February 24, 2019 / The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
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Having Fun While Doing Good

Membership in the Saint George Catholic Women’s Group (SGCWG) is open to every woman in the parish. The Group holds a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Kuzy Hall and gathers at the Harmons in Santa Clara on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm for a casual lunch. But if you think this is purely a social group, you would be mistaken!

The Group holds bake sales near Easter and Christmas to raise funds. The SGCWG also collects money and goods for charitable efforts which include coats/gifts for the San Pablo Mission and a diaper drive for the Hope Pregnancy Center.

Mostly recently, the SGCWG donated brightly colored backpacks to our Church’s CCD classes to hold the children’s bibles and prayer books. Another generous donation was a check for $500 to Youth Futures Shelter Home, a 24/7 shelter specifically for youth ages 12-18 located in downtown St. George. So, if you are a woman that likes to have fun while doing good, the SGCWG may be right for you!

Divirtiéndose mientras se hace bien

La membresía en el Grupo de Mujeres Católicas de San Jorge (SGCWG) está abierta a todas las mujeres en la parroquia. El Grupo celebra una reunión mensual el primer martes del mes a las 6:30 pm en Kuzy Hall y se reúne en Harmons en Santa Clara el segundo martes del mes a la 1:00 pm para un almuerzo informal. Pero si piensas que esto es puramente un grupo social, ¡estás equivocada!

El Grupo realiza ventas de pasteles cerca de Semana Santa y Navidad para recaudar fondos. El SGCWG también recolecta dinero y bienes para esfuerzos caritativos que incluyen abrigos / regalos para la Misión de San Pablo y una campaña de cambio de pañales para el Centro de Embarazo de Hope.

Recientemente, el SGCWG donó mochilas de colores brillantes a las clases de CCD de nuestra Iglesia para guardar las biblas y los libros de oraciones de los niños. Otra donación generosa fue un cheque por $ 500.00 para Youth Futures, un refugio 24/7 específicamente para jóvenes de 12 a 18 años en el centro de St. George. Si eres una mujer a la que le gusta divertirse mientras hace el bien, ¡el SGCWG puede ser el adecuado para ti!

Photo: Krista Whipple, manager of Youth Futures Shelter Home, holds a check for $500 that was hand-delivered on February 8 by SGCWG president Nadia Neumeier.
We are called to take “the higher road” in life, just as Jesus did.

Jesus met with human resistance from the moment He began speaking publicly. His words offered a way of life different than many people chose to live. He challenged their misleading words, offensive and destructive behaviors, selfish actions, and worldly desires.

While Jesus’ words challenged, they also encouraged. Some people accepted change in their life, recognizing a better Way. Others did not.


The “cost” may mean taking a closer look at how and why we think as we do. Perhaps we look at life in a selfish, self-satisfying gaze, unlike the lens through which Jesus invites us to see.

“Cost” calls us to abandon self and follow Jesus. “Self”, however, is what our world acknowledges and encourages, and satisfying “self” is that which we are continually prompted to do, no matter the “cost”. Food, alcohol, mind-altering drugs, excessive material possessions and wealth, inappropriate relationships are all meant to bring costly enjoyment and pleasure, perhaps even escape from a world gone mad.

Our world does not encourage the way of life Jesus calls us to follow. Although we may live in this world, we do not have to conform to that which this world identifies as “the” way. The way of life our world offers will never satisfy; it will confuse, disappoint, perhaps even destroy. It will never bring the joy we will find in loving God and accepting His Will.

We cannot bargain for joy, peace or eternal happiness. We cannot buy it. It has already been purchased for us, at the highest cost – Jesus Christ, HimSELF. He gave everything He had for us, asking only for our love in return. He knocks on the door of your heart. Will you open that door? Will you sacrifice self? At what cost?

“. . . we are invited to offer our devotion, to have our hearts ’burn within us,’ to offer consolation to Jesus and make reparation for all of our offenses and those of the whole world. He wants us to unite ourselves completely with the flow of love and mercy that pours forth from his heart.”

