

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Image taken from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:St_Ignatius_of_Loyola_%281491-1556%29_Founder_of_the_Jesuits.jpg

The following is an excerpt from an article by Matt Malone, S.J. found in the introduction to the September edition of American Magazine. I found it wonderfully insightful (and well written) and thought it worth sharing with you this week. Fr. Kevin

Many of you probably know the story of St. Ignatius Loyola - how an ambitious, vainglorious young man in the service of the king found himself in 1521 leading the defense of Pamplona against the most powerful army in Europe; how he refused to surrender in the face of the most desperate odds; how a cannonball shattered his leg as his army collapsed. You may have heard about how Ignatius was carried back to Loyola-for two excruciating weeks over mountainous terrain-to his ancestral home, where, while recovering from his wounds, he had a "conversion" experience while reading the Life of Christ and the Book of the Saints.

You can visit the room where it happened-it is called the Chapel of the Conversion. Except that name is a misnomer. True, Ignatius' conversion began there, but it did not end there. Other Christians may describe their conversion experiences as having occurred at a specific moment. They may even pinpoint the exact date and time. But Catholics don't generally think about it that way. For most of us conversion is a process, a series of moments, of advance and setback, and the process lasts a lifetime. That was certainly true for Ignatius. He

had resolved in his sickbed to serve his earthly king no more, but rather, to follow the King of Kings. So he set out to rival the greatest saints through extreme feats of prayer and fasting – and nearly killed himself in the process. Ignatius was sincere in his desire to become a new man when he left Loyola, but he was still pretty much what he had always been - willful and ego-driven.

It was not until he reached Manresa, a small town on the River Cardoner - where he was so distraught from the lack of progress in his new life that he even contemplated suicide - that he finally gave up his will to a higher power. At the banks of the Cardoner, he told God, in effect: "I give up. I have done all I can. I have tried everything. I'm handing it over to you "to do with it what you will." And that's the moment things really started to change. In the days that followed, Ignatius' eyes were opened to mystical visions of God and creation that would nourish and inspire him for the rest of his life. At Pamplona, he had refused to surrender and lost the battle. At Manresa, he surrendered at last and won the war.

There is a big lesson in that: We are not in ultimate control of our faith journeys, any more than we control our ultimate destinies. It's true that we have to put in the time and effort - God can do little for us if we are unwilling to cooperate. But Christianity is not a self-help group; it's a God-help group. As long as Ignatius continued to act out of his grandiosity – out of the belief that he was the origin and destination of everything - then it didn't matter which king he served. Yet when he finally began to act out of gratitude - out of the acknowledgement that God is the origin and destination of everything - then all things became possible. Indeed, things came to be that Ignatius could never have imagined - like a worldwide company of men and their lay colleagues laboring today to advance the kingdom of God on nearly every continent and in every conceivable kind of good work.

Question: Is there any of the "old" in me? Am I truly, as St. Paul put it, "a new creature in Christ?"

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 10

8:00 a.m. All elected officials

4:00 p.m. William Pierce

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, September 11

7:30 a.m. Amparo, Jaime, & Victoria Quezon

9:30 a.m. †James “Gary” Haas

11:30 a.m. Judy Reed

Monday, September 12

8:00 a.m. †Robert McDermott

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 a.m. †Mayme Mlezlva

Wednesday, September 14

8:15 a.m. †Carol Fabrizio

6:00 p.m. Elija Johnson

Thursday, September 15

8:00 a.m. †Tod Kosmider

Friday, September 16

8:00 a.m. †Regina Korkiewicz

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. †Tod Kosmider

4:00 p.m. †Ron Spandet

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, September 18

7:30 a.m. †William “Billy” Peterson

9:30 a.m. Our parish catechists

11:30 a.m. †George & Anita Rosato

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for Jose & Teresita Fernandez's 50th Wedding Anniversary

A Few Stewardship Notes

September 3rd-4th

Offertory: \$10,760.00

Mission Coop: \$908.00

His Heart: \$297.00

Other: \$391.97

Total: \$12,356.97

Attendance: 795

Participation

I've been interested in a series of emails from our diocese that have discussed “participation.” They have pointed out that in an average diocese about 20% of those registered support the diocesan appeal. Sacred Heart's participate rate in the appeal is 23% - a bit better than that average - and 42.5% of our parishioners have made a gift to the parish in 2022. That's wonderful!

It is easy for me to understand those that contribute to the parish and the appeal. They have the ability to give, can see the good that their gift will do, and take the time to go online, write a check, or use an envelope. But I have been wondering about the others. Some, undoubtedly, are unable to give. Some may be upset by something their bishop or pastor said or did. While I'm not sure that's a great reason to withhold support for local and diocesan ministries, at least it is understandable. What about the rest? What prevents so many from giving, even a small donation?

