Please Note

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned. Please be sure to register the number of people in your family who will be sitting with you so we can seat you together.

Masks must be worn at all times both for Sunday Masses and Daily Masses.

Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Masses

Monday - Friday -- 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM; Saturday -- 9:00 AM; Saturday (Nolan Hall) -- 5:00 PM

Sunday (Church) -- 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish); (Nolan Hall) -- 9:15 AM & 10:45 AM

The following Masses will be Live Streamed on www.stjosephsbabylon.org

9:00 AM Daily Mass (English); 10:30 AM Sunday (English); 12:00 PM Sunday (Spanish)

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned.
For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Ann G. Osarczuk & Gail Carey.

For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:

Prayers for Our Military
We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

**U.S. Navy:**
Lt. Cdr. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
Lt. Dylan Kelly
Lt. Christian Amelia
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO3 Matthew Waldron
E2 Liam McKeown
E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**
Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
1st Lt Marc Anthony Parrino
1st Lt R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Cpl Alyssa E. Grimaldi
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
CPO Benjamin Flad

**U.S. Army:**
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
SSG Josuah Insull
SSG David C. Ray
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SPC Alexandra Diaz
PFC Dominick Ptitto
PV2 Danny Bornschein

**U.S.A.F.:**
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger

Prayer for the Coming Week:

**Monday, November 2 ~
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed All Soul’s Day**
Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

**Tuesday, November 3**
Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday, November 4**
Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 5**
Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday, November 6**
Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-18

**Saturday, November 7**
Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday, November 8 ~ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I would like to reflect on one of the most important aspects of moral growth in the spiritual life: the formation of one's conscience. We may be familiar with the teaching of St. Alphonsus Liguori, who stated that it is a sin for us not to follow our conscience. That is because not following our conscience would mean that we are intending to commit something that we comprehend as evil. Choosing evil is never morally permissible.

What we may be less familiar with is what St. Alphonsus says after (we are referring here to the first book of his magnum opus, which is a multi-volume work simply titled "Moral Theology."). This "most zealous" doctor of the Church went on to talk about an erroneous conscience, that is one which "repeatedly asserts falsehood as if it were the truth." An erroneous conscience can be vincible or invincible. An invincible erroneous conscience is one that is constantly in error, but without sin, because it never perceives any doubt or confusion in itself when judging a particular moral act.

On the other hand, "vincible is that which, when it ought and is able to be conquered by effort, either because it has already perceived error, or at least hesitates because of perceiving error and at the same time turns towards its obligation of conquering that error, nevertheless neglects to conquer that error." He notes that "common and ordinary" effort to correct the error is morally sufficient. Finally, he says, "he who has a vincibly erroneous conscience always sins, whether he acts with it, or against it. He sins, for by acting against it he chooses the bad which he judges to be bad; on the other hand, he sins by acting with it because although he ought and is able to conquer error, he acts rashly by not displacing the error."

We now ask ourselves: in the moral life, do I seek to conquer errors in my conscience? To put this another way: do I seek to develop my conscience so that I may be able to correctly judge what is good or evil? (We take for granted that you want to choose that which is truly good.) If not, if I am either apathetic about my moral decision making, or I am satisfied with the possibility of being in error (possibly because I will find that it demands conversion and change on my part), then what does that say about the place of God in my life? What does it say about the value I place upon my redemption, the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, if I'm content with the idea that I may be wandering far from God without knowing it? We consider these words from the two letters of St. Peter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead [...] Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct. [...] So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation. [...] Beloved, I beg you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul. [...] For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them."
So, how do we attain a well-formed conscience? As Catholics, we recognize that the insights and knowledge that are necessary to see things clearly involve both the use of the gift of our human reason, as well as divine revelation and inspiration. Christ promised this when at the Last Supper He said, "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn. 14:26). While the Holy Spirit has the ability to speak through all things, even Caiaphas (cf. Jn. 11:49-51) and Balaam's donkey (cf. Num. 22:21-30), the fullness of that Holy Spirit was poured forth in a special way on a singular occasion (besides upon special prophets or Our Lady), and that was at Pentecost, when He came upon the Apostles, gathered in the upper room with Mary, as tongues of fire and gave birth to the Church. Here, we see the power by which Christ's promise at Caesarea Philippi would be fulfilled: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." The Holy Spirit ensures the Church of Christ to be indefectible. Thus preserved, she (the Church) can rightly instruct her members and the world on morals and faith. She is the only person/group who has ever been given this special character. Rightly does the Apostles' Creed declare this relationship as "I believe in the Holy Spirit" is immediately followed with, "the Holy Catholic Church." And so, our conscience is best formed by the Holy Spirit acting through the Church and her members.

