

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday
Horarios de la Oficina: 9:00am-5:00pm, Lunes - Jueves y 9:00am-1:00pm, Viernes



Fr. Jeff blesses the men of our parish family for Father's Day on June 20 at the 8:00 Mass.
El P. Jeff bendice a los hombres de nuestra familia parroquial por el Día del Padre el 20 de junio en la Misa de las 8:00.

Mass Times

In Person: Saturdays at 4pm (English)
Sundays at 8am and 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Online: Saturdays at 4pm (Facebook-live)
Posted to website immediately after
Sundays at 8am (Facebook-live)
Posted to website immediately after
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish-Facebook-live)
Posted to website immediately after

Horarios de Misa

En persona: Sábados a las 4pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 8am y 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español)

En línea: Sábados a las 4pm (inglés-Facebook-en vivo)
Publicado en nuestro sitio web inmediatamente después
Domingos a las 8am (inglés-Facebook-en vivo)
Publicado en nuestro sitio web inmediatamente después
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español-Facebook-en vivo)
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—14° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

July 4, 2021

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for July 6-9, 2021

Tues.	11am	†Marty Feuerborn
Wed.	8am	Open
Thur.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	Open

Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:00pm	†Bill Maedge
	†Carmen Barrios

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:00am	†Leonard Meiron
	†Nancy Ruffini
10:30am	†Antonio and Rosa Carrollo & Family
	Intentions of Our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Jesús Valdiviezo
	†Mario Quiñones
	†Ramona Jaimes Garcia

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Ramona Jaimes Garcia**, abuela de Ramona y Evelinda Benitez Jaimes

†**Carmitia Yust**, wife of Ray Yust

†**Nancy Ruffini**, mother of Andy, Alec, Jamie Ruffini and Kirstie Roberts

†**Gilberto Gutierrez**, esposo de Eva Hernandez de Gutierrez, padre de Crystal, Gabriella y Gilberto Gutierrez

†**Bobby Brown**, mother of Joyce Greenstreet, Bob, Jane and Jim Brown, grandmother of Hannah Coovert, Abbi and Zach Brown

†**Anna Reinhardt**, mother of Angelika Mackey



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, July 4 - Domingo, 4 de Julio

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, July 5 - Lunes, 5 de Julio

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Tuesday, July 6 - Martes, 6 de Julio

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, July 7 - Miércoles, 7 de Julio

9:00am Legion of Mary

6:30pm Weekly Rosary

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

7:00pm Cantor Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8 - Jueves, 8 de Julio

9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group

Friday, July 9 - Viernes, 9 de Julio

9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 10 - Sábado, 10 de Julio

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 11 - Domingo, 11 de Julio

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

1:00pm Second Dose COVID Vaccine Clinic
Clínica de Segunda Dosis de Vacunación

happy birthday

Israel Arellano	Natalie Lewis
Ernesto Arreola	Paola Leynez
Susan Ashbaugh	Jo Locke
Cecelia Berryman	Joanne Mackay
David Cartagena	Theresa Maderos
Kevin Como	Jose Martinez
José Cortes	Nallely Martinez
Norma Damian	Adrian Martinez
Gabriella Del Valle	Regina Martinez
Brayan Dionicio	Lydia Meakins
Adriana Fabian	Martin Mendoza
Ann Ford	Aydeeluvia Mendoza
Stephen Freisthler	Reuben Nwachukwu
Wesley Gebauer	Mary Piepho
Jennie Gonzalez	Maria Pocasangre
Sergio Guevara	Marsha Puleo
Erick Guzman	Jose Rosas
Maria Guzman	Amalia Rosas
Rex Hainey	Belen Salazar
Savanna Hall	Ruby Sanchez
Colten Hartenbower	Liliana Scott
Kyler Herndon	Amy Sheridan
Brook Hoy	Alice Spiller
Jacob Jimenez	Lucille Swafford
Chandler Jones	Hannah Teeman
Jackeline Juarez	Maria Torres
Skyler Kee	Hector Valenzuela
David Keith	Jose Vasquez

