

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

800 Gornito Rd, Valdosta GA, 31602

& San José Mission

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July 26, 2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I LOVE YOUR
COMMANDS,
O Lord.

PSALM 119

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August 9th—items due by Monday, August 3rd.

All submissions due to approval and editing.

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Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

 Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27th
9:00am—Special Intention

Tuesday, July 28th
9:00am—+Mauring Lathron

Wednesday, July 29th
12:10pm—+Ginny Peters

6:00pm—+Rollin Johnson

Thursday, July 30th
9:00am—+Maria and Bernhard
Marinek

7:00pm (San José)
(No Mass at this time)

Friday, July 31st
9:00am—+Dionisia H. Martinez

Saturday, August 1st
5:00pm—+Sr. Justine Ostini

Sunday, August 2nd
7:30am —+David Earp
9:30am —+Bill Register
12:00pm —+James Sinnott
2:00pm (Spanish)
People of the Parish

CONFESSION:
Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm
Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION:
Wednesday / 4:00-5:40pm
First Friday 9:30—11:00am

 *Mass Intentions*

Monday, August 3rd
9:00am—+Dionisia H. Martinez

Tuesday, August 4th
9:00am—+Deacon James Burns

Wednesday, August 5th
12:10pm—+David Earp

6:00pm—+Mary Jane Doner

Thursday, August 6th
9:00am—Special Intention

7:00pm (San José)
(No Mass at this time)

Friday, August 7th
9:00am—+Shirley Choa Tan

Saturday, August 8th
5:00pm—+John Salek

Sunday, August 9th
7:30am —+Robert Hargett
9:30am —+Richard Nijem
12:00pm —+Mary Ann Siefert
2:00pm (Spanish)
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**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

Catholic Inquiry sessions will begin on Sunday, August 2, 2020. Sessions will take place every Sunday following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. The inquiry period is a time of evangelization. For those not yet Christians or who are Christians but are interested in becoming Catholic, it is a time for their hearts to be opened by the Holy Spirit. During this time, potential candidates are given an explanation of the Gospel and an overview of the Catholic faith. Inquiry sessions will take place August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. It is requested that masks be worn. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail: deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org

For our sick

Together let us pray for our loved ones...

Parishioners

Marian Burns, Irene Gallagher, Anne Ellison, Margaret Dorneden, Beatriz Agudelo, Peter Portz, Ann Wagner, Mickey Kelly, Ladonna English, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Ray Hamel, Charles McFarland, Christine Stewart, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Jerry Kozuch, Frances Godwin, Rose Nowell, Larry Chaput, Bob Consolini

Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Joyce-Ann Reilly, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Lois Reilly, Lucy Davis, Lilla Kate Hart, Debbie Lorence, Susan Markwell, Janet Starling, Joe Sheer, John Gutermuth

For Those Who Have Died

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

George Webster
Sue Hamel, wife of Ray Hamel
Robert Hargett, husband of Ethelrene Hargett
Ernest Carter, nephew of Brigitte Carter
Mary Jane Doner



OFFERTORY
Week of July 5th

Offertory	\$ 8,125.00
Online	\$ 4,549.00
Parish Missions	\$ 949.00
Online	\$ 310.00

Please consider online giving:
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1566>

Offertory may also be mailed to the parish or dropped in our secure lock box near the front door of the office.

OFFERTORY
Week of July 12th

Offertory	\$ 10,102.00
Online	\$ 4,202.00
Parish Missions	\$ 550.00
Online	\$ 30.00

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ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

By 18 weeks in your mother's womb, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.

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- @ProjectRachel
- fb.com/peopleoflife

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

View, download, or order the U.S. bishops' pro-life materials!

www.usccb.org/respectlife



* Uniquely You

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chance of survival would be 50-80 percent; by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that's still months before full-term birth!

Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; just minutes before birth, it's legal in most states and called abortion. The only real difference is a declaration by the United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* (1973).

* Abortion Is Permitted Up to Full-Term Birth

Many people don't realize how unrestricted legal abortion is, misled by *Roe's* claim that states may ban abortions after viability "except when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother." ("Viability" is when the baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb.) But in *Roe's* companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the wellbeing" of the mother. That seems broad enough to permit virtually any abortion post-viability.