Is this where I look for my conscience formation? So often it seems to me that social media, society, political figures and parties, our circle of friends and family, journalists, academia, and even our own personal opinions seem to take pride of place when it comes to forming our conscience. None of them have the protection of Christ's promise given to them. Even the great St. Paul, who could rightly claim a certain fidelity to the truth because of his call and his sanctity, says "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him accursed" (Gal. 1:8). If our conscience runs contrary to the teachings of the Church, wouldn't this be enough to identify it as being vincibly erroneous?

How does the Holy Spirit work in the Church to inform our conscience? Here we consider both the order and nature of the Church. Bishops, particularly the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), have been called by God, consecrated by Him in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and entrusted with a special task of teaching the faithful through their prophetic office. Stronger, still, is that voice when they gather together and study, pray, discuss, and decide together, often with the expert advice of those recognized for their intellectual gifts and their sanctity of life. When they speak together in an official way, we sometimes call the this Magisterium. God has also so ordered things so that our first instruction would come from our parents, who are tasked by God to pass on the faith to their children. The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony provides them with the grace needed to help give witness to their children so that they can help raise them to have, among many other things well-informed consciences. Indeed, all of the baptized, given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism, and the fullness of that gift at Confirmation, are tasked with forming the conscience of the world: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20). In addition, through reflection and miraculous signs from God, we recognize the canonized saints to be especially suited for teaching us the truth and informing our consciences (consider what is said about Wisdom working in the saints in Proverbs, the Book of Wisdom, and the Book of Sirach, especially chapters 44-50). If our conscience is dubious, if it may be in error, do we seek to know, learn, pray, and study the writings of the Church through the figures mentioned in this paragraph? If I encounter some or another teaching of the Church on faith and morals that seems to run contrary to my conscience, do I dismiss it, or do I seek to understand how the Holy Spirit is speaking through her?
A Message from fr. Jason

What about when this or that bishop said/did something wrong? The existence of evil bishops is scandalous. Nevertheless, evil and erroneous bishops do not mean the whole Church has defected any more than your sin or mine would imply that the Church has defected. Judas was an Apostle. Paul had to correct Peter on his teaching regarding the circumcision of the Gentiles. Both of them warn against false prophets. St. Peter says that, "they promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption" (2 Pt. 2:19). St. Paul says, "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:14-15). The First Council of Nicaea would decide against Arius and a host of bishops in the fourth century who denied the divinity of Christ and caused issues that we still feel from time to time today. St. Peter Damien had to call clergy and popes to task. St. Catherine of Sienna would do the same with the papacy in Avignon. And who cannot be impacted by the effects of the sins of some clergy in our own time? Does any of this change the truths of Holy Spirit, the third Person of the unchanging and eternal Trinity? Of course not. No one of us is promised what has been promised to the Church. Therefore, we look to her to authentically interpret Scripture and Tradition, so that our conscience may be rightly guided by divine illumination, not clouded by the error of this world or of sin.

I thank you for taking the time to read and reflect on this. I know this column is longer than usual, but it provides some crucial teachings at a crucial moment. While I invite all to apply these teachings in every area of their life, it is the case that this column is written with a mind towards the general election this week. Voting is a moral act, and therefore governed by our conscience. May ours be well-informed!

In Christ,
fr. Jason
We Celebrate the Sacraments

**Baptism**
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

**Matrimony**
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements.
No arrangements can be made by phone.

**Anointing of the Sick**
Call the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation**
Wednesday: 7pm-8pm and Saturday: 10am-11am in the Nolan Hall.
**Wedding Banns**

| First Time~ | Giovanni Tiso & Lauren Manganello |
| Second Time~ | William Visgauss & Dana Bonventre |
| Third Time~ | No Banns |

**Monday- November 2**
- 7:30AM: All Souls Day Novena
- 9:00AM: Ministry of Consolation

**Tuesday- November 3**
- 7:30AM: Sara DeMott
- 9:00AM: All Soul’s Day Novena

**Wednesday- November 4**
- 7:30AM: All Soul’s Day Novena
- 9:00AM: Estelle Carvelas

**Thursday- November 5**
- 7:30AM: Arcangela Gargano
- 9:00AM: All Soul’s Day Novena

**Friday- November 6**
- 7:30AM: All Soul’s Day Novena
- 9:00AM: Maureen Fizzuoglio

**Saturday- November 7**
- 9:00AM: All Soul’s Day Novena
- 5:00PM: Michael Rietta
- 5:15PM: Nunzio DiLorenzo
- For the Intentions of Adgeffrena-Marcena
- For the Intentions of Krystal Maharaj
- Chinnamma Samuel