Happy Anniversary

Bill and Jo Locke	69 Years!	7/11/1952
Larry and Karen Rhodes	51 Years!	7/11/1970
Barry and Nancy Ballenger	40 Years!	7/6/1981
Mark and Carol Galant	36 Years!	7/5/1985
Alan and Diane Hughes	34 Years!	7/11/1987
Juan and Margarita Rocha	27 Years!	7/9/1994
Tracy and Sarah Wheeler	25 Years!	7/6/1996
Daniel and Jeanne Schwarz	24 Years!	7/11/1997
Alejo and Sara Estrella	18 Years!	7/5/2003
John and Georgene Caoile	11 Years!	7/10/2010
Rodolfo and Paula Leynez	10 Years!	7/9/2011
Bill and Kirstie Roberts	8 Years!	7/6/2013
Brandon and Meagan Embry	7 Years!	7/5/2014
Justin McNiel and Leti Garcia	4 Years!	7/7/2017
Rodolfo Dominguez and Violeta Gomez	2 Years!	7/6/2019



This Week's Do You Know Video:

In examining the history of the Catholic Church, its institutions and religious orders, along with other Protestant



religious institutions, all have benefited greatly from slavery and racism. With a strong and consistent push from Black Catholics, many religious institutions are now at the forefront of acknowledging this history of complicity with slavery and racism and of making amends for such complicity. They are tracking down descendants of those they enslaved and apologizing, along with building memorials to the enslaved. Key to making amends is reparations. Many institutions are establishing reparation funds for descendants such as scholarships, financial aid and other forms of financial reparation. Some recent examples of religious institutions making amends are: The Women Religious of the Sacred Heart, Princeton Theological Seminary, Virginia Theological Seminary, Several Episcopal Dioceses in Maryland, New York and Texas, along with others religious institutions. The most prominent examples are the Jesuits both in Georgetown and St. Louis Universities, along with the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, who are committed to raising one hundred million dollars toward reparations. Make time to view this week's DYK video and become familiar with how religious institutions are now acknowledging their slave-holding past and what they are doing to make amends.

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

Al examinar la historia de la Iglesia católica, sus instituciones y órdenes religiosas, junto con otras



instituciones religiosas protestantes, todas se han beneficiado enormemente de la esclavitud y el racismo. Con un fuerte y constante impulso de los católicos negros, muchas instituciones religiosas están ahora a la vanguardia reconociendo esta historia de complicidad con la esclavitud y el racismo y enmendando tal complicidad. Están rastreando a los descendientes de aquellos a los que esclavizaron y se disculpan, junto con la construcción de monumentos a los esclavizados. La clave para hacer las paces son las reparaciones. Muchas instituciones están estableciendo fondos de reparación para los descendientes, como becas, ayuda financiera y otras formas de reparación financiera. Algunos ejemplos recientes de instituciones religiosas que están haciendo enmiendas son: Las Religiosas del Sagrado Corazón, el Seminario Teológico de Princeton, el Seminario Teológico de Virginia, varias Diócesis Episcopales en Maryland, Nueva York y Texas, junto con otras instituciones religiosas. Los ejemplos más destacados son los jesuitas en las universidades de Georgetown y St. Louis, junto con la Conferencia Jesuita de Canadá y los Estados Unidos que se han comprometido a recaudar cien millones de dólares para reparaciones. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y familiarícese con cómo las instituciones religiosas reconocen ahora su pasado como esclavista y lo que están haciendo para enmendar las cosas.

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Monday, July 5
in observance of Independence Day.

La Oficina Parroquial se cerrará el:
Lunes, 5 de julio
en observancia del Día de la Independencia.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 10 de Julio

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a las 11am. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón Parroquial. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Eat less fast food to improve your health and reduce waste. Buy fresh food from farmer's markets, produce stands and community supported agriculture (CSA) subscriptions to support the local economy.

Consejo de la Semana del Equipo de Ecología

Coma menos comida rápida para mejorar su salud y reducir el desperdicio. Compre alimentos frescos en los mercados de agricultores, puestos de productos agrícolas y suscripciones a la agricultura apoyada por la comunidad (CSA) para apoyar la economía local.

Information—Información

Covid-19 Vaccine Info

Vaccines are now available for individuals ages 12 and older.

Walgreens has begun to have vaccines available at certain locations. Visit <https://www.walgreens.com/> to find out more information.