I wonder if they simply haven't taken the time to give. In other words, these people have the ability to give and see the value of the ministries they will support but never get around to doing it. If that happens to describe you, will you accept some encouragement?

Giving, whether to the appeal, the parish, or another charity you value, is important. It matters to the ministry and, most importantly, it matters to your discipleship. Make the time to decide how you will support our parish and / or the appeal. You can easily give online by setting up a recurring weekly or monthly gift so that it doesn't have to be a burden to your time.

Imagine what the parish and our diocese could do if those participation percentages were higher.

Bible Verse of the Week:

Luke 4:43,44 “Jesus said to them, ‘I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.’ So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.”

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign September 28 and ends on November 6.



Roe vs Wade was overturned on a federal level, but abortion remains as a state issue and we are called to continue to PRAY and FAST! Christians of all denominations throughout Tampa Bay will take part in the national 40 Days for Life campaign. Watch the Sacred Heart Church Bulletins for more information on what you can do to support the 40 Days for Life campaign.

May we pray for the strength and courage to continue to strive to protect human life.

The National Eucharistic Revival: For your reflection



The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year effort to increase understanding and devotion to our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. While the parish-level phase will begin next year, each of us can begin this journey of discernment and encounter through personal reflection. This series of articles is one way to do that.

Can I have some help, please? (Part 2)

Last week I mentioned an article by someone who summarized his struggles with the Eucharist this way: "Can we stop talking about the Eucharist as though it is simple to understand and easy to accept?"

This is, I think, a cry from the heart of someone who wants to believe and yet struggles. In other words, they are not rejecting our belief, they simply haven't yet come to a place where they can fully embrace it.

I wonder if this is why the Pew Research Center survey asking Catholics about their belief in the True Presence revealed that only a small percentage (about a third) believe in the Eucharist as truly being the Body and Blood of Jesus. Put yourself in the shoes of someone who attends Mass every week but struggles with that belief. You are asked a yes or no question. You have some faith. You probably sense that Eucharist is important in some way, and yet you can't quite say you believe. What do you do? You respond, "No" to the question which makes you look like an unbeliever in the results.

We need to find ways to help these people move forward in their faith. Perhaps they need just one step to come to belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. One way we might help is sharing. Can those of us who see Jesus in the sacrament share our experiences - a story perhaps - of how God has touched us in and through the Eucharist? I have seen decidedly unbelieving teens transformed by times of adoration. No one gave them a theology lesson. The experience of the other teens around them provided everything they needed. Experience - our own and that of others - can be far more powerful than words.

Rather than lament the results of a survey question. Let's share our stories and help others to grow in their faith.

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am
Wed: 8:15am & 6pm
(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)*

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, & 11:30am
(Rosary prayed at 7am)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*
Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*
Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm *(Spanish)*
(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am *(live-streamed)*:

Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm
Wednesday: 9am-8pm
Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday Exposition:

8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm
Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am *(includes Adoration)*

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Live-streamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

Things That

If you need information about a group or ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!

Sunday, September 11th:

Confirmation & Middle School Youth Group, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall

This is a special opening session. Parents, please attend!

High School Youth Group, 6-8pm, Parish Hall

Monday, September 12th:

Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room

Morning Devotions *(livestreamed on Facebook)*, 9am;
Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!

Life Ministry Group, 7pm, Retreat House

Tuesday, September 13th:

Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm
His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, September 14th:

Mass with our school children, 8:15am; Parishioners are welcome!

Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm

Columbette general meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 15th:

Morning Devotions *(livestreamed on Facebook)*, 9am;
Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!

His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

Saturday, September 17th:

Spirit FM's 7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference
(see page 4 for details)

Sunday, September 18th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Next Week! (Have you registered?)

Sept. 18th, after 9:30am Mass, first session of our Faith Formation classes (1st through 7th grade) AND it is Catechetical Sunday, when we will honor our Faith Formation teachers!

Coming Sooner Than You Think!

Sept. 25th, Diocese Media Day and the beginning of 40 Days for Life

Sept. 26th, 6pm, first meeting of the Junior Legion of Mary

Oct 1st & 2nd, Fr. Theo Weria, our Missionary Coop preacher, will be with us at all the Masses

Oct. 12th - 16th: Our 50th Fall Festival!

Could Be On Your Calendar

SPIRIT FM's 7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference

September 17, 2022

<https://www.myspiritfm.com/womensconference>

Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa

Take time to reflect on how you are Courageously Living the Gospel and acting upon what God has called you to do for the world, your community, and your parish.

