



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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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.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 31st
9:00am—Special Intention

Tuesday, September 1st
9:00am—+Deacon James Burns

Wednesday, September 2nd
12:10pm—+Mary Dixon

6:00pm—+David Earp

Thursday, September 3rd
9:00am—+Lisa Englund

7:00pm (San José Mission)

Friday, September 4th
9:00am—(SI) Samantha Stophel

Saturday, September 5th
5:00pm—+Mary and Ferdinand Bumagat

Sunday, September 6th
7:30am —Special Intention

9:30am (SI) Elizabeth Chong and Teresa Herron

12:00pm —+Charles Mills
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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

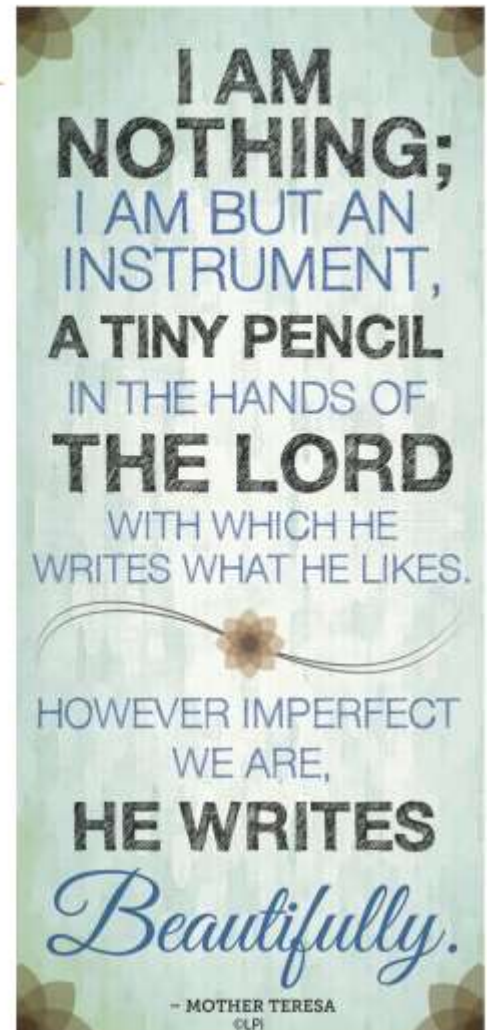
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.



Lord,
make us
turn to
you.

JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY Week of August 16th

Offertory	\$ 8,479.00
Online	\$ 3,892.00
Parish Missions	\$ 80.00
Online	\$ 25.00

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Target: \$76,802.00
Total Given: \$61,810.06 (as of 8/20/20)
Percent of target: **80.48%**
Parishioner Participation: 21.13%
Number of donors: 150

Please consider a donation to the ACA if you have not already done so: <https://diosav.org/baa>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Religious Education classes begin this Sunday, August 30th. One parent and child/children will meet in the church following the 9:30 Mass. Please wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing. Children will be dismissed with their catechist for class. Parents, please remain for a meeting regarding drop off/pick up instructions, safety protocols, etc. LATE registrations for Religious Ed will be taken through September 10th. Limited spaces are available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Kramer at 244-2430, ext. 211.



HELP NEEDED...

In order to continue praying the rosary before the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening, we need a couple of more volunteers to lead the rosary. It is a simple process. We start at 4:35 and finish about 4:55 just before Mass begins. To keep scheduling simple we do a monthly rotation of leaders.

To volunteer please call Mike Young at 229- 242-6088.

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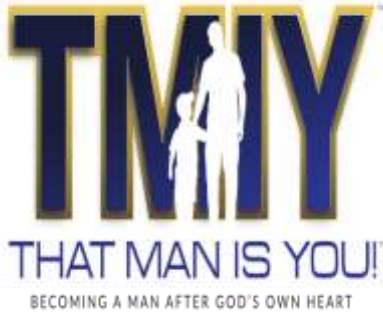


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INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Catholic Inquiry sessions continue following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. Please note that there will be no session on September 6. August 30 will be the last inquiry session before we begin to delve more deeply into the teachings of the church in the catechumenate sessions. Anyone is welcome to attend at any time. It is requested that masks be worn.