Walgreens and CVS offer same day appointments. Call your local Walgreens or CVS to find out the most convenient place that they are available for you.

Hy-Vee: To see if appointments are available, go to <https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent>.

Cosentino's Price Choppers are offering vaccines at some of their stores. To check availability, please visit: <https://www.cosentinos.com/covid-vaccine>.

Text your ZIP code to 438829 - or text "VACUNA" for Spanish - and you'll find your local options for the Covid-19 vaccines.

Información sobre la vacuna Covid-19

Las vacunas ahora están disponibles para personas mayores de 12 años.

Walgreens ha comenzado a tener vacunas disponibles en ciertos lugares. Visite <https://www.walgreens.com/> para obtener más información.

Walgreens y CVS ofrecen citas el mismo día. Llame a su Walgreens o CVS local para averiguar cuál es el lugar más conveniente para usted.

Hy-Vee: para ver si hay citas disponibles, vaya a <https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent>.

Price Choppers de Cosentino ofrece vacunas en algunas de sus tiendas. Para verificar la disponibilidad, visite: <https://www.cosentinos.com/covid-vaccine>.

Envíe un mensaje de texto con "VACUNA" al 438829 y encontrará sus opciones locales para las vacunas contra el Covid-19.



Wellness Center



Did You Know– The expression, dog days of summer, refers to the hot, sultry days of summer, originally in areas around the Mediterranean Sea. According to the Farmer's Almanac, this is the hottest time of the year, which is the 40 days that span from July 3 through August 11.

Here are some tips to keep your furry friends safe during these *dog days*.

1. Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water at all times – but especially during hot weather.
2. Exercise your dog in the morning or evening during the coolest temps of the day, stay in the shade whenever possible.
3. Regardless of the time of day, don't overdo exercise sessions.
4. Never, EVER leave your pet alone in a parked vehicle on a hot day.
5. Make sure your dog knows how to swim before giving him or her access to a pool, pond, lake or other body of water.
6. Play in the sprinkler with your dog or hose him or her down with cool water if they must stay outside.

If you suspect your dog is overheated, get him or her to the vet immediately!!



Area Information

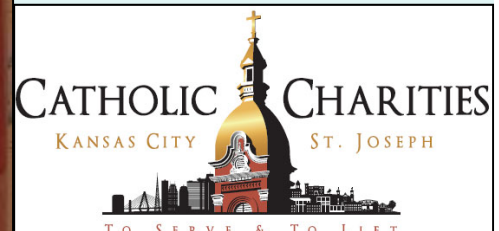
Catholic Charities Services

Catholic Charities KCSJ recently opened its first Food Pantry, "Lift Up—Kansas City" at our temporary site in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Pantry is available to anyone in our diocese and includes an online shopping portal for clients to choose groceries. Our plan is to have mobile outreach deliver food and emergency services across the diocese. We continue to seek capital support in the form of a building, shelving, box trucks, vans & forklifts and also search for a permanent home to serve the southern portion of our diocese and a location in our northern counties. If you have knowledge of or access to any of these items, please let us know. For more information, contact Jessica Gant at 816-882-4781 or jgant@ccharities.com. To volunteer, contact Linda Hopkins at 816-659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.

Información Local

Servicios de Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities KCSJ (Caridades Católicas) abrió recientemente su primera despensa de alimentos, "Lift Up — Kansas City" en nuestro sitio temporal en la parroquia de St. Catherine of Siena. The Pantry está disponible para cualquier persona en nuestra diócesis e incluye un portal de compras en línea para que los clientes elijan alimentos. Nuestro plan es que el alcance móvil brinde alimentos y servicios de emergencia en toda la diócesis. Continuamos buscando apoyo de capital en forma de edificio, estanterías, camionetas y montacargas y también buscamos un hogar permanente para servir a la parte sur de nuestra diócesis y una ubicación en nuestros condados del norte. Si tiene conocimiento o acceso a alguno de estos elementos, háganoslo saber. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Jessica Gant al 816-882-4781 o jgant@ccharities.com. Para ser voluntario, comuníquese con Linda Hopkins al 816-659-8205 o lhopkins@ccharities.com.



Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>.