1 Healing Promises: The Essential Guide to the Sacred Heart by Anne Costa

~Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
Pastor’s Message by Father Oscar Martin Picos
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Today the Word teaches us how we should behave toward others in a fair and honest way. Jesus breaks the circle of evil that multiplies in human relationships and invites us to another path. The guideposts on this path are:

- We must rid ourselves of situations that prevent us from having fluid and affective relationships with others. In the life of the believer, only love—not hatred nor revenge nor pride nor the desire to possess—will be the measure of our closeness to God.

- The best way to eliminate an enemy is to make a friend. We must help our enemies, even pray for them. Returning evil for evil is a failure produced by a mediocre heart. Great hearts can turn the evil they receive into love, returning in kindness what was sown in evil. Only a heart in love with God can understand this.

- The mercy of God is the model to follow. If God neither judges nor condemns us, why should we judge and condemn others? Learn from the mercy of God to understand the world and other people as remediable, surmountable and kind.

- To love is to forgive. We have to learn to look at the past without pain. To love is to not hold a grudge, desire revenge, or abandon the one who hurt us. Jesus gave us this example until the last moments of his life. He died forgiving: “Father, forgive them because they know not what they do”.

- The love that Jesus gives us is universal. It is not a love for a particular group or race or church. The love of God embraces all human beings, both friends and enemies.

Let us not judge our brother. Why should we not judge others? Every judgment we make about another person weighs on a specific part of our life and our heart. If we believe someone is a bandit and judge him without love, we carry that judgment as a burden on our own heart and our life. If, on the other hand, we welcome the other with love, understanding and acceptance of his inner world, we will see him as a weak brother who needs our help and support. We will be doing with our neighbor what God does every day with us.

Hoy la Palabra nos indica y orienta sobre cómo debemos comportarnos con los demás de un modo justo y honesto. Jesús rompe el círculo del mal que se multiplica en las relaciones humanas y nos invita a otro camino cuyas características son:

- Desposeernos de tantas cosas y de situaciones interiores que nos impiden relaciones fluidas y afectivas con los demás. En la vida del creyente sólo el amor, no el odio ni la venganza, ni el orgullo, ni el afán de poseer, será el termómetro mediante el cual medimos nuestra cercanía a Dios y a nosotros mismos.

- El mejor remedio para acabar con un enemigo es hacerlo amigo. Tenemos que ayudar a los enemigos, incluso orando por ellos. Devolver mal por mal es un fracaso producido siempre por un corazón mediocre. Sólo los grandes corazones pueden convertir en amor el mal que recibieron y devolver al otro en bondad lo que sembró en maldad. Esto sólo lo entiende y lo vive un corazón enamorado de Dios.

- La misericordia de Dios es el modelo a seguir. Si Dios ni te juzga ni te condena, ¿Por qué tú juzgas, condenas y ejecutas interiormente al otro? Aprende de la misericordia de Dios a entender el mundo y a las personas como remediables, superables, amables.

- Amar es perdonar. Sólo perdonas y olvida un corazón enamorado. Quien ama no está siempre recordando el dolor pasado y provocado por los que ahora son sus enemigos. Tenemos que aprender a mirar el pasado sin dolor. Amar es no guardar rencor, ni deseo de venganza, ni alegrarse del mal ajeno, ni mucho menos alejarse del que te hizo daño... El ejemplo nos lo dejó Jesús hasta en los últimos momentos de su vida. Jesús murió perdonando: "Padre, perdónalos porque no saben lo que hacen."

- El amor que nos trae Jesús es universal. No es un amor para un grupo o una raza o una Iglesia determinada. El amor de Dios abarca a todos los seres humanos, amigos y enemigos.