**Sunday- November 8**
- 7:00AM: All Soul’s Day Novena
- 9:00AM: For the Intentions of Theresa Delaney
- 9:15AM: People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:30AM: Virginia Clair
- 10:45AM: Martin Kennedy
- 12:00PM: Español
SUNDAY MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM

We are very happy to note that many people are beginning to feel more comfortable attending Mass in our Parish. Special thanks go to our Volunteers who are making this happen! Each Mass has, at the very least, 5 people working to maintain safe-seating, and many people are remaining after each Mass to help with sanitizing each pew. This is our Catholic Community at its best. THANK YOU!

In order to continue following these safety guidelines, it is necessary that we continue the SUNDAY MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM. This can be found on the parish website or by clicking here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dac2ca5f94-october

PLEASE NOTE: Our Masses are filling to CAPACITY. We cannot guarantee seating for WALK-INS. The registration system opens on Wednesdays at 10am and CLOSES on Saturday at NOON.

If you have a question about the system, you may call during business hours: Monday—Friday 9:30am—4pm 631-669-0068 ext 108 or you may send an email back when you reserve your Mass Registration to bmcnulty@stjbabylon.org

If you do not have access to a computer, please give us a call and let us know.

Thank you. Stay Safe—and continue to pray for one another!

Bulletin Reflection:
In today’s Gospel, we hear of the Beatitudes. May we learn from Christ’s teaching so we may one day be saints in Heaven.
NEWS FLASH: We have our First Reconciliation and First Communion dates. Children will be assigned a date and time for Reconciliation and families will have the opportunity to choose the day and time of their child’s First Communion. Emails will go out to all registered families this week asking you to choose a date. The dates will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

First Reconciliation: will take place on Saturday January 9th & 16th from 12pm-4pm in the Nolan Hall. Letters will go out with your child’s assigned date and time.

Banner kits will be given out when the children come for their First Reconciliation

First Communions: Will take place on the following Saturdays:
- April 17th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm;
- April 24th @ 11am & 1pm;
- May 8th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm;
- May 15th @ 11am & 1pm;
- June 12th @ 11am & 1pm;
- June 19th @ 11am & 1pm

First Communion Celebrations - will be limited to 15 families per Mass.

Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 began the week of October 19th. Emails have been sent to all registered families telling them what to expect this year and to let you know what the children should be working on at home.

Book sales will take place Monday – Friday 9am-3pm, please call 631-587-4717 when you arrive and let us know what grade level books you need and we will bring them out to you. Monday – Thursday 4-5pm, please call 631-669-0068 and ask for Leslie. Please leave a message if you get the answering machine. She may be on another call or away from her desk.

Please either bring cash or a check made payable to St. Joseph FF.

Levels 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are $25 each.
Level 2 is $35 (and includes a Communion banner kit to be given out at a later date).
Level 7 is $35 and is used for both level 7 & 8 – please remember to keep the book for next year.

The Parish Center is not open to the public yet, so please call when you arrive, let us know you are here and what you need and we will meet you at the front door. Please wear a mask.

Re-Registration - If you have not done so already, please register your children for the 2020-2021 school year and purchase the books at the same time.

New Family Registration - Please mail a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate and completed New Registration: form and a check for the registration fee. The fees are as follows: 1 child $150, 2 children $215 and 3 or more children $270. You can also come to the office and call when you get here and we will come out to the front door to meet you – see phone number listed above.

New and Re-registration forms can be found on the website: stjosephsbabylon.org.; Faith Formation, Registration forms
Our Gospel reading today contains the beginning portion of the Sermon on the Mount, which we call the Beatitudes. Let’s focus on the one which says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Jesus did not pronounce His blessing on the peacewanters or the peacewishers, He said, “Peacemakers.” In other words, peace is an active achievement. It does not just happen, it is caused. Someone has to make it. At times I get the feeling that we are all sitting around waiting for peace to break out. So far that has not happened. Surely we must understand that is not going to take place.

A few years back, one of our news commentators looked into the eye of the television camera and said, ‘war broke out today.’ We all know what he meant, but that was not really what happened at all. Somebody fired a shot, somebody dropped a bomb, and the result was war. So it is with peace. It never just breaks out. Wherever and whenever peace becomes a reality, it is always through the positive efforts of at least one peacemaker.