Pastoral Care

Cuidado Pastoral

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

July 28—No Mass or Service—Carnegie Village Chapel
We have resumed monthly Mass at Carnegie Village; parishioners are welcome; please wear a mask and check in at the front desk for temperature check.

Horario de Misas en Hogares de Ancianos

28 de Julio—No habrá Misa—Carnegie Village Chapel
Hemos reanudado la misa mensual en Carnegie Village; los feligreses son bienvenidos; por favor use cubre boca y regístrese en la recepción para checar su temperatura.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper in the parish office, 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Are you looking for a ministry to join? Something that serves the greater community of Belton, Raymore and Peculiar? Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick & Homebound are Needed

St. Sabina Parish has one hospital, five long-term care and assisted living facilities and homebound parishioners that we serve. Many hands are needed. This is a vital ministry that keeps our parishioners and Catholics in area care centers connected with the Church and the Sacraments. Training will be provided. If you are considering how to serve your community, if you have an extra two hours per week and would like to serve the aged, ill and those confined to home, please contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Lista de Peticiones de Oración para el Boletín

Los feligreses que están enfermos, o que tienen un ser querido que está enfermo, pueden solicitar que se recuerde a la persona en la lista de Peticiones de Oración publicada en nuestro boletín. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante dos meses, pero se pueden volver a agregar a la lista. Recuerde que la persona debe dar permiso antes de que se pueda publicar el nombre. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista, comuníquese con Marta Roper, en la oficina parroquial 816-979-3154 o marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Números de Recursos

de Salud Mental

Línea Nacional de

Prevención del Suicidio

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Disponible 24/7

Línea Directa de Crisis de Salud Mental ACI

1-888-279-8188 Disponible
24/7, multilingüe



Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Randy Dyck	Kenneth Jones	Abigail Ragsdale	Mary Westfall
Peg Agnew	Terry Eppert	John Jongenelen	Chuck Ramsey	Mary Wickstrum
Randy Armstrong	Maria Esperanza Castillo	Jack King	Larry Rhodes	Millie Wolfe
Chris Armstrong	Pat Falcon	Todd Kudron	Dennis Ritchie	John Wooldridge
Dick Armstrong	Sharon Felsing	Susan Lager	Agustin Rivera	Karen Wooldridge
Steve Ayers	Lili Flores	Mary Lewis	Alfonso Rivera	
Joe Barron	Maria Luisa Flores	Ellen Lilek	Rene Angel Rosa Zelaya	
Zachary Baylor	John Frezza	Ellen Lovelace	Michelle Rose	
Bill Beaver	Gary Gallup	Alex Martinez	Anna Ryan	
Emma Beaver	Bettianne Gardiner	Axel Martinez	Zoila Angelica Salguero	
Dennis Berg	Joyce Giaccone	Pam May	Ron Schock	
Marion Biondo	Karen Grantham	Bill McDaniel	Arturo Solis	
Mary Pat Biondo	Cherie Hatfield	Raul Cedillo	Lori Stangl	
Betty Breckenkamp	Bob Henderson	Emanuel Juarez Meza	Stephen Stinger	
Maxine Bremer	Darlene Henderson	Kathy Moore	Dani Stinger	
Veronica Burks	Rhonda Henke	Joan Muench	Lois Stogsdill	
Joyce Callahan	Bob Henningsen	Carmen Munguia	Rita Stout	
Patty Carr	Marilyn Henningsen	Jerry Nowak	Jean Tate	
Steve Circo	Jeff Hemmen	Joan Nowak	Joel Taylor	
Mary Ann Crooks	Ernestine Iseman	Jack Obermeier	Ronda VanDyne	
Harold Dawes	Alan Hughes	JoAnn Obermeier	William VanDyne	
Mark DeLuca	Sue Huwar	Gary Prendergast	Deb Wagner	
Marcia DiGeorge	Ruth Davila Johnston	Rita Pruitt	Denise Vargo Wallace	



