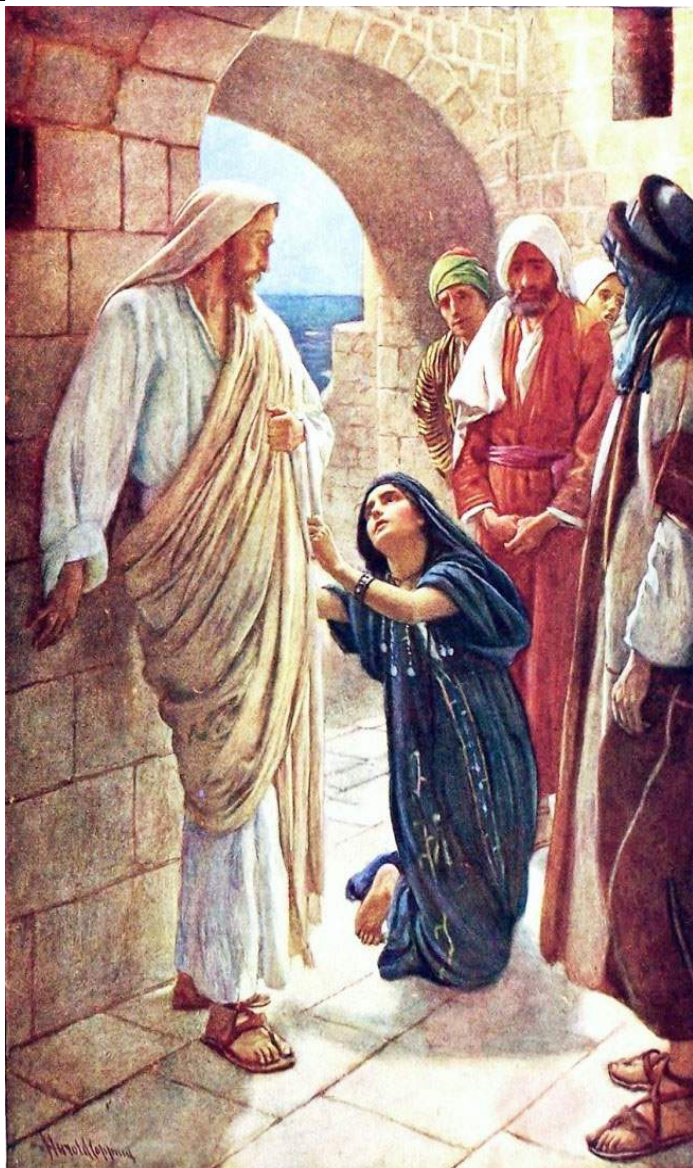


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August 20, 2017 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel

By Ryan Stevenson

A restless generation, we're turning over every stone
Hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold

Can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the father
and he's calling out to us

To the captive it looks like freedom
To the orphan it feels like home
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
To believe in a God who loves

In a world where our hearts are breaking
And we're lost in the mess we've made
Like a blinding light in the dead of night
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

It's the cure for our condition,
it's the good news for us all
It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross

In my own life it means forgiveness,
when I know I deserved the fall
It called me out of my darkness,
and carried me to the cross

In a moment my eyes were opened,
in that moment my heart was changed
Like a blinding light in the dead of night
it's the gospel

Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend William H. Bowles

Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

Office Hours: Monday 12pm – 4:00pm,
Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm



To hear "The Gospel"
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† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:45am

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 19

8:45am ✠ Carmela Mariano and Ted Scibek
 5:00pm ✠ Joan & Brad Winningham and Jane DePadro

Sunday, August 20

7:30am **Int.** John Rice family and ✠ Jody & Stephen Langsenkamp
 9:00am ✠ Eugene Hudak and Malgorzata Turek
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Deacon Jack Thesing
 12:00pm ✠ Charles & Lorraine Seger and Dexter Corpuz
 5:00pm ✠ Rev. Gerald McGrath and Mary & Stan Marko

Monday, August 21

8:45am ✠ John Black and **Int.** Mario Viridis

Tuesday, August 22

8:45am **Int.** Thomas Devine and ✠ Lee Zabadlija

Wednesday, August 23

8:45am ✠ Jody Langsenkamp and Jane Dubuc

Thursday, August 24

8:45am ✠ Christine Fanizzi and **Int.** Ann Macheras

Friday, August 25

8:45am ✠ Dexter Corpuz and Michael James Hughes


Saturday, August 26

8:45am ✠ Frank Hart and Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, CSJ
 5:00pm ✠ Jane DePadro and Paul Dubreuil

