

Sunday, February 6, 2022

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation	225
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RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses Mon. to Saturday or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm
Saturday: 9:30am—1:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm
Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm



**CLICK TO REGISTER
FOR WEEKEND MASS**

Registration is required for in-person participation in the weekend Holy Masses: Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 8am, 10am, 12noon, & 4pm.



**Click here for
Live Stream**

All 9am morning masses, Monday to Saturday and the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass will be livestreamed.

AddMe

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.

**PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY
PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S
SAFETY:**

1. 6-ft distancing
2. Wear mask
3. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

Two Steps for E-Transfer:

- 1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org
- 2) Send a separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 7, 9am

1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the soul of Zal Kutar, requested by the Robinson Family
3. For the soul of Lumena Pereira, requested by her husband Presley & her son Pierre

Wednesday, February 9, 9am

1. For the soul of Arthur D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

Wednesday, February 9, 7pm

1. For the souls of Hyginus, Raymond & Grisilda Perera, requested by the Perera Family
2. Birthday Blessings for Andrew Katopo, requested by the Family
3. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Wilma & Ronald D'Souza, requested by the Family

Friday, February 11, 9am

1. For the soul of Bienvenido Dulay, requested by Janet Fabros
2. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family
3. For the soul of Don Pace, requested by Esther Pace

Saturday, February 12, 9am

1. For the soul of Raymond Fernandes, requested by Keamary Group

Saturday, February 12, 5pm

1. For the soul of Anna Staub, requested by Elizabeth Kulcsar & Family
2. Good intentions for Tiffany Joseph, requested by Erva Joseph

Sunday, February 13, 10am

1. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Remy Barry

Sunday, February 13, 4pm

1. For the soul of Bienvenido Dulay, requested by Janet Fabros

The Universal Church celebrates the 30th World Day of the Sick on Friday, February 11th. Let us pray for all the sick, that they may be restored to good health and be made whole.

Knights of Hearts goes Virtual!



See the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

DAILY MASS READINGS

February 7	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
February 8	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
February 9	1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
February 10	1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
February 11	1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
February 12	1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
February 13	Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26

Three conditions are necessary for Penance: contrition, which is sorrow for sin, together with a purpose of amendment; confession of sins without any omission; and satisfaction by means of good works.

Thomas Aquinas

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“... Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14



FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:

5th Sacrament: MATRIMONY

Boys and girls, do you know that marriage in the Church is one of the seven sacraments? Yes, it is. It is called Matrimony or Sacrament of Marriage.

Jesus himself gave us the 7 Sacraments. It is all in the bible. Just like the other six sacraments, the Sacrament of Marriage give special helps (called graces) to the bride and groom when they get married. These graces flows directly from the source of all graces, Jesus!

For the Sacrament of Matrimony to happen, though boys and girls, it is very important that the bride and the groom give consent to enter into marriage. Because unlike the other sacraments, it is the bride and groom that confers the sacrament by publicly declaring their consent. The priest receives their consent in behalf of the Church. So the priest will ask the groom, “(Name of Groom), will you take (Name of Bride), here present for your lawful wife, according to the rite of our Holy Mother Church?” The groom will answer, “I do.” Then the priest will ask the bride, “(Name of Bride), will you take (Name of Groom), here present for your lawful husband, according to the rite of our Holy Mother Church?” The bride will answer, “I do.” The groom will then say, “I call upon these persons here pre-

sent to witness that I, (Groom’s Name), do take thee (Bride’s Name), to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.” Then the bride will say the same.

The priest will then say a prayer for both of them, about their consent, and remind them that what God has joined together, let no man separate.

Do you know the purpose of Matrimony? The purpose of the sacrament is to help each other live in faithfulness to God. The bride and groom’s love for each other is a reflection of the enduring love between Christ and his Church, and it provides both of them a foretaste of the divine love that awaits them in heaven. The second purpose of Matrimony is the pro-creation and education of their children.

