



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Political Fine Lines

I am sure that all of you have experienced political fine lines that are like 'land mines' if you don't know where you are stepping. And like me, you can end up in trouble real fast. By now you also realize that nothing in life is a clear-cut black and white issue. Political fine lines are real and legitimate conversations. But what role should they play in our parish? How can we be gracious and still have gumption?

1) **Understanding over Arrogance** - There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Most everyone focuses on Wisdom. My life journey has focused me more on Understanding. My thought is that if I grow in understanding, then I will be wise. It is good for all of us to admit upfront that none of us has all the answers. There are different ways to accomplish a job. That's what makes life complicated.

The best attitude to have in dealing with political issues is to have conversation, not confrontation. Conversation helps us to understand other issues. And just because we focus on Understanding, that doesn't mean we have endless debates. We need to stay focused. But Understanding really helps us to discern the best action and then make a wise decision.

2) **Unity over Division** - Let's face it, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is all about unity. There is power in unity. The Enemy uses division as his main tool to weaken us. Unity does not mean we compromise our values. But with unity we surrender our individualistic mindset and search for ways we can best serve others. We don't always have to get our way to be good Christians. By staying unified we may help others to grow in understanding. When outsiders see that Most Holy Redeemer is unified, we are inviting. People want to be loved and accepted.

3) **Love is greater than Pride** - I'll never forget a time when my mother apologized to me. It was memorable. She was a proud woman and to apologize meant that her love was greater than her pride. Apologizing is often considered a sign of weakness. But in my life, I realize that it is a sign of strength. A sign that Love is more powerful than Pride.

My close friends comment that I am often the first one to bend. The first one to reach out after a fight or disagreement. I learned that from my mother. I've realized over time that I have put too much time and energy into my friendships to have them fall apart over petty issues. If you have disagreements over political issues, mend your relationships. They are valuable and need a little TLC.

4) **Focus over being Scattered** - As a country, we will never make everyone happy. We are not going to correct every wrong. We cannot embrace every single issue. We need to focus on some important things and get them accomplished. (If I was President . . . LOL.) The same thing is for the Church. No one parish can do every ministry. There is one thing our country should be doing . . . focusing on Jesus Christ.

Praying for peace.
Father Anthony

Mass Times

Sunday:

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:30 pm
(Spanish)

Thursday:

6:45 am
8:30 am
(School Mass)
6:00 pm

Monday:

6:45 am
6:00 pm

Friday:

6:45 am
6:00 pm

Tuesday:

6:45 am
6:00 pm

Saturday:

8:30 am
5:00 pm (Vigil)

Wednesday:

6:45 am
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
(Spanish)

All Weekday Masses are Celebrated in the St. Anthony Retreat House, except for Wednesday 7pm Spanish mass.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9am - 3pm
Tues. - Thurs: 8am - 3pm
Friday - Sunday: Closed

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Coppola

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Jonathan Loverita

Deacons:

Kevin Dwyer

Joseph Krzanowski

Ted Martin

Pray for the living & the dead

+ - Deceased

HG - Healing Graces

BB - Birthday Blessings



Saturday, February 1st

5:00pm + Enrique Gonzalez

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00am Bill & Marie Terlop - Family Blessing

10:00am Handmaids of Mary & Padre Pio Members - Living & Deceased

12:30pm + Juan A Rodriguez

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3rd

6:45am All Souls in Purgatory
6:00pm + Carlos Medina Jr.

Tuesday, February 4th

6:45am + Maria Inclan Gonzalez
6:00pm Deacon Joe (BB)

Wednesday, February 5th

6:45am End of violence against women
6:00pm For victims traumatized by violence

7:00pm + Albert Omar Feliciano

Thursday, February 6th

6:45am For Christian Martyrs
8:30am Vocations to Priesthood
6:00pm For those who need prayers

Friday, February 7th

6:45am For those suffering of Alzheimer
6:00pm + Maria Judy Cosme

Saturday, February 8th

8:30am + Matthew Diakow
5:00pm Emelhi Romero

Prepare for next Sunday, February 9, 2020

First Reading - "You shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!" (IS 58:7-10)

PSALM - "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright." (PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

Second Reading - "Your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

(1 COR 2:1-5)

Gospel - "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (MT 5:13-16)



Pray for the Sick



Isabel Rodriguez,
Jorge Cruz,
Marie Wood,
Rose Hurley,
Eila O'Connor,
Cecilia Lopez,

Cathe Varn, Willie Davis,
John O'Brien, Angeles Rivera,
Carolyn Kreiling,
Jason Capitano, Herman E. Caceres,
Veronica N. Chavez,
Maria Sol Montel,
Laura A. Caceres,
Veronica Rodriguez,
Luz A. Bringas,
Carolina S. Brizuela Perez,
Andrea E. Bernabey,
Rodolfo M. Arruabarrena,
Angel E. Arrua,
Gustavo Caceres,
Carl Hinson,
Gertrudis Pineda,
Pete Perez,
Daniel Sutter,
Shirley Conway,
Harlon Parchment,
Angelica Espinosa,
Barbara Cowne,
Lucy Perez

