and elderly, caring for those who are without shelter, food and clean water and working to improve our justice system. In other words that we practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. There is a commitment card in today's bulletin. I ask that you take this home, pray about it and consider signing it. I would suggest you make a copy of this card and put it in a place you would see it daily. Then, bring your signed copy to church and we will place in a basket on the Altar. As a parish community, these commitments will be offered at every Mass as our commitment to Life! I think this is a good Catholic starting point and really a way of life that we should live everyday of our lives. I know many of you, if not all of you, already have this commitment but I think it is good that as a parish we make this commitment collectively, especially currently. Pray and Consider it!

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John

From Our Pastor



St. John of the Cross (140 Richmond Road):

Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 4 pm. Mass is open to the public.

Sunday, 7:45 am. Mass will be held outside in the shrine weather permitting, and is open to the public.; and **10:15 am** open to the public

Masses LIVESTREAMED Monday through Friday at 11 am—Intentions will be offered for both SJC & SRW.

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** from **9 am to 2 pm.**

You can just come in and pray. In addition, we will offer First Friday adoration from 9 am to 2 pm. All are welcome and this is open to SJC & SRW parishioners.

Confessions:

St. John of the Cross **Saturday 3 pm.;** and Ss. Robert & William **Saturday 2:30 pm**

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday — 8 am to 1 pm

Parish Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceulid.com

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.



Mourning to Morning

Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross
Bereavement Support

An informative and prayerful program
to help people move
through the grieving process
and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins

Saturday, July 11, 2020

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Room

Ss. Robert and William Parish Office
Bldg.

There is no fee but registration is
requested.

Call Renée Barber at 216-731-1515, Ext.
262.

Euclid Hunger Center-

We are happy to announce that dropping off items for the Euclid Hunger Center here at St. John of the Cross has resumed.

You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office during the hours of 8:00am to 1:00pm, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

FOOD DONATIONS

- cereal, canned fruits/vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, soup
- toiletry items (deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene items)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Observances for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:
Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Book Change!



Summer Good Book Good Discussion

The Book: Traits of a Healthy Spirituality

The Author: Sr. Melannie Svoboda

When: July 28th, August 4th, August 11th
11:45 am or 6:30 pm

Where: Ss. Robert and William in am, and St John of the Cross in pm will be Outside!

Many were inspired last year by Sr Melannie's talk, "Hanging onto Hope in Today's World". She cannot be with us, but her words are sure to encourage us in our life's journey, especially with these more challenging times.

Please bring your own lawn chair and refreshment!

All scheduled Mass Intentions will be celebrated at Ss. Robert and William LIVESTREAMED Mass at 11am everyday—Monday through Friday.

Monday, July 6

11:00 AM (JB/TS) † Albert Sustarsic

Tuesday, July 7

11:00 AM (JB/TS) † Jane DePalma

Wednesday, July 8

11:00 AM (JB) † All Souls

Thursday, July 9

11:00 AM (AM/TS) † Anna Pepock

Friday, July 10

11:00 AM (TK/AM/TS) † Colette Suhy

Saturday, July 11

4 PM (AM/TS) † Jack Miklus

Sunday, July 12

7:45 AM (AM/TS) † Frank Nalepka

10:15 AM (AM/TS) † Suzanna Jukic

Pray for...

Evelyn Adamczak	Larry O'Donnell
John Ballard	Linda Palko
Noella Burrows	Joan Raddell
Barbara Contorno	Pat Rossoll
Constance Durrah	Jerry Scarniench
Mary Frain	Judy Schmidt
John Hocevar	Rose Simek
Andrew Jarm	Frank Somrack
Anna Jalovec	John Tarmann
Nick Kaluza	Abbie Vernon
Joe Matejka	
Ronald Maxey	<i>Please notify us</i>
Sheila Moore-Baka	<i>when a name can</i>
Rudy Myeress	<i>be taken off this list.</i>

LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

Happy Fourth of July! It is interesting to me that on this weekend of celebrating our independence, the readings at Mass remind us of the necessity of dependence on God. While some parts of independence are great, it can be taken to extremes. It is unfortunate how often independence as a person is taken to extremes here in the United States. When I studied in Italy, I met a classmate from Lebanon who quickly became a great friend. It was interesting how quickly he noticed when others were feeling down and was able to help people who were ready to accept it. It took me some time to get used to his friendship because of the independent tendencies I had that led me to think I could handle things on my own, that I did not need help, and that, if I learned to be tough enough, I would be respected for being such a strong and independent person. However, I learned that these were all lies and that accepting help from others was a good thing. Accepting help from others draws us closer into community and into relationship with other individuals. It was then that I learned that the American value of independence can be and is often taken to extremes. It is interesting as a counselor how often people are embarrassed to be in my office, as if it is pathetic to need the help of another person. This is a lie. I say this frequently in these bulletin articles, but we NEED others and, most of all, Christ in our lives. A sign of humility is the ability to ask for help when we need it. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that we will find rest and peace in Him. Instead of white knuckling whatever might be bothering you, whether it is spiritual, emotional, financial, or physical, please consider reaching out to the appropriate sources for help.

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SJC Prayer Hotline

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Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving:.....	\$2,305.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$ 810.00
Faith Direct 2nd Half Month Giving	\$
Faith Direct 2nd Half Month Maintenance....	\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!