



Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching in.

September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM Saturday - 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 PM

& 6:00 PM (Español)

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

Holy Day of Obligation

5:30 PM Vigil Mass 8:00 AM & 5:30:00 PM

Confessions

Friday at 4:00 PM Saturday at 11:00AM

Baptisms

Sunday at the end of 11:15AM Mass

Weddings

Saturday at 1:00 PM

St. Bernadette's Place

Food Pantry

Wednesday 10:00 AM - NOON

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SUNDAY CONNECTION

In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings.

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Chris's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

Weekday READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31,13:13/Ps 33:2-12, 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Wis 2:12-20/Ps 54:3-8/Jas 3:16,4:3/Mk 9:30-37



Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more that we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination.

QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

How Jesus' discipleship relates to the Cross?

The call to discipleship is connected with the proclamation of Jesus' suffering. Jesus Christ has to suffer and be rejected. God's promise requires this, so that scripture may be fulfilled. Suffering and being rejected are not the same.

Even in his suffering Jesus could have been the celebrated Christ. Indeed, the entire compassion and admiration of the world could focus on the suffering. Looked upon as something tragic, the suffering could in itself convey its own value, its own honor and dignity. But Jesus is the Christ who was rejected in his suffering. Rejection removed all dignity and honor from his suffering.

Suffering and rejection express in summary form the cross of Jesus. Death on the cross means to suffer and die as one rejected and cast out. It was by divine necessity that Jesus had to suffer and be rejected. Any attempt to hinder what is necessary is satanic. Even, or especially, if such an attempt comes from the circle of disciples, because it intends to prevent Christ from being Christ.

So Jesus has to make it clear and unmistakable to his disciples that the need to suffer now applies to them, too. Just as Christ is only Christ as one who suffers and is rejected, so a disciple is a disciple only in suffering and being rejected, thereby participating in crucifixion. Discipleship as allegiance to the person of Jesus Christ places the follower under the law of Christ, that is, under the Cross. The cross is neither misfortune nor harsh fate. Instead, it is that suffering which comes from our allegiance to Jesus Christ alone. The cross is not random suffering, but necessary suffering that comes from being Christian.

Mass Intentions

Saturday - September 14, 2024						
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving to	Fr. Eddie				
	The Virgin Mary					
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Sunday 9.00 am	- September 15, 2024 James Gosnell, Jr.	Fr. Eddie				
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7.50 am	By Randy Needham &	T1. Difese				
	Gail Klipsic					
11:15 am	Parishioners of OLOL	Fr. Briese				
	By Parish Clergy					
Monday	- September 16, 2024					
8:00 am	Mark R. Kurincak	Fr. Eddie				
	By Milagros Gonzalez					
5:30 pm	Evangeline Gabuya	Fr. Eddie				
	By Fr. Joepel					
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8:00 am	JoAnn M. Romagnano	Fr. Eddie				
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Altar Flowers Offering Available in the Parish Office

Altar Bread Offered For David & Camille Andrade Requested by Gemma Pompa





Sanctuary Lamp Offered In Loving Memory of Robert A. Grippo Requested by Irene Grippo



Thank you to all who have supported the DSA in the past and have helped our Parish to meet its goal. The funds collected helped our Diocese of Palm Beach in assisting those struggling with their needs, and provided funding for various programs throughout the Diocese. Please, consider participating in such a charitable endeavor as an expression of personal gratitude for the Lord's countless blessings. Thank you. Finance Council

Parish Goal \$175,000.00
Total pledge / collected \$134,291.13
Shortfall \$40,708.87

Gifts and pledges can be made using cash, check, credit card, debit card, direct debit/bank authorization, money order/cashier's check.

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Collections of August 25th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Collection: \$10,439.22 Online Giving: \$11,558.77

DSA/Bishop's Appeal Shortfall: \$2,905.71

Thank You!

PRAYER COME

7:30 am and 5:00 pm

Prayer of the Rosary before Mass

Monday through Saturday

On Saturdays after Morning Mass, we invite you to join either of our two Prayer groups that gather in the Church and Chapel.

PRAY for the safety of all Men and Women in the MILITARY



VOCATIONS CHALICE PROGRAM



Contact the Parish Office, the Knights of Columbus, or Mr. Jack Viadero, to receive the Vocations Chalice to pray throughout the week for vocations.





