

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

AUGUST 20, 2017 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20 DE AGOSTO DE 2017 — VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:24-25

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY	AUGUST 19, 2017
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass souls Consancio & Francisca Flores
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20, 2017
9:00 AM	Mass souls of James and Robin Mazzetti
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa por el alma Anastacia Gonzalez
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 23, 2017
	Mass for the soul of Lillian Malone
THURSDAY	AUGUST 24, 2017
	Mass
FRIDAY	AUGUST 25, 2017
	NO MASS
SATURDAY	AUGUST 26, 2017
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul Epifania Sulpicio Pasarda
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27, 2017
9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Mass
12:15 PM	Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

CONDOLENCES

St. John's family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marion Mazzetti on the loss of her son Robin who died this past week. Please keep Marion in your prayers.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Edna Stanley, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah

Shorter, Virginia Saunders, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Carole Trent, Mary Helen So-haski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Barbara Greene, Eugene Cooley, Joel Rivera, Sherry Wright, Albert Patterson, David Stull, Otts Miskimon and Ken Soistman.

Prayers for members of the Armed Forces; Daniel Gaudette, David Licciardello, Josh Drumheller, Lee Balderson, Daniel Johnson and Shon Azubike.

August 12 & 13, 2017

Weekly

Actual	\$3,461.00
Budgeted	<u>\$5,266.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,805.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$29,804.40
Budgeted	<u>\$36,857.87</u>
Difference	(\$7,053.87)

Monthly Debt Expense	\$1,860.00
Monthly Debt Collection	<u>\$1,855.75</u>
Difference	(\$4.25)

Remaining Debt Balance \$38,210.85

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
85	133	190

The item being collected for **FISH** for **August**
deodorant
En el mes de **agosto**
DESODORANTE

In light of recent events, I would like to ask: what does God think of 'free speech?'

Obviously free speech is in the constitution. It is a law. And the founders thought that it was an inalienable right given by God.

It seems this topic is always being debated, in the courts, in the public sphere, etc. It is always being asked 'do people have the right to burn flags, do people have the right to desecrate crosses in protest, do people have the right to gather as white supremacists.' Each of these things are considered personally horrific to any rational person, but the question is 'is this included in free speech?'

I remember a few years back there was an 'artist' (more like an idiot) who turned a crucifix upside-down and put it in a urinal and said it was art. What's worse is that there was an art gallery that actually displayed it.

This is obviously disgusting and they will be judged when they meet God, as we all will.

But as a society, is it a good thing that we have free speech? And how 'free' should free speech be?

In Germany it is illegal to make or pretend to make a Nazi salute. Obviously, they have a very horrible past in these regards so they have setup very strict laws to attempt to ensure there is never an uprising of those horrible ideas again.

Here in the US, our 'free speech' is more 'free.' As disgusting as it is, people are free to express themselves in all those horrible ways noted above.

Rational people are horrified by these things and would love to never hear of them again. But there are only two ways for us to stop it. One of the ways is hard, and one easy...but the easy one has a negative side-effect.

The easy way is for us to make it illegal. All we have to do is make it illegal for people to burn flags, make it illegal to put crucifixes in urinals, and make it illegal to spout off white supremacist rhetoric. Then when people do it, we just call the cops and they get locked up. Quick and easy.

Unfortunately, this method, although easy, has a negative consequence, one involving a slippery slope. Did you know in Canada that a priest can be fined and have even been jailed for preaching about what marriage is? They have been fined for saying marriage is between one man and one woman. Or did you know in France that there is a law being considered that will make it illegal even to say that abortion is immoral. Even to say that abortion is evil or sinful or immoral, could get someone sent to prison.

The problem is that when the laws started to be written to restrict free speech, they could and will likely be written to restrict our speech (Catholics and Christians).

Then there's the hard way. The hard way to limit and stop free speech that we don't like is the way of the Gospel. It is the way of conversion. It is the way of trying to convince, convert and change the crazy people who burn flags, put crucifixes in urinals and become white supremacists.

We know no one is beyond conversion and no one is beyond the possibility to be changed and become one of God's fiercest apostles. After all, before his conversion, the person responsible for writing the largest section of the New Testament could be likened to a white supremacist who was trying to 'purify' Judaism (remember that Paul

stood and watched as Stephen was stoned to death).

It's not easy. And the quick and easy solution is usually not the answer. Aiding conversions, teaching morality, good parenting, disciplining children, good communities, and a decent society cannot be replaced by a quick answer.

I will say one thing for sure, I do not believe any true interior change occurs without a very generous outpouring of God's grace into a soul. The healing often needs to go very deep before people will change, and nothing gets down that deep but God. And ultimately that is what we want, we don't just want speech to stop or be changed, we want their hearts to be converted. Once the heart is changed, the speech will follow.

THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of St John's Religious Education Program we want to express our deepest gratitude to all the parishioners who contribute to reduce our expenses in our wish list of School Supplies for this new school year. Thank you.

Attention all Counters

There will be a **mandatory** meeting on Sunday, August 27, after the 9am Mass in the conference room to review the new procedures for Sunday's Collection. Please make sure to attend the meetings. Thank you.

Ministry Sunday.

Ministry Weekend is fast approaching. It will be held after all of the weekend masses on Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10. All representatives of a parish ministry please arrange to have a representative of your ministry available after each of the 4 weekend masses to answer questions and provide information on your ministry. A sign up sheet is available on the counter in the commons area for you to list your contact information, or you may call Paulita in the parish office or Dan Mages at 328-1602.

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