

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 26, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) ... 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ALWAYS, EVERYWHERE, AND BY ALL

"Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye." —Prov 7:2

In his Commonitorium (ca. 434), St Vincent of Lerins (d. 445) explains the general rule whereby we distinguish Catholic truth from heresy. St Vincent was described by others as a man "preeminent in eloquence and learning". *The rule, in brief, is the authority of Holy Scripture.* Unfortunately, men differ in its interpretation. And the rule, in consequence, must be supplemented by an appeal to the sense of Holy Scripture which is supported by *universality, antiquity, and consent.* By *universality*, when it is the faith of the whole Church; by *antiquity*, when it is that which has been held from the earliest times; and by *consent*, when it has been the acknowledged belief of all, or almost all, whose office/character gave authority to their determinations.



THE GREAT COMMISSION
by Duccio di Buoninsegna (d. 1319)

Saint Lerins' famous axiom was *Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus* [Lt., "what (has been held) always, everywhere, by everybody"]. This is the first time the we find the axiom that for a dogma to be considered as Catholic truth it must have been held always, everywhere, and by all the faithful. The following are excerpts from the Commonitorium 4-6, and 73. Italics added.

4. I HAVE often then inquired earnestly and attentively of very many men eminent for sanctity and learning, how and by what sure and so to speak



universal rule I may be able to distinguish the truth of Catholic faith from the falsehood of heretical pravity; and I have always, and in almost every instance, received an answer to this effect: That whether I or any one else should wish to detect the frauds and avoid the snares of heretics as they rise, and to continue sound and complete in the Catholic faith, we must, the Lord helping, fortify our own belief in two ways; *first, by the authority of the Divine Law, and then, by the Tradition of the Catholic Church.*

5. But here some one perhaps will ask, Since the canon of Scripture is complete, and sufficient of itself for everything, and more than sufficient, what need is there to join with it the authority of the Church's interpretation? For this reason, —because, owing to the depth of Holy Scripture, all do not accept it in one and the same sense, but one understands its words in one way, another in another; so that it seems to be capable of as many interpretations as there are interpreters. For Novatian expounds it one way, Sabellius another, Donatus another, Arius, Eunomius, Macedonius, another, Photinus, Apollinaris, Priscillian, another, Iovinian, Pelagius, Celestius, another, lastly, Nestorius another. Therefore, it is very necessary, on account of so great intricacies of such various error, that the rule for the right understanding of the prophets and apostles should be framed in accordance with the standard of Ecclesiastical and Catholic interpretation.
6. Moreover, *in the Catholic Church itself, all possible care must be taken, that we hold that faith which has been believed everywhere, always, by all.* For that is truly and in the strictest sense "Catholic," which, as the name itself and the reason of the thing declare, comprehends all universally. *This rule we shall observe if we follow universality, antiquity, consent.* We shall follow *universality* if we confess that one faith to be true, which the whole Church throughout the world confesses; *antiquity*, if we in no wise depart from those interpretations which it is manifest were notoriously held by our holy ancestors and fathers; *consent*, in like manner, if in antiquity itself we adhere to the consentient definitions and determinations of all, or at the least of almost all priests and doctors.
73. [See 1 Cor 12:27-28] Lest anyone perchance should rashly think the holy and Catholic consent of these blessed Fathers to be despised, the Apostle says in the First Epistle to the Corinthians, "God hath placed some in the Church, first Apostles," of whom himself was one; "secondly Prophets," such as Agabus of whom we read in the Acts of the Apostles; "then doctors," who are now called homilists, expositors, whom the same Apostle sometimes also calls "prophets," because by them, the mysteries of the prophets are revealed to the people. Whosoever therefore shall despise these who had their appointment of God in the Church in their several times and places, when they are unanimous in Christ

in their interpretation of some point of Catholic doctrine, despises not man, but God ... if anyone should dissent from their unanimous decision, let him listen to the words of the apostle: "God is not the God of dissension, but of peace."

By way of example, the excerpts below are from Pope Pius XI's 10 Mar 1937 encyclical Mit Brennender Sorge [Lt., With Deep Anxiety] (10 Mar 1937) which condemned breaches of the 1933 concordat agreement signed between the Holy See and the German Reich.