FRIDAY

4:00pm - 5:00pm

SATURDAY

11:00am - 12 Noon

The Church is open for prayer throughout the day, from 6 am to 6 pm. After hours, the Grotto of Lourdes and Prayer Garden continue being available to the faithful for prayer and meditation.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Keep us informed about your need for prayer



Fred Hengel Philip Henrici Henretta Hernandez Maureen Ho Ronald Hollander Linda Holub Imagean Hubbard Nancy Indyk Martha Jacob Carolina de Jesus Linda Joanette Joe & Lynn Jozwak Brigid Kenney Sgt. Durante King Tomasz Kwiatkowski Dawn LaMorte Sharon Langenbach Carryl Lanzarus Ashley Le Grand Diana Lenta Peter Leto, Jr. Julizza Licardi Andrea Lord Susan Lucas Francesca Maiorino Marianne Marchica Florence Markowitz Fred Markowitz Grant Marmar Carmen Marquina Ytalo Martinez Seneida Martinez Richard Marvez Naomi Rose Mayron Jayne McCarthy Maryann McHugh Shelly Milazzo Jan Golson Miller Manuel Mirailh Laura Monachino Jennifer Montalto Kaylna Montecuollo Christian Moore Greggory H. Moore Jose M. Mora Armando Morales Jose Morales Margaret Mulford Delia Munoz Saulia Munoz Tim Nichols Lazaro Noda Bryan Nolan David Numer Denise Oele Maria Ortiz Jim Owirka Denisse Pardo Theresa Parise Ruel Parsons Ozzie Paul Edgard Perez Claire Petersen

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Richard Hardin



This Anointing and Prayer for Healing is available to all Catholics living within Parish boundaries, registered members of the Parish or not.

Church Law regulates that each Parish is to provide the needed Pastoral Care of Catholics admitted at any Health Care institution within Parish boundaries whether they are registered parishioners or not.

So please, if you are in need of the Sacraments during your admission at a Hospital, Nursing home or Hospice facility, contact the nearest Catholic Church but also inform your own Parish.

For West Boca Medical Center, Menorah House, the Meridian, and Health Center at the Sinai, call Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (561 483 2440).

For Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Manor Care, Avante, Boca Raton Rehab Center, and Hospice by the Sea, call Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church (561 392 0007).

For **Delray Medical Center**, call Emmanuel Catholic Church at 561 496 2480.

For Heartland, Regents Park, Encore/Whitehall, Edgewater, Willowbrooke Court, St. Andrews Estates North, and Stratford Court, call Saint Jude Catholic Church (561 392 8172).

ATTENTION, ARE YOU A CATHOLIC MAN AGE 18OR OLDER AND READY TO SERVE OTHERS?

BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS; A KNIGHT FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH.

Please, fill out & tear off this section of the Bulletin and drop it in the Collection basket OR hand it to an usher. Take the opportunity to join us! **YOU!!**

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Saint Bernadette's Place

FOOD PANTRY

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - NOON

Saint Bernadette's Place is our Parish Food Pantry, and it is supported by the generosity and donations of our parishioners.

So that we may assist you, the following is required:

- 1. Must reside in the Parish community boundaries
- 2. Picture I.D. with current address (ex: Driver License)
- 3. One additional form of documentation with address

We thank all our parishioners who support us with their donations of imperishable items and financial assistance. Blessings,

Christ's Poor & Hungry Apostolate Committee Members



H.O.P.E.

SENIOR OUTREACH

H.O.P.E. Senior Outreach is a <u>Parish-based ministry</u> committed to Helping Older People Everyday who are <u>parishioners living within Parish</u> boundaries and that are homebound, infirm, or alone. Our H.O.P.E. volunteers wish to share God's love with Seniors in our Parish by <u>providing some assistance and information about community services</u> available to them. <u>We are not an agency of licensed professionals, so we cannot provide professional services</u>. As a volunteer, the time you give to our seniors is invaluable. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (561) 483 2440 or contact Mrs. Mary Viadero.

IF YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL, AND IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS AND OF HOLY COMMUNION, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE AT (561) 483 2440 OR MRS. PATRICIA LAMBERT



Saint Martha's Guild



We clean our
Church on Thursday
after the morning
Mass



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Dear Parish Family:

Have you considered e-Giving ??

e-Giving is a convenient way of automatically giving your offertory or other contributions online using your checking account, credit or debit card.

The convenience of not having to worry about weekly envelopes or writing a check before you rush to attend Sunday morning Mass is absolutely valuable for many.

e-Giving guarantees the delivery of your offering on a timely and a predetermined fashion designed by the parishioner, with minimal cost to the Parish. If you decide that this is a convenient way of making your offertories, please fill out our e-giving form and drop it in the offertory basket in a sealed envelop the next time you attend Mass, or bring it to the Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Office of Finance

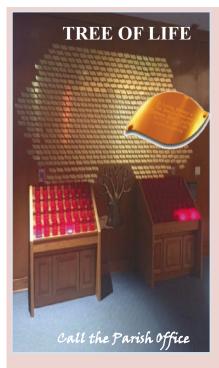
561-483-2440 Ext # 1418.