You will have the opportunity to attend Reconciliation, Adoration and to celebrate Mass.

There will also be plenty of singing, praying,
shopping and laughing!

The Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference is designed for Catholic women of all ages, including older teenagers.

Women of all denominations are warmly
welcomed to attend.



Baron for a Day is an opportunity for any current 8th-grade student to visit the St. Petersburg Catholic High School campus to experience what Baron life will be like for the Class of 2027. Baron for a Day is scheduled on Friday, September 30th, starting at 7:45 AM and concluding at 2:30 PM.

- Small groups with fellow 8th graders that share similar interests
- Full day of classes and other school activities where participation is encouraged
- Snack and lunch provided
- Dress comfortably using discretion and good judgment or wear your current school uniform
- Transportation provided by parents/guardians

Contact the Admissions Office by September 1st, at 727-344-4065, or admissions@spchs.org


**Yellow
September**

Pay attention to the
signs, your life matters!

Suicide Prevention Month

Did you know that nearly 2% of all deaths are from suicide. Is there more we can do to prevent this tragic loss of life among our faithful and in our communities? We can start with prayer! You are invited to participate virtually in a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, of the Diocese of Scranton, on Sunday, September 18, at 12:15 p.m. The Mass will be broadcast via livestream at dioceseofscranton.org.

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Pope Francis on the Death Penalty



“Each day, there is a growing “NO” to the death penalty around the world. For the Church this is a sign of hope. From a legal point of view, it is not necessary. Society can effectively repress crime without definitively depriving offenders of the opportunity to redeem themselves. Always, in every legal sentence, there must be a window of hope. Capital punishment offers no justice to victims, but rather encourages revenge and it prevents any possibility of undoing a possible miscarriage of justice. Additionally, the death penalty is morally inadmissible, for it destroys the most important gift we have received: life. Let us not forget that, up to the very last moment, a person can convert and change and in the light of the Gospel, the death penalty is unacceptable. The commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” refers to both the innocent and the guilty. I, therefore, call on all people of goodwill to mobilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world. Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.”

Pope Francis

(Transcript of the Pope’s remarks from a video released September 2022)

Pope Francis on John Paul I

Recently, Pope Francis beatified one of his predecessors, John Paul I, a briefly serving pontiff who distinguished himself with his humility and cheerfulness. The ceremony in St. Peter’s Square is the last step before sainthood for Albino Luciani, an Italian who died 33 days after being elected pontiff.

“With a smile, Pope John Paul managed to communicate the goodness of the Lord,” Francis said in his homily where he praised the mild-tempered and humble pastor. “How beautiful is a church with a happy, serene and smiling face, that never closes doors, never hardens hearts, never complains or harbors resentments, isn’t angry, does not look dour or suffer nostalgia for the past.”

(Adapted from an Associated Press article found at tampabay.com)

Our Parish Prayer List

June Abraham
Sheryl Acunal
Genevieve Aziz
Rita Bahler
Mary Barbuti
Kenneth Barcomb
Audrey Bentley
Thomas Bourke
Ryan Buck Jr.
Nina Buzzone-
England
Norma Callahan
Judy Cardone
Melina Carmen
Chase
Maryloo Carrico
Sean Casey
Paul & Gail Catalona
Bill Cauchon
Joseph I. Chase
David Ciofani
Mark Clements
Bonnie Crisafulli
Tom & Irene Dence
Rita Durish
Christina Fabb
Brooke & Brianna
Farnsworth
Anne Fiamengo

Florence Garrido
Jan Gossett
James Guimond
Mary Haisch
Jenny Holland
Jean & Gary
Hossman
Amy Iketani
Janet Jacob
David Johnson
Elija Johnson
Deanne Karner
Liam & Jeanne
Kennedy
Dolores Kenney
Anna Kumari
Charlotte Laliberti
Marie LaPointe
Gail Larson
Evilia Lopez
Sharn Lundy
Sheila Lutz
Katie Malins
Connie Marmaro
Mary Masterson
Mary Mattingly
Jenna Mitcheson
Mattie Mores
Carol Muka

Susan Nguyen
Jeff Odajewski
Diane O'Neill
Ann Orzel
Robert Ostrenga
Antoinette Passero
Neil Petrocci
Daniel, Sylvia, &
Stella Przywalny
Nicole Rizzo
Judy & Mark Rucker
Nylene Santos
Maria Sauls
Frank Schaumann
Laura Scotto
Maryanne Sirrianna
Rena Soale
Fred & George
Sontheimer
Helen Sullivan
Norman & Leonette
St. Germain
Sherry Taylor
Gloria Unger

***Bold indicates new
name added to prayer
list.***

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to frkevinyarnell@gmail.com

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