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JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“COME AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

MATTHEW 4:19

JANUARY 26, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses
Daily: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am & 5:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am
Sat Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, & 5:00 pm
Confessions: Sat., 8:30 - 9:00 am or by appt.

Very Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, V. F., Pastor
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
5:00 PM † Albert Baker by David & Debra Tabony

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
7:30 AM † June Transue by her husband, Bill
9:00 AM † Constanza DeLaCruz by her family
10:45 AM † James Haughey by Jean Pascuiti
5:00 PM The Intentions of our Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
8:00 AM † Jeff Markley by Arlene Widmayer
5:30 PM † John McRae by his daughters

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
8:00 AM † Kenneth Mertons by Pat & Clint Johnson
5:30 PM † Laura Babb by David & Susie Devine

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
8:00 AM † Vince Cowling by Elena Reid
5:30 PM † Vince Cowling by Charlene Lewis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
8:00 AM † John Zarello by The Conti Family
5:30 PM † John Gioia by Linda Fuller & Liz Rice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
8:00 AM † Angela Cervelli by her grandchildren
5:30 PM † Thomas Miller by Ron Miller

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:00 AM † Elaine DeVol by her family
5:00 PM The Intentions of our Parishioners

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
7:30 AM † Julia Bargiel by Frank Shelton
9:00 AM † Ruth Hennessy by her husband, Ed
10:45 AM † Dr. S. Jeffrey Peters by his family
5:00 PM The intentions of Raymond Hernandez by his parents

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
The Legion of Mary invites everyone to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in our Adoration Chapel. If you can dedicate an hour on Fridays to spend with Our Lord, please call the Parish Office to sign up.
This week, January 27th at a glance...

**Monday:**
- 8:30 AM  Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 2 PM Yarn & Rose Knitters
- 5 PM  Sandwich Makers
- 6 PM  Caritas Team Meeting

**Tuesday:**
- 8:30 AM  Legion of Mary

**Wednesday:**
- 10 AM  Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
- 6 PM  Legion of Mary
- 7 PM  Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom Bible Study

**Thursday:**
- 7 PM  Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
- 7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group

**Friday:**
- 9 AM – 5 PM  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:30 – 9 PM  Confirmation II Retreat

**Saturday:**
- 8:30 AM – 6 PM  Confirmation II Retreat

**Sunday:**
- 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
- 9 AM  Story Keepers
- 9:15 AM  RCIA
- 10:15 AM  CIA Session

**Looking forward to, in the near future:**
- Mondays 5:30 PM  Al-Anon Meeting; 2/8,9 Wine and Cheese Social after the 5 PM Masses; 2/8 & 2/10 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting in the church; 2/13 LIFT; 2/22 Parish 50th Anniversary Gala Mass and Dinner; 2/26 Ash Wednesday, Columbette Simple Supper; 2/29,30 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses; 3/13, 14 & 15 Caritas: Parish Retreat

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**Celebrate with us**

**the 50th Anniversary of**

**St. Paul of the Cross Parish**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**Mass at 5 pm with Bishop Barbarito**

**Gala Dinner & Dancing**

**following in the Ave Maria Room**

**Tickets $75**

Tickets available after all Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

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For assistance:
- Call 1-800-348-2886, Ext. 611
- Go to osvonlinegiving.com/611

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**Sunday, January 19th**

$ 17,263.00  ONLINE $ 2,115.00

**GOD BLESS YOU and THANK YOU**

for your generosity in supporting your church!

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is the monthly collection for maintenance and improvements.

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**FOR FEBRUARY 1/2**

Sat., 5:00 PM - Barbara Butkus
Sun., 7:30 AM - Mark Hopper
9:00 AM - Ann Scurry
Cynthia Leising
10:45 AM - Diane McNeal

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~~~ JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH ~~~

There are two employment positions open in our Parish Office: one is for a full-time Maintenance Supervisor; the other is for a part-time Communications and Technology Specialist.

The job postings and applications are on our Diocesan website at diocesepb.org. On the bottom of the main page on the right side click, “Go to Employment Center”; click on the Job Listings and then Employment Applications to apply.