For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org



Men of the parish, we have a program that is meant for you! *That Man is You!* is an interactive program for men that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Friday, September 11th at 6:15am. All men are welcome.

Learn more at tmiy.org or contact Ben Davis at 229-412-5680 for more information.



HELP NEEDED!

An elderly parishioner is in need of someone to stay with him for a couple of hours on Sunday each week. If you think this is something that you may be able to assist with please call the church office for more information.

Prayer intentions

For our sick

Together let us pray for our loved ones...

Parishioners

Marian Burns, Irene Gallagher, 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, John Fleming, Sonia Knowles

Family and Friends of Parishioners

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

For Those Who Have Died

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Lowell Hammock, brother-in-law of Rusty Wetherington

Elham Hardan, mother of Celine Gladwin

Anne Ellison

Lisa England, daughter June Chandronet

George Webster

Sue Hamel, wife of Ray Hamel

Robert Hargett, husband of Ethelrene Hargett





ANOTHER LOOK AT CONTRACEPTION

*Through the
Church's teaching,
God invites us to
a fuller, richer,
deeper way of life
and love.*



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To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up, revealing profound repercussions on women, children, families, and society.

* **Some Contraceptives Can Cause Early Abortions**

Advocates of contraception claim it doesn't cause abortions. However, that claim rests on an inaccurate redefinition of "pregnancy" as beginning only *after* an embryo successfully implants in the mother's uterus. This, then, excludes from the meaning of abortion all pills and devices that cause the death of an embryo *before* implantation. Yet it's scientifically indisputable that a new human life begins when an embryo first forms at fertilization—6 to 8 days *before* implantation.

Physicians' textbooks and handbooks reveal that some types of contraception sometimes work by preventing a living, developing, embryonic baby from reaching the uterus and successfully implanting, which results in his or her death.¹

* **Physical Risks for Women**

Contraception also presents significant health risks for women. Combined oral contraceptives (COCs), as well as contraceptive patches and the "ring," have long been known to cause cancer (of the breast, cervix, and liver).² They also substantially increase the risk of potentially life-threatening blood clots,³ which have resulted in heart attacks, strokes, and hundreds of deaths in healthy young women.

Intrauterine devices (IUDs) present other risks. For example, the following are just some of the warnings by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about one common IUD: septic shock and death may occur in the event of pregnancy; about half of pregnancies are ectopic; the device may embed, perforate, or penetrate the uterine wall, resulting in its migration outside the [uterus], adhesions, peritonitis, intestinal perforation/obstruction, abscesses, and erosion of adjacent internal organs.⁴

* **From Pill to Poverty**

Without the contraceptive pill, the sexual revolution couldn't have happened. Few women were willing to risk pregnancy outside of marriage. Economist George Akerlof has shown how that dynamic abruptly changed with the contraceptive pill, leading to "the feminization of poverty."⁵

Told that the pill would prevent pregnancy, women had sex without the promise of marriage. Because women controlled the decision to contracept, give birth, or undergo abortion, however, many men reasoned that they were not responsible for children conceived outside marriage. Indicating

men's denial of responsibility: "shotgun marriages" soon plummeted, while out-of-wedlock births nearly tripled. In less than two decades (1965-1984), abortions among unmarried women grew from an annual 88,000 to 1,271,000.

Throughout the past decade, at least 40 percent of children each year are born to unmarried mothers who are often left struggling in poverty to raise children alone. According to Child Trends, "in 2015, 43 percent of children living in single-mother families were poor, compared with 10 percent of children living in married-couple families."⁶ Poverty and the absence of a child's biological father in the home are two of the strongest predictors of poor academic, emotional, and behavioral outcomes in children.

✧ Contraception Is Unreliable

How could abortions and nonmarital births skyrocket if women are contracepting? With typical use, most contraceptives are far from reliable, especially for teens, who are twice as likely as adults to become pregnant while using contraceptive pills, patches, or rings.⁷ Every year, *one million* of the 11 million U.S. women on the pill become pregnant, and 40% of them undergo abortions.⁸

✧ What Does Our Catholic Faith Offer?

God's love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that



is the Holy Trinity. We can do this in a unique way through marriage—a vowed communion of a man and a woman who enter a "one flesh" union open to bringing forth a new human life. "The whole meaning of marriage is present and signified"⁹ in each act of marital sex, so the love-giving and life-giving purposes of sex should not be separated.