That is how it is between nations, and that is how it is between people. Suppose a husband and wife are at ‘war.’ They hold opposite views on a certain matter. Heated words are exchanged. Feelings are hurt. Pain is inflicted, and a chasm of doubt and mistrust is opened between them.

What happens then? Well, there are several possibilities. They can keep on fighting and eventually destroy their relationship. Or they can drop the matter, bury it down deep in their hearts, where it will continue to fester. But if they ever achieve true peace, there is going to have to be at least one peacemaker preferably two. For people to live together in peace is always an active achievement. It never just happens.

We have been talking about peacemakers. We have described them as people who know how to talk and listen and make concessions. Jesus had His own description of the peacemakers. He called them children of God. By that He meant they bear a family resemblance to the heavenly Father. They are concerned about the same things and involved in the same work that God is. In this world, there is no greater business than the making of peace and no greater need than for people who are willing to do it.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Deacon Mike
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION
ALL SOULS DAY

The Ministry of Consolation invites all parishioners, especially the family and friends of those who have lost a loved one within the past year, to join us for a Live Streamed All Souls Mass.

Monday, November 2, 2020
9:00 AM

The Mass can be viewed on our parish website at: WWW.STJOSEPHSBABYLON.ORG

This Mass will include a reading of the names of the deceased for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

We invite you to join the St. Joseph Parish Community in prayer for those who have begun a new life in Christ.

Please Note:

There will not be a Mass at St. Joseph’s Cemetery for ALL SOUL’S DAY.
Please join us for the LIVE STREAMED ALL SOULS MASS on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM at www.stjosephbabylon.org

On Monday evening, November 2 there will be a Memorial Mass, in Spanish, in the Church at 8:15 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7-8 PM.

The Church will be open for those who wish to spend some quiet time in Adoration.

There will NOT be a prayer service this week, and reservations will NOT be required.

All who wish to stop by for some silent individual prayer are welcome to do so.
It is not necessary to stay for the full hour.
Please be mindful of the limited capacity of our Church.

Masks must be worn at all times and social distance maintained.

There will be wipes and sanitizer available in the Church—please be courteous of others and wipe down your seat as you leave.

Thank you for praying with us.
We are presently taking
Weekday Mass Intentions, Altar Rose, Candles, and Bread/Wine
through December 2020.

To have your loved one remembered in a special way at Mass,
please call the Parish Office at (631) 669-0068 ext 100.
(Best time to call is between 2 - 6 PM Monday- Friday)

Leave your name, telephone number and the date/time of
your Mass request and you will
receive a call back to see if it is available.

Donations may be mailed in or dropped off in the Mailbox outside
the Parish Office.

Once payment is received your Mass card will be mailed to you.

Please be sure to clearly label your donation as
Mass Intention-Attention Theresa on the envelope.

The Weekday Mass schedule is available through December and is as follows:

Monday-Friday: 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

Thank you for your patience.
Parish Social Ministry
Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone (631) 669-4544
E-mail: svillalobos@stjosephsbabylon.org  Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

Please Help Outreach
“We are getting ready for Thanksgiving”

“Thanksgiving is a joyful celebration.” We reflect with gratitude on the blessing we’ve received and give to those who are struggling. This year, we are once again calling upon you for donations of food, strong new grocery bags and supermarket gift cards to help the families in need for Thanksgiving celebration.

We help, on the average, 20 families a day with food and some financial assistance, and would not be able to care so generously for our clients without the help we receive from our parishioners here at St. Joseph.

We ask that all donations arrive at Outreach-Center by Thursday, November 12, so that all families may receive food in time for the holiday.

Thank you!

We have been Blessed

We are immensely grateful to Ron and Mary Lasley, who have been gracious enough to donate a ramp for the Outreach Center. With the installation of this ramp we have reached one more goal, to have a modern and functional Outreach Center. This ramp is truly a blessing, not only for our handicapped clients who will finally have full access to the building, but also for the work of our volunteers who have been supplying the pantry for years carrying heavy boxes of canned and frozen food up and down the stairs, many times during inclement weather. During Thanksgiving and Christmas programs it will also facilitate the distribution of meals and gifts.

“May the Lord bless your hearts.”