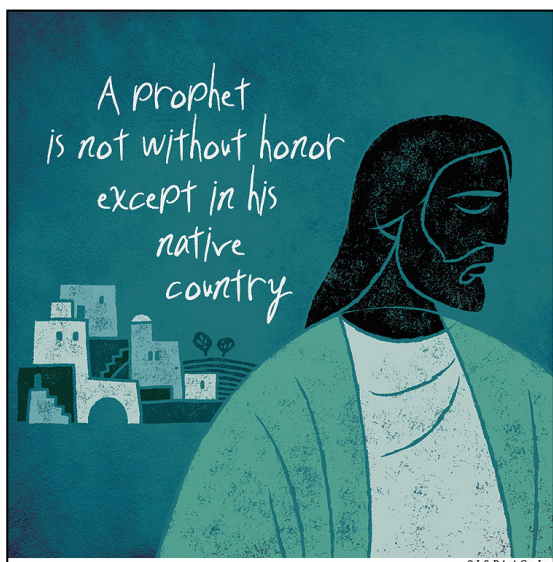
Reflection on the Readings

The readings for this Sunday focus our attention on the human experience of opposition, contempt, rejection and misunderstanding. All four readings clearly state that pursuing God's agenda and carrying on the mission and ministry of Jesus will result in opposition, rejection and misunderstanding. This reality is an integral part of our baptismal commitment that we usually find difficult to face, respond to and live with. Today's readings offer various ways to deal with this pervasive human experience.

Responsorial Psalm 123 offers the strongest clue to facing this most difficult of life's dilemmas. The refrain challenges us to fix our eyes on the Lord, from whom comes all mercy, faithfulness, support and guidance. With the whole assembly we are invited to sing, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." Through the psalm's prayer focus we come to understand that it is only in and with the Lord that we can face rejection and opposition with integrity and steadfastness. **The Lord does not take away the reality but rather helps us confront our distress and come to a sense of wholeness and peace in the face of it.**

The first reading speaks of Ezekiel being called by the Lord to be a prophet to the people. **In his vocation call, Ezekiel comes to the realization that a prophet, one who speaks on behalf of the Lord, will experience opposition and rejection by the people.** It seems as if this reality is part and parcel of what it means to speak on behalf of God. **The passage states that people in general have a pattern of rejecting anyone who reminds them of God's values and intentions.** Since such words usually go against the prevailing attitude and perspective of most people, they are difficult to accept, leading to a pattern of rejection and opposition to anyone who claims to speak on behalf of God. **As with all who are called to speak on behalf of the Lord, Ezekiel realizes that only with the Lord is this life adventure truly possible.**

Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians speaks of a "thorn in the flesh" that he feels God had given him in order to curb his pride. In his ministry on behalf of the Lord, Paul feels that he was granted many spiritual gifts from God. This could have easily given Paul a "big head." This "thorn in the flesh" is a sign that he is human just like everyone else. He seems to use this weakness, whatever it might be, to alert him to his need for the Lord. This weakness causes him to fix his "eyes" on the Lord alone. In this fashion, **Paul can put up with any rejection and opposition, "for when I am weak, then I am strong."** Rejection and opposition causes him to place his trust completely in the Lord, thus making him strong, and not his own weak and haughty self.



Mark's gospel has Jesus visit his hometown of Nazareth only to experience rejection, contempt and opposition from those closest to him, "from his own kin and in his own house." Jesus is so amazed at their "lack of faith" that he could not perform mighty deeds there. **Their "lack of faith" meant that they could not perceive the presence and action of God in their midst.** They had their minds and hearts closed to what God was accomplishing in the person of Jesus. Such blindness is often the main source of rejection and opposition to God. **In such a context, God is powerless. God cannot and will not force faith. Faith can only operate when we allow it to take root in our hearts.**

How have you learned to perceive the presence of God in your life? How have you handled rejection and opposition for your fidelity to your baptismal commitment? Ask God for

help and guidance in fixing your "eyes" only on the Lord, trusting in God's mercy, support and faithfulness. Truly, only this makes us strong.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, July 4

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm: Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Sunday, July 11

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Las lecturas de este domingo centran nuestra atención en la experiencia humana de la oposición, el desprecio, el rechazo y la incompreensión. Las cuatro lecturas claramente declaran que seguir la agenda de Dios y llevar a cabo la misión y el ministerio de Jesús resultará en oposición, rechazo e incompreensión. Esta realidad es una parte integral de nuestro compromiso bautismal que generalmente nos resulta difícil enfrentar, responder y vivir. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen varias formas de lidiar con esta experiencia humana generalizada.