At the same time, for serious reasons, in exercising responsible parenthood, a couple may "decide not to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time."¹⁰ In these cases, "the Church teaches that married people may then take advantage of the natural cycles immanent in the reproductive system and engage in marital intercourse only during those times that are infertile."¹¹

Thanks to the research of countless doctors and scientists, modern, fertility awareness-based methods of natural family planning rival and even surpass¹² the effectiveness of contraceptives while posing no risks to mothers or unborn children. In fact, couples using such methods report better sex, improved communication, and the ability to identify underlying causes of infertility.¹³ (To learn more, visit www.foryourmarriage.org/family-planning.)

In short, through the Church's teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

⁶ G.A. Hatcher et al., *Managing Contraception 2017-2018*. Tiger, Georgia: Bridging the Gap Foundation.

⁷ J.J. Coughlin et al., "Preventable exposures associated with human desmethylprogesterone," *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* 103 (2011) 1827-1834, 1832, available at <https://academic.oup.com/jnci/article/103/14/1827/1827090> accessed April 21, 2018.

⁸ A. van Hylckama Vlieg et al., "The serious short-term risk of oral contraceptives: effects of estrogen dose and progestogen type: results of the MEGA case-control study," *British Medical Journal* 339 (2009) 1752, available at <https://www.bmj.com/content/339/bmj.b2528> accessed April 21, 2018.

⁹ "Mirrored Labels," available at <https://www.abbasdatafile.com/ghosting-the-deck/label2008-02/25567861.pdf>, accessed April 21, 2018.

¹⁰ G.A. Hatcher et al., "An analysis of out-of-wedlock childbearing in the United States," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112 (1997) 277-312.

¹¹ <http://www.childtrends.org/indicatordetail.aspx?indicator=poverty>

¹² "The Diverging Downside of Contraceptives, Pills, and Injections," *Managing Contraception*, Feb. 25, 2017, available at <http://hsn.org/contraception.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-02-25-Contraceptives-Downside-2-2017.pdf>, accessed April 21, 2018.

¹³ *Ibid.*

¹⁴ "Life, Marriage, Love and Marriage," *Respect Life Program*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Washington, DC) 2011, available at <http://www.usccb.org/about/life-act/faith-support-life-programs/2011/upload/life-and-marriage-bulletin-insert.pdf>, accessed April 21, 2018.

¹⁵ Paul M. Hertzog et al., *On the Regulation of Birth* (Madison, WI: Liberty Classics Edition, Verona, 1986), no. 10. See also Natural Family Planning Program, "Responsible

Parenthood," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planting/catholic-teaching/usbccp/responsible-parenthood.pdf>, accessed April 21, 2018.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, no. 10.

¹⁷ "The website of Facts about Fertility has up-to-date facts on fertility and the fertility awareness-based methods of family planning. The Medical Update (<https://www.factsaboutfertility.org/leg-content/uploads/2015/05/Medical-Update-about-FABMs-April-2015-1.pdf>) shows the pregnancy rates of 7 methods, accessed April 21, 2018. R. Fehring and M. Schreiber, "Extended effectiveness of an online Natural Family Planning service program," *MCN The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing* 43 (2017) 43-48; M. Marhart et al., "Family awareness-based methods of family planning: A review of effectiveness for avoiding pregnancy using SORT: Database of the Family Physician 5 (2012) 2-8, available at <https://www.factsaboutfertility.org/leg-content/uploads/2015/05/2012-Marhart-et-al-Review-of-Effectiveness-Of-natural-Family-Physician.pdf>, accessed April 21, 2018. R. Fehring et al., "Randomized comparison of two internet-supported fertility awareness-based methods of family planning," *Contraception* 86 (2012) 24-30.

¹⁸ J.T. Eppihuber, MD, "Hope for Married Couples who Want to Have a Child," *USCCB Respect Life Program* (2013), <http://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/activities/respect-life-program/uploads/hope-for-married-couples-who-want-to-have-a-child.pdf>; J. O'Leary, "My Sister's Practice Saved Us!" <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planting/downloads/weekly-upload/Patricia-Doyle-article.pdf>

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