Call Patti if you have any questions.
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

Parish Family Vocations Chalice Program
Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 12322

Thank you to this week’s family, at the 10:45 AM Mass
The Charles Sears Family

You or your family may sign up please call the Parish Office.

Included with the Chalice is a notebook with suggested prayers and a place to write about personal experiences during the week the Chalice is in your home. Over the next few weeks we would like to share some of those comments:

“When the Chalice was in our home my wife had a very bad fall and hit her head on an electrical box. She injured her wrist but with God’s blessing the injuries were not near as bad as we expected. We attribute this to having the Chalice and we thank God.”

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).
Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

Readings for the Week

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To prepare for the Readings of Feb. 1/2
First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).
Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).
Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).
Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).
We All Want to Go to Heaven; We Don’t Get to Choose When

During the month of January, we have been exploring various topics that pertain to respect for all human life, from conception to natural death. So far we have covered topics that pertain to early life and the middle of our lives. We will conclude this series by dealing with respect for life at the end of life.

The Fifth Commandment, “You shall not kill,” gives us a standard by which to measure our respect for life, especially at the end of life. The *Catechism* interprets this Commandment this way: “The Fifth Commandment forbids doing anything with the intention of indirectly bringing about a person's death.” [CCC 2269] In this column, we will briefly explore several topics that contravene this Commandment: murder, capital punishment, euthanasia, and suicide.

Most people would agree that murder is wrong. However, in recent times, we have seen more and more gun violence. And, perhaps the saddest response to this issue seems to be the proliferation of additional weapons for “self-defense.” The *Catechism* gives us a standard by which we are morally allowed to defend our own lives. “If a man in self-defense uses more than necessary violence, it will be unlawful: whereas if he repels force with moderation, his defense will be lawful…” [CCC 2264]

Another response to murder is capital punishment. It has been said, “You cannot teach someone that killing is wrong by killing them.” The *Catechism* encourages a different response: “If bloodless means are sufficient to defend against the aggressor and to protect the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means […]. Today, in fact, given the means at the State’s disposal to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who has committed it, without depriving him definitively of the possibility of redeeming himself, cases of absolute necessity for suppression of the offender today … are very rare, if not practically non-existent.” [CCC 2267]

While violence against another might seem easy to judge as wrong, the more difficult questions relating to end of life decisions are those that seem to be a merciful solution to suffering. One that often comes up and can seem to present itself as the more compassionate response is euthanasia. “Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.” [CCC 2277] However, direct euthanasia should not be confused with allowing someone to die. Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, *extraordinary*, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of ‘over-zealous’ treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede [death] is merely accepted.” [CCC 2278, emphasis added] On the other hand, “[e]ven if death is thought imminent, the *ordinary* care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted.” [CCC 2279, emphasis added] The difference is whether the care would be considered ordinary (such as nutrition and hydration) or extraordinary.

Finally, the rate of suicide has increased tremendously in recent years, especially among young people. While some consider their suicide to be a private event, their death deeply affects those closest to them and even their relationship with God, who gave them life in the first place. However, “we should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to Him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.” [CCC 2283]

In this column, we have realized that respect for human life must begin with the preservation of human life until natural death.
A big “THANK YOU” to everyone who donated baby items to our “CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY CRIB DRIVE.” Many mothers, who decide to keep their babies instead of aborting them, will be helped.

Anyone interested in joining the local chapter of The Christ Child Society should call Anne Kroha at 561-694-2697.

If you have received a year end tax statement in the past 3 years, your 2019 statement is available! Please stop by the Welcome Desk Sunday morning or during the week in the Parish Office for your statement. If you have not received a statement in the past but would like one please fill in the form below.

Christ Child Society
Annual Red Wagon Luncheon
Sat., February 15th,
11 AM cocktails and 12 PM lunch,
at the Abacoa Golf Club, Jupiter
Musical Entertainment by Ashley Cooper
Tickets are $55.
Please call Kathleen Ancona at 561-346-1625 for tickets or more information.