El Salmo Responsorial 122 ofrece la mejor pista para enfrentar el más difícil de los dilemas de la vida. El estribillo nos desafía a fijar nuestros ojos en el Señor, de quien proviene toda la misericordia, la fidelidad, el apoyo y la guía. Con toda la asamblea somos invitados a cantar: "Nuestros ojos están en el Señor Dios nuestro, esperando su misericordia". A través del enfoque de la oración del salmo llegamos a comprender que es solo en y con el Señor que podemos enfrentar el rechazo y la oposición con integridad y firmeza. El Señor no quita la realidad, sino que nos ayuda a enfrentar nuestra angustia y llegar a una sensación de plenitud y paz frente a ella.

La primera lectura habla de que Ezequiel fue llamado por el Señor para ser un profeta del pueblo. En su llamado vocacional, Ezequiel llega a la conclusión de que un profeta, alguien que habla en nombre del Señor, experimentará oposición y rechazo por parte del pueblo. Parece como si esta realidad fuera parte integrante de lo que significa hablar en nombre de Dios. El pasaje afirma que las personas en general tienen un patrón de rechazo a cualquiera que les recuerde los valores e intenciones de Dios. Dado que tales palabras generalmente van en contra de la actitud y la perspectiva prevalecientes en la mayoría de las personas, son difíciles de aceptar, lo que lleva a un patrón de rechazo y oposición a cualquiera que diga hablar en nombre de Dios. Como todos los llamados a hablar en nombre del Señor, Ezequiel se da cuenta de que solo con el Señor es esta aventura de la vida realmente posible.

Pablo, en su segunda carta a los Corintios, habla de una "espinas clavadas en la carne" que siente que Dios le había dado para controlar su orgullo. En su ministerio en nombre del Señor, Pablo siente que recibió muchos dones espirituales de parte de Dios. Esto podría haberle hecho subir los humos a la cabeza. Esta "espinas en la carne" es una señal de que es humano como todos los demás. Parece usar esta debilidad, cualquiera que sea, para alertarlo sobre su necesidad del Señor. Esta debilidad lo lleva a fijar sus "ojos" solo en el Señor. De esta manera, Pablo puede soportar cualquier rechazo y oposición, "porque cuando soy más débil, soy más fuerte". El rechazo y la oposición lo hacen depositar su confianza completamente en el Señor, haciéndolo fuerte, y no ser débil y altivo.



El evangelio de Marcos hace que Jesús visite su ciudad natal de Nazaret solo para experimentar el rechazo, el desprecio y la oposición de los más cercanos a él, "sus parientes y los de su casa". Jesús está tan asombrado por su falta de fe que no pudo realizar actos poderosos allí. Su falta de fe significaba que no podían percibir la presencia y la acción de Dios entre sí. Tenían sus mentes y corazones cerrados a lo que Dios estaba logrando en la persona de Jesús. Tal ceguera muchas veces es la fuente principal del rechazo y la oposición a Dios. En tal contexto, Dios es impotente. Dios no puede y no forzará la fe. La fe solo puede operar cuando permitimos que arraigue en nuestros corazones.

¿Cómo ha aprendido a percibir la presencia de Dios en su vida? ¿Cómo ha manejado el rechazo y la oposición por su fidelidad a su compromiso bautismal? Pídale a Dios ayuda y guía para fijar sus "ojos" solo en el Señor, confiando en la misericordia, el apoyo y la fidelidad de Dios. En verdad, solo esto nos hace fuertes.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 2:2-5

Salmo: Salmo 122:1-2a, 2bcd, 3-4

Segunda Lectura: 2 Corintios 12:7-10

Evangelio: Marcos 6:1-6

Lecturas del Domingo, 11 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Amós 7:12-15

Salmo: Salmo 84:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 1:3-14

Evangelio: Marcos 6:7-13

Stewardship

"I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by. Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.

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Corresponsabilidad

"Así pues, de buena gana prefiero gloriarme de mis debilidades, para que se manifieste en mí el poder de Cristo. Por eso me alegro de las debilidades, los insultos, las necesidades, las persecuciones y las dificultades que sufro por Cristo, porque cuando soy más débil, soy más fuerte."