This is the Sacrament of Marriage, boys and girls, or Matrimony. See you next week on another sacrament!



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KNIGHT OF HEARTS

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VIRTUAL

Saturday, February 19, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 pm

\$30.00 per meal

*Menu: Lemon Chicken in a lemon caper sauce,
Beef Brisket, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted beets &
carrots, mixed green salad with apple and orange &
Black forest cake in a cup*

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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE THIRTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

February 11, 2022

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36).

Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them. [1] We are grateful to the Lord for the progress made over the years in the particular Churches worldwide. Many advances have been made, yet there is still a long way to go in ensuring that all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ. May the Thirtieth World Day of the Sick – whose closing celebration, due to the pandemic, will not take place as planned in Arequipa, Peru, but in Saint Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican – help us grow in closeness and service to the sick and to their families.

1. Merciful like the Father

The theme chosen for this Thirtieth World Day of the Sick, “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36), makes us first turn our gaze towards God, who is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4); he always watches over his children with a father’s love, even when they turn away from him. Mercy is God’s name par excellence; mercy, understood not as an occasional sentimental feeling but as an ever-present and active force, expresses God’s very nature. It combines strength and tenderness. For this reason, we can say with wonder and gratitude that God’s mercy embraces both fatherhood and motherhood (cf. Is 49:15). God cares for us with the strength of a father and the tenderness of a mother; he unceasingly desires to give us new life in the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus, the mercy of the Father

The supreme witness of the Father’s merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus’ encounters with people suffering from various diseases! He “went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people” (Mt 4:23). We do well to ask ourselves why Jesus showed such great concern for the sick, so much so that he made it paramount in the mission of the apostles, who were sent by the Master to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick (cf. Lk 9:2).

One twentieth-century philosopher suggests a reason for this: “Pain isolates in an absolute way, and absolute isolation gives rise to the need to appeal to the other, to call out to the other”. [2] When individuals experience frailty and suffering in their own flesh as a result of illness, their hearts become heavy, fear spreads, uncertainties multiply, and questions about the meaning of what is happening in their lives become all the more urgent. How can we forget, in this regard, all those patients who, during this time of pandemic spent the last part of their earthly life in solitude, in an intensive care unit, assisted by generous healthcare workers, yet far from their loved ones and the most important people in their lives? This helps us to see how important is the presence at our side of witnesses to God’s charity, who, following the example of Jesus, the very mercy of the Father, pour the balm of consolation and the wine of hope on the wounds of the sick. [3]

3. To touch the suffering flesh of Christ

Jesus’ invitation to be merciful like the Father has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

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Let us thank the Lord for the progress that medical science has made, especially in recent times; new technologies have made it possible to prepare therapies that are of great benefit to the sick; research continues to make a valuable contribution to eliminating old and new pathologies; rehabilitation medicine has greatly expanded its expertise and skills. None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties. [4] Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology. For this reason, I would hope that the training provided to health workers might enable them to develop a capacity for listening and relating to others.

4. Centres of care as “houses of mercy”

The World Day of the Sick is also a good occasion to focus our attention on centres of care. Down the centuries, showing mercy to the sick led the Christian community to open innumerable “inns of the good Samaritan”, where love and care can be given to people with various kinds of sickness, especially those whose health needs are not being met due to poverty or social exclusion or to the difficulties associated with treating certain pathologies. In these situations, it is children, the elderly and those who are most frail who most often pay the price. Merciful like the Father, countless missionaries have combined the preaching of the Gospel with the construction of hospitals, dispensaries and care homes. These are precious means whereby Christian charity has taken visible shape and the love of Christ, witnessed by that of his disciples, has become more credible. I think especially of people in the poorest areas of our planet, where it is sometimes necessary to travel long distances to find treatment centres that, albeit with limited resources, offer what is available. We still have a long way to go; in some countries, access to adequate care remains a luxury. We see this, for example, in the scarcity of available vaccines against Covid-19 in poor countries; but even more in the lack of treatment for illnesses that require much simpler medicines.