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our
36th Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples
on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 10:30AM,
at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola
in Palm Beach Gardens.
Cake, coffee and punch will be served in the parish hall after the Mass.
All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, or 50 or more years of marriage in the calendar year 2020 are invited to participate.
To attend, please contact the parish office and register your names as soon as possible – but no later than Monday, February 17, 2020.
We ask that all participating couples arrive at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola by 10:00AM -- thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass, so you can receive your personalized certificate.
We are grateful to God to be members of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. We are called as disciples in the mission of the Church – a mission of serving, living the Gospel, and caring for others.

The Diocesan Services Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic in our region to respond with a generous heart to build up the Body of Christ here in the Diocese of Palm Beach, sharing our blessings of faith with others and assisting those in need. Pope Francis reminds us, “Love is always at the service of others. Love is seen in actions, not words.”

We have an opportunity to answer Christ’s call to serve and share Our Faith in Action as joyful missionary disciples by making a financial gift that supports essential ministries, services and programs, that touch so many lives throughout our Diocese.

Your gift will support over 47 programs and ministries that make our Diocese a hope-filled light in the world. Together, we DO make a difference.

With my deepest gratitude and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach
**FAITH FORMATION**

**CIA - Catholics In Action**
1st - 5th grade,
Sundays 10:15 - 11:45 AM
Family Mass 2nd Sun. Feb. 9th, at 9 AM

**NEXT CIA session, TODAY Jan. 26th, Feb. 2nd, Feb. 9th, Feb. 23rd**

**Confirmation I & II & Middle School,**
6th & 7th graders,
Sundays 5 PM Mass followed by
confirmation and class until 8 PM
**Confirmation II RETREAT Jan. 31st**
**NEXT Class, TODAY Jan. 26th, Feb. 9th & 23rd**

**STORY KEEPERS**
Children infants to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass. This program is ongoing and free of charge. Hope you can join us!

**Baptisms:** Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend an instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby. Please call the office to register.
**Next Baptism Class is Sat., Feb. 8th**

**Marriages**
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

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**BIBLE STUDY**
meets weekly, on Wed. at 7 PM in the Ave Maria Hall.
Fr. Tom facilitates.

Next study night, January 29, 2020
Acts 11-12: The Church in Antioch

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**
8:30 am All Saints Room

“Walking with Purpose”
Women’s Group & Catholic Bible Study
Wed. Mornings at 10 AM –
Thursday Evenings at 7 PM (except the 2nd Thursday for LIFT )
St. Gabriel Bldg. Prayer Lounge
ALL WOMEN WELCOME

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**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**
sunday mornings at 9:15 AM
in the All Saints Room
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 561-626-1873.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Continuing our look at the role of the laity in working for justice and peace in the world, we consider the following:

“Our political choices should not reflect simply our own interests, partisan preferences or ideological agendas, but should be shaped by the principles of our faith and our commitment to justice, especially to the weak and vulnerable. The voices and votes of lay Catholics are needed to shape a society with greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, cultural diversity and global solidarity.” (USCCB: Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice, 1998).

Challenge Question: In what ways does the above statement challenge me to become engaged in shaping society toward a greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, and global solidarity?
Columbite™ meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wed. Feb. 19th, at a new time, 4:30 PM in the All Saints Room. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please consider joining the Columbiettes.

Knights of Columbus general meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Wed., Feb. 12th at 7 PM (officers meet on the 1st Wed., Feb. 5th) Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus at St Paul of the Cross Parish. Contact Jonathan Knaus at 561-603-8303 or email jonathan.Knaus@kofc.org

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A kick-off Building Fund Gala dinner dance for the construction of our permanent church took place on January 22, 1977 and netted $4,000!

**Join us for these exciting events taking place during the last half of our 50th Anniversary year:**
- Feb. 22 - 5pm Mass & Gala Celebration (Tickets now available!!)
- March 28/29 - Ministries Fair
- April 25 - Golf Tournament-NPBCC
- June 6 - Renewal of Wedding Vows

WORSHIP, MESSAGE, ADORATION
 Thurs., Feb. 13th
Join us each month for a night of praise & worship, a dynamic message, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
It is held from 7-8:30 in the Church, is for all ages and free to attend!
Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers: Jack Braster, Mary Ellen Fetterman, Joan Hayes, Becky Mata, Marna Poekert, Julia Terranova and...