No juzgues a tu hermano. ¿Por qué no debemos de juzgar al otro? Todo juicio que hacemos sobre el otro lo sitúa en una parte concreta de nuestra vida y de nuestro corazón. Si creemos de alguien que es un bandido y lo juzgamos sin amor, lo pondremos en un rincón no muy relevante de nuestro corazón y de nuestra vida. Si, en cambio, acogemos al otro con amor, comprendiendo su mundo interior e incluso asumiendo su mediocridad, ya no le despreciaremos; lo veremos como un hermano débil que necesita de nuestra ayuda y apoyo. Es hacer con el próximo lo que Dios hace cada día contigo.
EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday
7:00 pm  RCIA  Scanlan, FL2
3:30 pm  Holy Rosary—please join us  Hurricane
10:00am  Everyday God (3/11, 3/25, 4/8)  Scanlan, FL2

Tuesday
9:00 am  Marian Hour - Our Lady of Peace  Kuzy
12-4 pm  Bridge Group  Kuzy
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Kuzy
7:00 pm  CCD  Scanlan FL2
First Tuesday
6:30 pm  Women’s Group (Sept-June)  Kuzy
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus (Sept-June)  Kuzy, FL2

Second Tuesday
1:00 pm  Women's Group Lunch at Harmons  Santa Clara
1:30 pm  Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins  160N 200E

Wednesday
12:00pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication date)
6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group  Kuzy, FL2
7:00 pm  Classes Bibliicas  Scanlan, FL3
7:00 pm  Holy Hour of Reparation

Thursday
9:00 am  Prayers for the Unborn

Second Thursday
1:30 pm  Mass at Sterling Court, St. George  324N 1680E

Third Thursday
6:30 pm  4th Degree K of C  Kuzy, FL2

Friday
7:00 pm  Holy Hour, Spanish
First Friday
8:00 am  Anointing of the Sick at Mass
Last Friday
9:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration begins

Saturday
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Kuzy
First Saturday
8:00 am  Mass in Honor of Our Lady
9:30 am  Walk for Life (Oct-May)  Bluff & 600S

After last Friday
6:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend
At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Sunday
9:00 am  CCD  Scanlan, FL2
11:00am  CCD  Scanlan, FL2
5:00 pm  Rosary

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Our Sanctuary Candle
burns this week in memory of

MATTHEW SMITH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/23
5:00 pm  †Alfred Jankus
†Wade Henderson by Alice Henderson
†Coach Ray & Ken Odette by Family
All military service personnel, living and deceased
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Sunday 2/24
9:00 am  Generational Healing of All Families by Prayer Community
11:00 am  For Our Priests
1:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo
†Jamie Merlo by daughter Leticia
Para la Curación generacional de Todas las Familias por nuestra Communidad de Oracion

Monday 2/25
8:00 am  †Bob Kowalski

Tuesday 2/26
8:00 am  †Deacon Mark Bourget

Wednesday 2/27
8:00 am  †Andi Villicana by Grandmother
JoElyn Brotherton

Thursday 2/28
8:00 am  Judy Dyer & Family & Grandkids
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Friday 3/1
8:00 am  †The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Generational Healing of All Families by Prayer Community
ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS
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LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 25  “Everyday” God, 10:00 am, Scanlan FL2
Mar. 2   Pro-Life “Walk for Life”, 9:30-11:30 am
Mar. 6   Ash Wednesday
Mar. 11  “Everyday” God, 10:00 am, Scanlan FL2
Mar. 12  SGCGW Lunch, Harmon's Santa Clara, 1:00 pm
Parish Mission facilitated by Tracy Earl Welliver
May 12-14 “From Easter to Pentecost”

Mass In Honor of Our Lady
Join fellow parishioners at Mass in Honor of Our Lady at 8:00 am on the first Saturday, March 2

Pro-Life “Walk for Life”
First Saturday, March 2
The Pro-Life Ministry’s monthly “Walk for Life” is Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, at the corner of Bluff Street and 600 South.
What a great opportunity to offer up a sacrifice for the cleansing of the Church and at the same time for the protection of the tiny babies in the womb.
If you can’t stand, bring a folding chair. If you can’t stay for 2 hours, invite a friend to take your place when you leave. We need a good turnout. Please come and remember to bring your Rosary.