Parish Events & News

Sat. Feb. 1st & Sun. Feb 2nd

Blessing of Throats at all masses. Bring candles to be blessed

Saturday Feb. 1st

9:15am - 11:30am Faith Formation Reconciliation Prep-Class. 1st Class "The Good Shepard"

Sunday Feb. 2nd

9:00am - 11:00am (PR) Hospitality, Join us in the Duffy Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship

Tuesday Feb. 4th

9:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry distribution. For more information contact parish office

Wed. Feb. 5th

3:00pm - 5:45pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm - 9:00pm RCIA - (PR) For more information or to register contact Maureen & Deacon Ted @ Tjm@mhr Tampa.org

Saturday Feb. 8th

9:15am - 11:30am Faith Formation Reconciliation Prep-Class. 2nd Class "The Good Shepard"

Monday Feb. 10th

7:00pm - 8:00pm (PR) Men's Club Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 11th

9:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry distribution. For more information contact parish office

Wed. Feb. 12th

3:00pm - 5:45pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

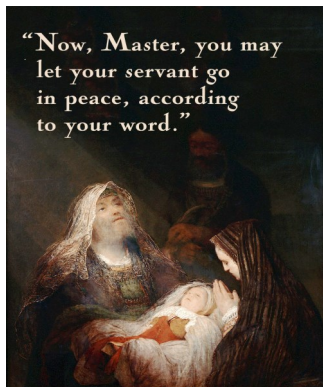
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Sunday Feb. 16th

9:00am - 11:00am (PR) Hospitality, Join us in the Duffy Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship

Tuesday Feb. 18th

9:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry distribution. For more information contact parish office



St. Paul Center presents Scott Hahn - The Road to Emmaus and Ongoing Conversion & Silent Knight, Holy Knight. On Saturday February 15th, 2020 from 8:30am - 12:00pm at St. Paul Catholic Church 12708 N. Dale Mabry Hwy Tampa, FL 33618. Admission Fee \$25.00 Registration & Details @ STPAULCENTER.COM/Tampa
For more info email office@stpaulcenter.com or call 740-264-9535

Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School invites you to an Open House - Thursday Feb. 13th, 2020 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us to:

- Tour our campus
- Meet the staff
- Learn more about our Corporate Work Study Program

Discover the Cristo Rey Experience:

- Safe, faith base environment
- Affordable tuition
- 100% College acceptance rate
- Real world work experience



Register at www.cristoreytampa.org/admission/tour/ or call 813-621-8300



ABUNDANCE

Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations Sponsored by the Sierra Club

Adoration with Chanted Evening Prayer, starting at **7:00pm** @ the **Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle**

SPRING DATES:

February 19th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, & June 24th.

Office of Marriage and Family Life - The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gregory Parkes will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on **Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 pm**. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25, 50 or more years of marriage during the 2020 calendar year. **Please RSVP to the parish office by Tuesday, February 4th**

10th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference:

"Who Do You Say That I Am" - Join a thousand

other Catholic men from parishes around West Central Florida for a day of prayer, reconciliation,

learning and fellowship! **Saturday, February 22, 2020 @ Higgins Hall, 5225 N**

Himes Avenue, Tampa. This conference will feature two dynamic, nationally-

known speakers: **DR. TIM GRAY: President of the Augustine Institute**, plus,

PETER HERBECK: TV/radio host, author and vice president of Renewal

Ministries. Tickets are \$40 per person with Father/Son combo tickets at two for

\$40 (includes lunch and free parking) For more information and to register

visit SuncoastCatholicMinistries.com



Spanish Community Events & News

Clases de preparación para los sacramento de la Reconciliación y Confirmación

Reconciliación - Sábado febrero 1, 8, y 22 de 9:15am a 12:00pm en la cafetería de la escuela

Confirmación - Domingo febrero 16 y Domingo marzo 1 de 11:10am a 3:15pm en el Duffy Hall (MS)

Para mas información contar a Theresa al 813-933-2859

Weekly Offering

01/18/20 - 01/19/20

Mass Time	Amount Collected	Adult Attendees
5:00pm	\$999	145
8:00am	\$1,036	81
10:00am	\$1,782	171
12:30pm	\$1,440	422
Totals	\$5,257	819
Attd. incl. children		1002
Online Giving		2,783
Total Offertory		8040

2019 APA

Assessment	\$107,668
Pledged	\$104,778
Paid	\$104,482
Contributors	237

Spanish Ministries

RICA: 1:30pm Todos los domingos en el Duffy Hall - (BR)

Dialogo Matrimonio: 7:00pm Todos los lunes en el Duffy Hall - (MS/BR)

Escuela San Andrés 7:00pm Todos los martes en el Duffy Hall - (SAR)

Grupo de Oración 7:00pm Todos los martes en el Duffy Hall (MS)

Juan XXIII 7:00pm Todos los miércoles en el Duffy Hall - (MS/BF)

Legión de María: 7:00pm Todos los miércoles en el Duffy Hall (KOC)

Juan XXIII Noche de Formación 7:00pm Todos los jueves en el Duffy Hall