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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are. Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it! So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers. And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities. Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny. Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed." He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it. Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Pope Francis proclaims 2021 Year of St. Joseph

"It is my deepest hope that these weeks will be for us all a time to grow in our love for and understanding of this most beautiful sacrament and, in doing so, come closer to the God who has bestowed upon us every blessing we know in this world."

- Bishop Robert McElroy

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	First day of Autumn September 22	K of C Meeting 7:00pm Join the Youth Group	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00	First Friday Mass 7:00pm	First Saturday Mass 9:00am Men's Fellowship Group
Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Healing Mass 7:00pm Join the Youth Group	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass Baby Bottle Drive First Day FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild	Reconciliation 4:00pm

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
September 5, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,719.00
Plate Giving	\$1,368.50
Online Giving	\$696.84
Total	\$3,784.34
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-\$1,215.66



September

Sept 14: 6:30pm—8:00pm
Pool Party –Jaramillo’s

Sept 18: TBD Sea World

Sept 21: 6:30pm—8:00pm
Belmont Park

Sept 28: 6:30pm—8:00pm
Pool Party-Villafana’s



Baby Bottle Drive

At St. Pius X

Help our pro-life ministry by making a donation on **SEPTEMBER 18 - 19** using a virtual donor card or taking home a baby bottle

Your donations will help provide:

- medical, mental, and spiritual help to women in crisis pregnancies
- educational programs
- pro-life events for the community!





SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI 2021 EARTHQUAKE

The National Conference of Bishops in the U.S. has called for a special collection to respond to the humanitarian and significant church recovery needs due to the recent earthquake in Haiti. Parishioners can also contribute on our website at parishoffice@stpiusxjamul.com or on the Diocesan website at www.sdccatholic.org. Everyone is encouraged to join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world through this collection.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made at <https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/> or call (858) 490-8353 misconduct@sdccatholic.org.


RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Respect Life Month (any weekend in October) Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Pray for the life and dignity of the more vulnerable. Visit: respectlife.org/celebr...




ADORATION THURSDAYS

8:30am - 5:00pm



“The Eucharist is essential for us. It is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace.”

— Pope Francis



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: I’ve noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer: The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don’t understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren’t specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It’s a bit of a free-for-all! Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too “liberal” or “conservative,” and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted “the Lord God is my help.” In what way do you need the Lord’s help today?

Second Reading: James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: “I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” Could you do the same?

Gospel: We hear today Jesus’ definition of discipleship: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship? ©LPi



“The Eucharist is a direct personal encounter with Jesus Christ.”

September 12, 2021

“Should I go to Mass this weekend?”

Many faithful wrestle with this question, amid the latest news on the coronavirus. But perhaps answering the question, “Why should I go to Mass?” and understanding the blessings of encountering the real presence of Christ will offer the compelling reason to attend Mass in person.

To help promote this, the diocese is launching a seven-week program to re-introduce the gifts received when attending Mass, none greater than the Eucharist.

On three consecutive weekends, pre-recorded homilies will be presented at every parish, each keyed to a distinct theme. They start on Sept. 11 with the Saturday vigil Mass, to be followed by the Sunday Masses the next day, and continuing to Sept. 26. The homilies will be available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God’s kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God’s ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God’s ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the ‘why’ of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©LPi

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Labor Day Bible Study	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Please pray for: Rev. Dennis O'Connor Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35	Please pray for: Rev. Raymond O'Donnell 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10	Please pray for: Rev. Samuel Offurum Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17	Please pray for: Rev. Agustin Opalalic 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27	Please pray for: Very Rev. Bruce Orsborn 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50	Please pray for: Rev. Claro Ortiz 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3	Please pray for: Rev. Michael Ortiz 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15



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MASS Intentions

Sept 12	Sun	8:30am	+Eloisa Macarena
Sept 12	Sun	11:00am	+Mary Catherine +George Albert Fonseca
Sept 12	Sun	12:30pm	(SI) Concepcion Imelda Ridon
Sept 13	Mon		NO MASS
Sept 14	Tues	7:30am	+Remigio Yogi Alvarez
Sept 15	Wed	7:30am	+Gail Altomare
Sept 16	Thur	7:30am	+Dr. Emerald Randolph
Sept 17	Fri	7:30am	(SI) David Altomare
Sept 18	Sat	5:00pm	(SI) Desmond Fonseca

Observances for the week of September 12, 2021

Sun: Grandparents' Day
Mon: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tues: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thur: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Fri: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sat: BVM



At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Mk 8:33-34

CROSS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MARK 8:34

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White ELEPHANT RUMMAGE SALE

St Pius X Catholic Church
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October 10, 2021
10:00am to 4:00pm

If you don't need it Donate it!!!

Donations of gently used items are being accepted. Electronics and appliances must be in working order (NO clothing please) Call for more information 619.669.0085

JAMULFEST PLANNING COMMITTEE ST. PIUS X –JAMUL

The committee is planning on having a couple of **raffles** during the White Elephant Sale and is in need of Gift baskets. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in donating.

We are respectfully reminding everyone that we are **not** accepting clothing items of any kind.

As always, we appreciate your continuous kindness, support and generosity.

HELP NEEDED-White Elephant/Rummage Sale Sunday 10 October

We are holding a White Elephant / Rummage Sale and need your support! Clean out those garages and closets and bring us items you no longer use or need that are in GOOD WORKING, ORDER. Electronics and appliances must be in working condition and we are NOT taking clothes any longer. Donations can be dropped off at the Church, preferably during regular business hours. High value items please call the parish office 619-669-0085.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PREPARE FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE HELP SET-UP OCT 8TH AND 9TH STARTING AT 8AM. We also will need help on Monday 11 October (Holiday) for tear down and clean up. Remember, Tithing is not just about giving treasure, it's about giving your time and your talent and we need that more than ever so please notify Liz in the parish office and/or sign up using the sign-up sheet in the front of the church.

Faith Formation Registration is NOW OPEN!

St. Pius X, Jamul welcomes you to enroll your children and teens in one of our Faith Formation Programs.

You may register ONLINE at stpiusxjamul.com or by calling the Parish Office at 619.669.0085

Sessions start Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021.

Register by Sept 19th and receive an **Early Bird Discount!**

LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

OUR LADY OF Sorrows
SEPTEMBER 15

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