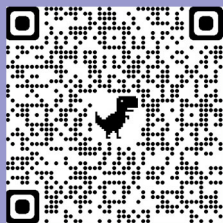
2 Corintios 12:9-10

Todos cargamos cruces en esta vida, ya sean pequeñas espinas o dagas afiladas. Lo más fácil de hacer, como hizo San Pablo, es rezar para que se lleve la cruz. ¡Sería genial si todas nuestras luchas se desvanecieran mágicamente! Pero escuche las palabras del Señor: "Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad". Deténgase y reflexione sobre su cruz. En lugar de desear que desaparezca, considérela como una oportunidad para crecer y permitir que Dios trabaje en su vida. Dios permitió esta cruz en su vida por una razón. No deje pasar la oportunidad de que Cristo trabaje en su corazón. Hoy, recuerde que Dios nos ama más de lo que podríamos imaginar. No hay un momento que pase en el que Él no nos tenga en mente. Tiene un plan específico para nuestras vidas. Por lo tanto, que podamos enfrentar los desafíos de la vida con confianza en Cristo.

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Stewardship

Help Needed Baking for Funeral Lunches

Our Funeral Luncheon team is looking to update their list of those willing to provide side dishes, salads and desserts for funeral luncheons. If you would like to be added to our listing, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or at kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Consider Making a Bequest to St. Sabina

Bequests in a will or trust

The most basic estate planning tools are wills and trusts. "Bequests" are established by wills and trusts. Bequests are not payable until death, so they do not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. You can change the provisions of your will or a revocable trust at any time.

To make a bequest you will most likely engage an estate planning attorney. This professional can guide you to make sure all legal necessities are followed. Charitable bequests are private. Your will is not filed or made public until your death. Trusts are never made public unless you instruct otherwise.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What's the difference between a will and a trust?

A will is your instructions to your survivors and to the probate court about how you want your property distributed. It is a revocable, private document that only takes effect after your death.

A revocable trust -- sometimes called a living trust -- is a legal document that is always private and holds assets during your lifetime. After death, the trust transfers your assets -- or benefit from them -- to family and charity. Unlike a will, a trust must take title to assets before it can pass them to your survivors.

Q What if I already have written my will or trust?

You can amend a will or trust to make a new gift. Your attorney can prepare a simple document, called a codicil or amendment that adds a new charitable bequest while reaffirming the other terms of your will or trust.

Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.



Corresponsabilidad

Se Necesita Ayuda para Almuerzos Funerarios

Nuestro equipo de almuerzos funerarios está buscando actualizar su lista de aquellos que estén dispuestos a proporcionar los acompañantes del plato, ensaladas y postres para los almuerzos funerarios. Si desea ser agregado a nuestra lista, comuníquese con Kris al 816-979-3151 o al kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Considere Hacer un Legado a Santa Sabina

Legados en un testamento o fideicomiso

Las herramientas de planificación patrimonial más básicas son los testamentos y los fideicomisos. Los "legados" se establecen mediante testamentos y fideicomisos. Los legados no son pagaderos hasta la muerte, por lo que no afectan sus activos o flujo de efectivo durante su vida. Puede cambiar las disposiciones de su testamento o un fideicomiso revocable en cualquier momento.

Para hacer un legado, lo más probable es que contrate a un abogado de planificación patrimonial. Este profesional puede guiarlo para asegurarse de que se cumplan todas las necesidades legales. Los legados caritativos son privados. Su testamento no se archiva ni se hace público hasta su muerte. Los fideicomisos nunca se hacen públicos a menos que usted indique lo contrario.

Preguntas frecuentes

P ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre un testamento y un fideicomiso?

Un testamento son sus instrucciones a sus sobrevivientes y al tribunal de sucesiones sobre cómo desea que se distribuyan sus bienes. Es un documento privado revocable que solo entra en vigor después de su muerte.

Un fideicomiso revocable, a veces llamado fideicomiso en vida, es un documento legal que siempre es privado y mantiene activos durante su vida. Después de la muerte, el fideicomiso transfiere sus activos, o se beneficia de ellos, a la familia y la caridad. A diferencia de un testamento, un fideicomiso debe tomar el título de los activos antes de poder pasarlos a sus sobrevivientes.