8. WHOEVER exalts race, or the people, or the State, or a particular form of State, or the depositories of power, or any other fundamental value of the human community —however necessary and honorable be their function in worldly things—whoever raises these notions above their standard value and divinizes them to an idolatrous level, distorts and perverts an order of the world planned and created by God; he is far from the true faith in God and from the concept of life which that faith upholds.
16. Whoever wishes to see banished from church and school the Biblical history and the wise doctrines of the Old Testament, blasphemes the name of God, blasphemes the Almighty's plan of salvation, and makes limited and narrow human thought the judge of God's designs over the history of the world: he denies his faith in the true Christ, such as He appeared in the flesh, the Christ who took His human nature from a people that was to crucify Him; and he understands nothing of that universal tragedy of the Son of God who to His torturer's sacrilege opposed the divine and priestly sacrifice of His redeeming death, and made the new alliance the goal of the old alliance, its realization and its crown.
17. The peak of the revelation as reached in the Gospel of Christ is final and permanent. It knows no retouches by human hand; it admits no substitutes or arbitrary alternatives such as certain leaders pretend to draw from the so-called myth of race and blood. Since Christ, the Lord's Anointed, finished the task of Redemption, and by breaking up the reign of sin deserved for us the grace of being the children God, since that day no other name under heaven has been given to men, whereby we must be saved (Acts iv. 12). No man, were every science, power and worldly strength incarnated in him, can lay any other foundation but that which is laid: which is Christ Jesus (1 Cor. iii 11). Should any man

dare, in sacrilegious disregard of the essential differences between God and His creature, between the God-man and the children of man, to place a mortal, were he the greatest of all times, by the side of, or over, or against, Christ, he would deserve to be called prophet of nothingness, to whom the terrifying words of Scripture would be applicable: "He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh at them" (Psalms ii. 3).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 26 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
Sep 26, 10:00 AM	Elizabeth Craven (req. by Michael & Linda Johnson); Kristine Mack (req. by Barbara Dunn)
Sep 27 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese
Sep 29 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Paula Aldridge

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2). Masses with no intention are offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

26 Sep, SUNDAY — 26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Mass
 10:00 AM | Mass
 6:00 PM | Mass
 7:00 PM | Adoration (until 8:00 PM)

27 Sep, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

28 Sep, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

29 Sep, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass
 6:30 PM | "CATHOLICISM" Series

30 Sep, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "BLESSED IS SHE" Women's Group
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass

1 Oct, FIRST FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry (until 12:30)
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by Adoration)

2 Oct, FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
 8:45 AM | Rosary
 9:00 AM | Mass
 9:30 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)
 9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
 4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
 5:30 PM | Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. This past quarter (Apr-Jun) we received \$102.45 from the AmazonSmile Foundation. To participate, go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0370038>

and add "Saint John Neumann Parish" as your charity of choice. 0.5% of every purchase is donated by Amazon.com to the SJN FOOD PANTRY.

PARISH NEWS

WE LOVE BEING IN TOUCH WITH YOU! You can keep in touch with us via email and/or text messaging. Unsubscribe anytime. Choose to get updates from parish groups you're interested in:

Visit > <https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>

Text > "SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576 (message and data rates may apply)

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE—a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson—will be holding a "BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN". Our doors have now been open for two years and we've been able to offer a loving, supportive home to 15 women and many babies and children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms. If you would like to help, simply take home a Baby Bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by October 23rd.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE is in need of prayer warrior volunteers! From the comfort of your home, we need folks to pray for our moms and babies. Please fill out the tag attached to the Baby Bottle and return it to the bin. Someone will then

contact you to be part of our new prayer warrior ministry. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies' lives through the love and care of this community. THANK YOU!

**ST. GIANNA'S HOUSE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

ATTENTION LADIES: Are you looking to make a difference in this world? Are you committed to prolife? Are you interested in directly serving less advantaged women and their children? Do you have Case Management experience? If so, then ST. GIANNA'S has the job for you. We are currently looking for a full-time Case Manager to work in our Catholic 24-hour transitional-housing home. Our Case Manager is responsible for providing case management, advocacy and support services for pregnant women fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, and human trafficking. Responsibilities also include supporting and assisting the director in the management of residents, volunteers, and staff. Interested Catholic women should visit our website for full details:

stgiannasplace.org/employment-opportunities

SJN MASSES CONTINUE ONLINE

SUNDAY MASS is live streamed at 10:00 AM on YOUTUBE page. To find us, search for:

"SJN Merrimack NH Mass"

DAILY MASSES (Mon, Wed-Fri) are posted to our FACEBOOK page. Go to:

[https:// www.facebook.com/sjnnh](https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh)

HOLY HOUR

HOLY HOUR is scheduled Fridays following the 12:15 PM daily Mass, and Sundays from 7:00 PM (6:00 PM during the Summer months).

"Visits to the BLESSED SACRAMENT are a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord." —Pope St Paul VI (d. 1987)

DIOCESAN NEWS

FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS (17 Oct 2021, St Joseph Cathedral):

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples

celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021 to attend the FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS (St Joseph Cathedral, 17 Oct at 2:00 PM). TO REGISTER: please contact the parish office by 22 Sep. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

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