Next weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects
If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects fund through our online giving.

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (2/10).................................$ 10,778
Capital Improvement Project (January)
Renovation and Improvement Fund .... $ 336,765
Renovation Fund Collections ........... $ 4,562

Ladies and Gentlemen, do you have a smile to share, or a handshake to welcome, familiar faces or new friends arriving for weekend Mass? If so, please join our team of ushers on Monday evening, February 25 at 6:30 in the church to identify and reflect on our current parish ministry needs as well as those of the future here at Saint George Catholic Church. We look forward to seeing you.

Saint Therese Gift Shop
It's time to get ready for the Lent and Easter season. Come in to see the variety of Lent prayer books in English and Spanish, Last Supper plaques, statues, Stations of the Cross rosary and other special rosaries, holy cards, bookmarks, children's books, magnets, crucifixes, crosses, RCIA gifts and so much more.
Confirmation and First Holy Communion gifts are already out. Come in and purchase early. If you need a special gift for RCIA, Confirmation or First Holy Communion come in early to order.
Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and after the weekend Masses.
Contact: Sharon, 435-688-1948.

"Act and God will act, work and He will work."
~Saint Joan of Arc

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Scripture Readings for the Week of February 24

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

Singers Needed
The 9:00 am choir has a shortage of altos and men’s voices. We understand that people will need to miss choir for personal reasons, but more singers on the roster is a reality that allows us to keep singing when a head count varies. All singers are valued, but the harmony from altos give a choir sound to the songs we sing with the assembly, while men’s voices give substance.

Altos must be able to read music. The men’s harmony is optional. The choir rehearses at 8:00 am in Kuzy Hall before Mass, so there are no evening rehearsals. We also go on hiatus for the summer months so the commitment is not as limiting as one might think.

Call Carol Frost for more details: 435-628-6795.
Thank you!

Envelopes
The 2019-2020 donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule. They are sorted by envelope number. If you don’t know your number, please refer to the list on the clipboard on the table which is sorted by last name to locate it.

If you cannot locate your envelopes, or need to have an envelope number assigned, please call or visit the parish office. Also please let us know of any name/address changes. Thank you.

A reminder that online giving—the link and more information is on the web (saintgeorgecatholics.com)—is a safe, convenient alternative to envelopes.

Greece: In the Footsteps of Saint Paul
with Father Dass
June 28 - July 8, 2019

This trip includes visits to Thessaloniki, Phillippi, Kavala, Kalambaka, Delphi, Corinth, Athens, Kusadasi, Patmos, Ephesus (Mary’s House), Santorini, & 3-Night Cruise.

Please email Tim Kockler (tkockler@msn.com) for more information.

This Weekend—Please Join Us after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses for Coffee & Donuts

La segunda colecta próximo fin de semana será a beneficio de los proyectos de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George.
Gracias por su apoyo.

Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora
Únase con sus feligreses a la misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora a las 8:00 am, el primer sábado, 2 de marzo

"Caminata Por la Vida"
Sábado, 2 de marzo

La "Caminata por la Vida" del Ministerio Pro-Vida es el sábado 2 de marzo, de 9:30 a 11:30 am, en la esquina de Bluff Street y 600 South.

¡Qué gran oportunidad para ofrecer un sacrificio para la limpieza de la Iglesia y al mismo tiempo para la protección de los pequeños bebés en el útero!

Si no puedes pararte, trae una silla plegable. Si no puedes quedarte 2 horas, invita a un Amigo para tomar tu lugar cuando te vayas. Necesitamos una buena participación. Por favor ven y recuerda traer tu rosario.

Todo para Jesús, Amén!