In this context, I wish to reaffirm the importance of Catholic healthcare institutions: they are a precious treasure to be protected and preserved; their presence has distinguished the history of the Church, showing her closeness to the sick and the poor, and to situations overlooked by others. [5] How many founders of religious families have listened to the cry of their brothers and sisters who lack access to care or are poorly cared for, and have given their utmost in their service! Today too, even in the most developed countries, their presence is a blessing, since in addition to caring for the body with all necessary expertise, they can always offer the gift of charity, which focuses on the sick themselves and their families. At a time in which the culture of waste is widespread and life is not always acknowledged as worthy of being welcomed and lived, these structures, like “houses of mercy”, can be exemplary in protecting and caring for all life, even the most fragile, from its beginning until its natural end.

5. Pastoral mercy: presence and proximity

In the past thirty years, pastoral health care has also seen its indispensable service increasingly recognized. If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health – is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God’s closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and the opportunity for a journey of growth and maturation in faith. [6] In this regard, I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit! The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: “I was sick and you visited me” (Mt 25:36).

Dear brothers and sisters, to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Infirm, I entrust all the sick and their families. United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust. I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Francis

CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

Q: The Church teaches that lay Catholics share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices of Christ. Can you provide a fuller understanding of these offices, and what limits or distinctions are in order?

A: Yes, as a Catechism affirms, the anointing with Sacred Chrism ... signifies a gift of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized, who has become a Christian, that is, one "anointed" by the Holy Spirit, incorporated into Christ who is anointed priest, prophet, and king. (#1241)

The common priesthood of believers and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood, while being ordered to one another, differ in essence. It is not simply a difference in degree, but a difference in kind.

Biblically, priests are those who offer sacrifice to God. This in the common priesthood of all the baptized, believers are to offer their own life as a sacrifice to God, serving God and caring for all God's people. The whole life of a believer should be a sacrifice pleasing to God, as we offer our time, talent, and treasure. All the faithful are also called to offer a sacrifice of praise by taking part in the sacred liturgy, and in prayer in vivid and conscious ways, exercising roles in the sacred liturgy that are proper to the laity.

Prophets are those who speak for God, who are God's voice in the world. As prophets, believers must first hear and heed the Word of God and having done so, proclaim the authentic Word of God to this world by what they say and do. Clearly the prophet must proclaim only that which befits sound doctrine only that which the Lord has revealed to his Church, in the Scriptures, and Sacred Tradition.

Kings are those who exercise authority. And thus the baptized believer must first of all take

authority over his or her own life. Believers must rule over their unruly passions, over disordered drives of the soul and body, and so forth.

Having gained self-mastery, Christians are also called, exercise lawful authority in this world. Of course this must begin in the family with parents. But the royalty of the baptized but extend beyond merely the family, into the whole world, as believers seek to extend the kingship of Christ, throughout the whole social order.

Excerpt from Msgr. Charles Pope, Sunday Visitor

"Lord, I am tired this day, but I will trust in you to lift my spirit to be to others what you are to me. Amen."



Hearty Greetings to you all for 2022! We do hope that you all are healthy and keeping warm. It's been a while since we last appeared in the Bulletin but here we are again.

In the month of December, 2021 The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul of St John of the Cross Parish assembled and distributed 53 Christmas Hampers to Our Neighbors in Need within our Parish Boundaries.

These are Neighbors In Need that we served during year 2021.

Each hamper contained an assortment of non-perishable food, Christmas goodies, grocery vouchers and gift cards.

We served 102 adults and 75 children for a total of 177 people.

All of this assistance has been made possible through the generous donations of Our Parish Schools and you our parishioners.

So we say, *"Thank you, Thank you, Thank you and God Bless!"*

We will continue to serve through 2022 with your generosity and blessings.

Stay Warm and please stay safe and covid free...
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