The Supreme Court, however, has yet to be confronted with a challenge to a post-viability ban that will test *Doe's* breadth. Indeed, 20 states currently ban late-term abortions subject to a narrow exception for the mother's life or physical health (not for emotional, psychological, familial, or age-related reasons). Most of these laws have gone unchallenged, but they are hard to enforce even if they are constitutionally permissible.

* Effects of Abortion

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like "cutting," sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems.²

Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child's father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt, grief, or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother's behavior and mental or emotional health.³

✦ What the Church Teaches

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong.⁴ In April 2018, Pope Francis wrote: "Our defence of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development."⁵

The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. For example, a baby conceived in rape is not an aggressor deserving death by abortion. She is innocent, like her mother. They both deserve compassionate care and support, not more violence. Abortion doesn't bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby.

Today, many babies diagnosed prenatally with a disability are aborted. Frightened parents, unsure of their ability to care for such a child, can trust that God gave them this child for a reason. Parents raising children with disabilities often write about the unexpected joys and transformative effect on their families.⁶

Even when the disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, "many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing."⁷

Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother's life at risk—for example, because of a tubal pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer. It is morally licit to remove the threat to the mother's life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery. But abortion—a direct and intentional taking of a child's life—is never morally permissible.

✦ What Are We to Do?

Love them both! Support women who need help during *and after* difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan Respect Life office and local pregnancy care centers.

Educate yourself and others about struggles some experience after abortion, and find out where to refer those seeking help at www.hopeafterabortion.org. If you feel called to support your local ministry, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry office for ways you might help.

Stay informed about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting www.humanlifeaction.org and www.usccb.org/prolife. Stay updated on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life office.

Most importantly, pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

⁴ "Fetal Development," *Prenatology.com*, <http://prenatology.com/fetaldevelopment>.htm, 11. Hooper, "Fetal Psychology," *Psychology Today*, Sept. 9, 2008 (last revised June 9, 2016), <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/200809/fetal-psychology>

⁵ Dr. Sullivan, "Abortion, substance abuse and mental health in early adulthood: Thirteen-year longitudinal evidence from the United States," *SAGE Open Med*, Sept. 21, 2016, <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/20501016062897>; P.K. Coleman et al., "Women Who Suffered Emotionally from Abortion: A Qualitative Synthesis of Their Experiences," *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* 22:4 (2017) 13-18, <http://www.japsm.org/doi/10.4103/japsm.2017.13>; "Abortion and Women's Health," Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, 2017, <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion/?news=C08E4625A78D428F9478D8D2940CA27ash>

⁶ P.K. Coleman et al., "Women Who Suffered Emotionally from Abortion: A Qualitative Synthesis of Their Experiences," *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* 22:4 (2017) 13-18, <http://www.japsm.org/doi/10.4103/japsm.2017.13>; P.K. Coleman et al., "Induced Abortion and Intimate Relationship Quality in the Chicago Health and Social Life Survey," *Public Health* 121:4 (2016) 33-8, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/2624381>

⁷ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd ed., 227

⁸ Pope Francis, *Coadjutor of Exultate*, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), 101

⁹ See also United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "A Perfect Gift" (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2016)

¹⁰ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis," (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015)

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

- SUN 7/26** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- MON 7/27** Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
- TUE 7/28** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
- WED 7/29** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42
- THR 7/30** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
- FRI 7/31** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
- SAT 8/1** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
- SUN 8/2** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt
14:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. Martha
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



Delight
in Him
Always

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

- SUN 8/2** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
- MON 8/3** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
- TUE 8/4** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- WED 8/5** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
- THR 8/6** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- FRI 8/7** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/
Mt 16:24-28
- SAT 8/8** Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
- SUN 7/26** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Dominic, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What do you really hope and hunger for? We are most familiar with our physical hungers and cravings as they are quite obvious. What we don't always realize is that we also have emotional and spiritual hungers. Many are starving for acceptance and love. Many others hunger for a sense of purpose, more focused direction, and deeper connection and meaning. Our hungers can easily get confused. We think we are in need of one thing but are actually being driven by another. We need to recognize and pursue our spiritual hungers. If we do not do so, we will attempt to fill these needs with lesser, and not always healthier, things. God, ultimately through the Eucharist, is the only One who can quench our more profound thirsts. Have we discovered this yet?



*Transfiguration
of the
Lord*