Thrift Shop Announcement

Due to the COVID-19 the Thrift Shop will remain closed until further notice, so please do not leave any donations on the Thrift Shop’s entrance.
For health reasons, any item left on the steps will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation.
PARISH UPDATES

WEEKEND MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM — is going well, and is helping us keep everyone safe. If the Mass you want to attend is FILLED please sign up on the WAIT LIST—very few people have been turned away……….We need to know you want to attend!
   Remember, if you don’t use the computer, just give us a call and we will register you.  631-669-0068 ext 100

DONATIONS

Please do NOT leave any clothing or food donations on the steps or anywhere on the Parish Grounds—we do not have the ability to store items at this time and they will be discarded. Call us ahead of time so we can make special arrangements if possible: 631-669-0068 ext 202

Financial donations are most appreciated and needed at this time. Envelopes may be placed in the mailbox which is on the front of the Parish Center, or in the baskets at Mass. You also have the opportunity to sign up for FAITH DIRECT and make your donation electronically.

https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY84
Feel free to give the office a call if you have any questions.

CONFESSION __ Saturday mornings 10-11AM and
               Wednesday evenings 7 –8 PM
               in the O’Connell Room Chapel

Please pull into the Parish Center Parking Lot and follow the directions of our Staff & Volunteers.

Have you seen fr. Jason’s video about the state of the Parish facilities?
It is on the website—but if you don’t have computer access and you want to learn more, please give the office a call.
Some have expressed concern about not being able to drop off their Offertory envelope. First—thank you for that concern! Your donations are appreciated, and very much needed. Envelopes can be mailed to the Parish Office at 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702.

Our Parish also has the ability to accept on-line donations through a program known as FAITH DIRECT. It is a secure on line program which allows donations to electronically go to the Parish. You have the ability to adjust your settings for any amount or frequency. All details and even a video explaining FAITH DIRECT are on the website at: https://stjosephsbabylon.org/faith-direct

**Reflections**

**THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME XXXI**

There has never been a doubt in my mind that my parents are responsible for nurturing the gift of the Catholic faith of which I have been truly blessed. What solidified its roots, however, were the teachings of the good Sister of Mercy at St. Boniface who drilled (lovingly, of course) the tenets of Catholicism into me, beliefs which have sustained me in those rare moments of doubt. The solid foundation the Sisters laid enabled me to later better understand deeper interpretations suggested by the Marist Brothers at St. Mary’s High School and the Dominican Fathers at Providence College.

While the Catholic Church has had its share of difficulties of late, at last look the Ten Commandments and the six Precepts of the Church are still in place to guide the way we live. Not open to interpretation, these rules are from God directly and from the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are quite emphatic in terms of what is right and what is wrong. Recent trends suggest these imperatives should be modified to be more contemporary; to fit in better with the changing norms; to be more inclusive to the changing demographics. I think not.

One of the things I remember most about my days at St. Boniface was reading *The Lives of the Saints*. Most interesting were the stories about the martyrs. Though circumstances would differ, it always came down to standing up for the beliefs of their faith, no matter what might happen.

While martyrdom may not be in our offing, we are now being asked to stand up for the laws of the Church. Be it “Thou shalt not kill” (abortion, euthanasia) or “Observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage” (same sex unions), we have the opportunity…no, the obligation…to do what we can to ensure God’s Will is done.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote on “non-negotiable values” of the Catholic Church: the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage, and the preservation of civil liberty. These principles are being publicly challenged in the Presidential election.

The choice is clear: we must support candidates who will sustain the laws of God.
Our **Environment Committee** beautifies our Church altars, and the large outside Planters with potted flowers and plants.

We are asking for donations by check, made out to St. Joseph’s Church, (labeled *Environment Committee* in the memo section of your check.)

Checks can be dropped in the Sunday Collection Baskets or placed in the mailbox outside the Parish Office.

*Thank you for helping us beautify our Church and grounds.*

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Celebremos los Sacramentos

**Bautizo**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para mayor información

**RICA**
Los invitamos a una preparaciónpiritual de conversión a la Fe Católica.
Llamar al teléfono: (631) 741-4373 (Ada Gonzales)

**Matrimonio**
Se solicita a las parejas que llamar a la oficina al menos seis meses antes de la boda para una cita con un sacerdote o diácono y para fijar la fecha y hacer los arreglos.

**Uncion de las Enfermos**
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**Confesiones**
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*El próximo Lunes 02 de Noviembre se oficiara una misa en memoria a nuestros fieles difuntos en la Iglesia Principal a las 8:15 pm. El Santísimo estará expuesto de 7 a 8 pm.*
COMUNIDAD DE ORACION PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON-TE INVITA AL MES MISIONERO MARIANO

Octubre Viernes 7 - 9 pm

By Zoom ID 4981091934
Password rccBabylon

“Dichosa tu que has creído porque lo que te ha dicho el Señor, se cumplirá” Lucas 1, 45