The Tree of Life offers vou а great opportunity to remember your loved ones in a very tasteful way while you make a contribution to your Parish. Each brass leaf holds more than the name of your father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter. It is a memorial of gratitude meant to last. For more information, please contact the Parish Office. May God bless you.

Wills & Bequests

A Bequest, a gift of money or assets left through your will, is vital to your Parish Church and the people the Church serves. It is a unique gift and an investment in the future. By leaving a bequest you are making a lasting difference in the life of the Parish community.



Our Lady of Lourdes welcomes charitable donations made by bequest through your Will or through Trust. In remembering our Church you also leave a lasting legacy.

There are various forms of bequests that you may make. For example, the proceeds of an unrestricted bequest may be used where needed, whereas a restricted bequest specifies the use of the donation. Bequests may come in the form of a specific dollar amount, securities, real estate, tangible property, and retirement account assets. A residuary bequest allows Our Lady of Lourdes to receive all or a percentage of your estate after all obligations have been met. If a Will or Trust already exists, an amendment can be done by an attorney through a document called a codicil, which adds a new bequest.

Our Lady of Lourdes is a charitable, not-for-profit institution; therefore, all bequests are fully deductible for estate tax purposes.

GRANDPARENTS WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month 9:30 AM Room 217

Contact Mrs. Karen Chin or Parish Office for more information.

If you are going to do grandparenting,

do it GRANDLY!



ALTAR SERVERS

Serving the Altar during Mass is an awesome privilege that allows Altar servers to grow closer to God in a very unique way. Not many people could be that close to the holy sacrifice of the Mass when it is offered by the Priest but Altar servers and clergy.

Don't miss this great honor and contact the Parish Deacons at 561 483 2440 ext. 1429 to sign up for training. Altar servers should be Baptized and have received their First Communion. The minimum age is 8 or in 3rd grade.

Boys and girls who wish to become Altar servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities, and to carry them out with reverence.

First Communion Classes begin this Wednesday, September 18th, 2024



Second Tuesday of the Month

10:00 AM

HOLY FAMILY ROOM - Church

For more information contact the Parish Office

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Legion of Mary



Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Room in the Church.

JOIN THE LEGION!

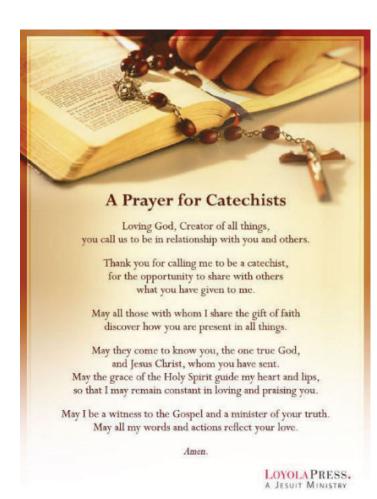
Contact Mrs. Rita Okwor





Saturday September 21st, 2024

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in O'Shea Hall Set-up date is Friday, September 20th, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Please contact Mrs. Mary Viadero Or call the Office at (561) 483 2440 to donate Baked Goods



Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



CALLED, LED, NURTURED BY THE SPIRIT

We invite all those who haven't been able to complete their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation) and those who would like to become Roman Catholics, to join us in the new program of preparation (2024-2025) beginning on September 17th, 2024. The sessions are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Christian Formation Center, Room 212, and the program goes from September 2024 through the end of April 2025.

As Jesus has said, "come and you will see," (Jn 1:39) the goodness of the Lord and taste the blessing of celebrating the faith in a community that has pledged its support to you in this wonderful journey.

Please, contact the Parish Office at 561-483-2440 or Mr. DeLisle Callender for more information.



Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"—a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" (Matthew 25:37)

As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. This call may have reached you through your pastor, the director of your parish's religious education program, or through your role as a Catholic school teacher. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God, whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you.

THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS - AND IT'S WAY TOO EXTREME.

So... this amendment eliminates all limitations and regulations on abortion — even safety regulations that protect women

Not defined ___ anywhere in the amendment...

Wow...any "healthcare provider" — NOT just doctors — could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health".It could even be a non-medical staff member at an abortion clinic.... BIG loophole makes limitation meaningless.

TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government
Interference with Abortion

penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Should say:
"Amendment to
legalize full-term
abortion for any
age without
parental consent in
Florida"

Also not defined —
even "mental stress"
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