P ¿Qué pasa si ya he escrito mi testamento o fideicomiso?

Puede modificar un testamento o fideicomiso para hacer una nueva donación. Su abogado puede preparar un documento simple, llamado codicilo o enmienda, que agrega un nuevo legado caritativo mientras reafirma los otros términos de su testamento o fideicomiso.

Por favor consulte con su propio abogado y otros asesores profesionales con respecto a su situación fiscal y financiera personal.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jason Justus and Madelon Wink** who were married on July 3rd!

Communications via WhatsApp!

Our parish now has WhatsApp! If you would like to receive updates in English from the parish via WhatsApp, send WhatsApp message "English" to 816-331-4713. To receive updates in Spanish, send WhatsApp message "Espanol."



Why Be Catholic?

The Catholic Church has consistently believed that God has a universal will and desire to save all people. Our God is the God of all people. God has initiated this love relationship with all creation and desires to bring all to fullness through total union with God for all eternity. Each one is called to union with God through the faith path and tradition that they feel God is leading them.

If this is so, then why be Catholic? One is Catholic, not because it is the only way to God, but because one feels attracted to the things that the Catholic tradition offers. One feels at home more in the Catholic tradition than in other faith traditions. The following list is meant to highlight some of those aspects of the Catholic tradition that have attracted others to it.

Catholics are not the only ones that value these qualities. Nor have we been consistent in following through on them. But, no matter the history, we seem to have held onto these values rather consistently.

See if these are values and attractions for you.

1. We affirm a belief in the goodness of all creation.
2. We have a universal sense of openness to all people and all cultures.
3. We affirm that we are all called to holiness.
4. We are committed to continual growth as persons.
5. We are challenged to change the world and society into the reign of God.
6. We are called to live in community.
7. We have historical roots and identity.
8. We respect reason, human knowledge and human exploration.

If you or anyone you know would be attracted to these values, please contact Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org or 816-979-3153.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Saul Atrus Valtierra, el hijo de Héctor de Jesús Valtierra Miranda y Miriam Rojo Cruz



¡Comunicaciones via WhatsApp!

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¿Por Qué Ser Católico?

La Iglesia Católica ha creído constantemente que Dios tiene la voluntad y el deseo universal de salvar a todas las personas. Nuestro Dios es el Dios de todas las personas. Dios ha iniciado esta relación de amor con toda la creación y desea llevar todo a la plenitud a través de la unión total con Dios por toda la eternidad. Cada uno está llamado a unirse con Dios a través del camino de la fe y la tradición que sienten que Dios los está guiando.

Si es así, ¿por qué ser católico? Uno es católico, no porque sea el único camino a Dios, sino porque se siente atraído por las cosas que ofrece la tradición católica. Uno se siente como en casa más en la tradición católica que en otras tradiciones religiosas. La siguiente lista está destinada a resaltar algunos de los aspectos de la tradición católica que han atraído a otros a ella.

Los católicos no son los únicos que valoran estas cualidades. Tampoco hemos sido consistentes en seguirlos. Pero, sin importar la historia, parece que nos hemos aferrado a estos valores de manera bastante consistente.

Vea si estos son valores y atracciones para usted.

1. Afirmamos la creencia en la bondad de toda la creación.
2. Tenemos un sentido universal de apertura a todas las personas y todas las culturas.
3. Afirmamos que todos estamos llamados a la santidad.
4. Estamos comprometidos con el crecimiento continuo como personas.
5. Tenemos el desafío de convertir el mundo y la sociedad en el reino de Dios.
6. Estamos llamados a vivir en comunidad.
7. Tenemos raíces e identidad históricas.
8. Respetamos la razón, el conocimiento humano y la exploración humana.

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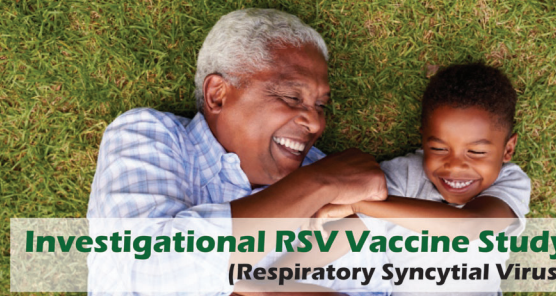
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