Sunday, August 27

7:30am **Int.** Francis Weir Family and ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria
 9:00am ✠ John Cooney and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Mary & Anthony Sorrentino
 12:00pm ✠ Steven Leonardelli and Laren Corpuz
 5:00pm ✠ Andrea Maria Giattino and Eduardo Monge

Join us for RCIA Wednesday evenings! Why not invite a friend or neighbor to explore the richness of the Catholic Faith? St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, starting in September. Email church@stjohncc.org for more info.




Date: Friday, August 25th at 6pm
Location: Blue Moon Fish Company (4405 W Tradewinds Avenue, under the Commercial Blvd. bridge)
RSVP & transportation: Rudy Frei at (954) 943-1023

August 26 & 27	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	John Andrews	Debra Andrews Paulette Kardos
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Greg Martin	Judy Tight Mary Cooney Stephen Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Sarahnell Murphy	Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Bob Bulfin	Gail Bulfin Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Denis Merz	Cathleen Mascarenhas

Baptism: Registered parishioners please contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes will begin in September for personal instruction available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held at 9:30am on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May. Boutique workshops are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am.

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Bible Study: Queen of Heaven: Classes are on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through November. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 9pm and Saturday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass .

“United We Stand”

Is the disintegration of America Possible? Inconceivable! We bonded securely in 1798 into a nation with the ideal that all persons enjoy freedom. Our Republic is based on a solid constitution and a Bill of Rights. An established system of government prevails with balancing powers of the Legislative, Judicial and Executive. Stability is etched in granite, Mount Rushmore style.

We expect such stability and continuity always and make effort to secure cohesion, but cracks frequently surface in our bonding. If steps are not immediately taken to resolve issues, slow dissolution could occur. Is it likely? No. Is it possible? Yes.

Reflect on past cultures and civilizations which lasted for hundreds of years. They appeared to be secure in every respect but now are just a memory. Even in our own day of new structures and alliances, ethnic and social differences have caused fragmentation throughout the world. Out of the old comes a new format. Is anything likely to happen in our country? Most likely no. But consider some concerns which are increasing and someday could boil over into social ferment and nurture divisive isolation, resulting in pockets of stability versus pockets of insecurity. Issues such as crime, drugs, life-issues, undocumented visitors, food disruption, environmental issues, distancing of rich and poor, ethnic division, family fragmentation, etc. can cause fissures in our society if we allow them.

Our nation has gone through its growing pains since 13 original colonies united to forge a union with essentially common goals. The “Achilles heel” of our present existence is that the goals of influential and selfish elements are causing us to drift farther apart. There must be unity not only of our ideals but also in the lived experiences of our people.

We must seek to assure a reasonable life for all where health, security, education, opportunity and peaceful coexistence prevail. All must contribute proportionate to their capacity. All must assimilate, not in fragmented tribalism but in a unified idea of working out our eternal salvation here in the USA. The common good should be the concern of all. Let no one divide our ideal. God Bless America.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

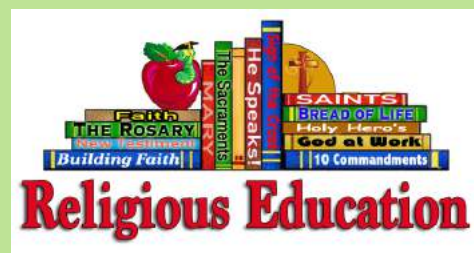
2nd collection, August 26th & 27th

We invite your generosity in next weekend’s second collection. Fr. Fabian Anibueze, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria will be representing his diocese in this year’s Mission Cooperative Program. The program helps to raise awareness in our community of the richness of missionary work and inspires us all to live the missionary call in our daily lives.



Register now!

**PK-8TH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH.
PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN NOON
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH.**



Classes begin with the 9am family mass followed by an hour of classroom instruction. Online registration at <https://parishtrack.aquinas-sta.org/ccd>

Blessings to our teachers and students as a new school year begins. May we all share in the role of educating our young people in everything that is important to us.