



# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

*Let us build the City of God!*

## Our Mission:

By our loving service and works of mercy, we invite every person to know Jesus Christ, present in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, so that all may accept his gift of salvation.

## Nuestra Misión

Por amor a nuestro servicio y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a cada persona a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la Palabra y en la fracción del Pan, para que todos puedan aceptar su don de salvación.

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## Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

## Parish Trustees

Robert Koepper & Mark Crean

## Come pray with us!

### Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, Noon, 5:00 PM

Misa en Español 6:30 PM

Weekdays: 7:00 & 9:00 AM\* Saturday 8:00AM

\*During School year, Tuesday mass is at 8:45AM

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 2:00 - 7:00 PM (except holidays)

First Friday 7:30 - 8:30 PM Holy Hour

Rosary: Daily after 9:00 Mass

Reconciliation: Mon, Wed, Fri: after morning masses

Sat: after 8:00 AM mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

# St. Joseph Outreach Resources

## Emergency Resources

Response of Suffolk County Crisis Hotline (24/7)  
631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500  
www.responsehotline.org

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk - VIBS  
Domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, elder abuse:  
www.vibs.org      www.inforatvibs.org  
631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 24hr for rape  
& domestic violence

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Hotline: 631-666-8833      www.sccadv.org

The Retreat (Domestic Violence) Shelter  
631-329-2200 (24/7 hotline)      www.theretreat.org

Brighter Tomorrows (Domestic Violence)  
Hotline: 631-395-1800

Islip Hotline (Crisis Hotline) 631-277-4700

Runaway Hotline 631-549-8700      1-800-621-4000

American Red Cross (Suffolk County Chapter)  
631-924-6700      www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk

Child Abuse      1-800-342-3720 (24 hour)

HIV and AIDS Teen Hotline  
1-800-440-TEEN (Fri/Sat 6:30PM—midnight)

## Pregnancy Care

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk 631-785-4070

Life Center of LI Pregnancy Care 631-243-0066

## Prayer and Devotion Opportunities

### **Our Lady of Fatima Devotion**

Our Lady came to Fatima and promised that the whole world would be at peace, and that many souls would go to heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed.

In response to her requests, the First Saturday of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. This devotion includes 8:00 AM mass, a novena to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

### **Monday Exposition and Benediction**

Every Monday afternoon the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This opportunity for prayer ends with Benediction beginning at about 6:45 PM and ending at 7:00 PM

You can come at any time for any length of time.  
Make a weekly appointment to spend time with Jesus!

## Family Resources

Child Health Plus Information and Referral  
1-800-522-5006(24 hour)

Child Care Council of Suffolk 631-362-0303  
www.childcaresuffolk.org

Family Services League of Suffolk County  
631-427-3700      www.fsl.li.org

Hope House Ministries 631-928-2377  
www.hhm.org

Islip Town Teen Parent Resource Center  
631-224-9766

Suffolk County Department of Health Services  
Project Hope Mothers' Group  
631-853-3035 (call for locations)  
www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health

Haven House/Bridges 631-231-3619  
www.tsli-hhb.org

Catholic Charities DRVC Talbot House  
Chemical Dependency Crisis Center  
631-589-4144  
www.catholiccharities.cc

## Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous 631-869-1124

Gamblers Anonymous 631-586-7171

Narcotics Anonymous 631-689-6262

Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615

Al-anon Suffolk County 631-669-2827  
info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org

### **First Friday Holy Hour**

Every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This prayer runs from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM, closing with Benediction.

### **St Joseph Men's Prayer Group**

We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in the Church where we pray the Rosary. Afterward we move to the main vestibule for coffee, donuts and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to be strengthened in your commitment as a Catholic man just by spending time with others like you!

### **Come Pray Anytime During the Day**

Our church opens at 6:30 AM and remains open all day for anyone who wants to make a prayerful visit. Please come and have some quiet time with God in the midst of our busy (and sometimes loud) world.

**Serving Your Sacramental Needs**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM and on the first Saturday of each month. Parents, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with a priest.

**The Sacrament of Eucharist**

See front cover for mass times. If you are sick for an extended period of time or are homebound, contact the parish office to have someone bring Communion to you.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

School aged children can prepare for this Sacrament by contacting our Faith Formation Office. Adults who have yet to be Confirmed should contact the Parish Office

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

As listed on front cover or call the office to see a priest.

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

This Sacrament is for the living. We celebrate this Sacrament each Spring and Fall for those who are chronically ill, advanced in age, or who are about to undergo surgery or hospitalization. We can arrange the Sacrament at other times by calling the Parish Office.

**Emergencies:** Call the office to speak to a priest.

**Nighttime emergencies** (631) 538-7219

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

Bride or Groom please call the office at least six months before your desired wedding date to begin preparations for marriage. Please make contact with the parish **before** making other wedding day plans!

**The Sacrament of Holy Orders**

If you feel called to serve in the church as a priest deacon or in consecrated religious life, call the office to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

**Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?**

Contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have classes to help people learn about our faith and decide if becoming Catholic is best for you. This whole process of inquiry and potential conversion is called RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**We will respect your personal journey with God!**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, Jan. 28 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 7:00 William Barry (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Joe Perrotta (Al & Carol Sachse), Maryann Theisen (Brian, Lauren, & Lucas Kolonoskie), Bryan Selby (Marilyn & Dom), Paul D'Amico (The Candela Family)
- 10:30 Millie D'Agostino (Norm & Cathy West)
- 12:00 Olga Alfonso S Fara (The Alfonso Family)
- 5:00 Rita & Bill Hubbard (Janinne & Richard Hubbard)
- 6:30 **Spanish Mass**

**Monday, Jan 29**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, Jan. 30**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:45 Jane M. Favale (Loving Family)

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Angelo & Nina Santopadre (Giulio & Sally Ferrante)

**Thursday, Feb. 1**

- 7:00 William Arabio (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Araceli Manalo (Loving Children)

**Friday, Feb. 2**

- 7:00 Bridie McWeeney (Loving Daughters Mary & Anne)
- 9:00 Ed dorino Scala (Josephine)

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

- 8:00 Angelo & Theresa DeFilippo (Marie DeFilippo)
- 5:00 Godofredo Alcantara (Loving Wife, Son, & Grandson), Rita Cluen (Mr. & Mrs. Ray Thompson), Albert Miro (The Clarry Family), Eugene McCarrick (Loving Wife), Robert Morelli (Loving Children & Family), For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, Feb. 4 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 7:00 John Dias (John & Harriet)
- 9:00 Betsey Gillin (Loving Family)
- 10:30 Luonette Fontaine (The Fontaine Family), Charles French (Gina, Suzanne, Justine & Darlene), Lou Piacente (Ramona Kelly), Trudy Gruber (Cathleen, Joseph, Matt & Dan Terrano), Carmine Amato (Mr. & Mrs. Batista), Barbara Rizzi (The Napolitano Family)
- 12:00 Lucio Erardi (Paul & Debra Scala)
- 5:00 Peter Biegen (Loving Family)
- 6:30 **Spanish Mass**

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of  
Mae, Kenneth & Mary Rau  
Requested by  
Ann Festa*



**OUR LITURGY**

**In the first reading, the Lord promises Israel that he will raise up a new prophet, one who will speak with his authority. Paul urges the Corinthians to remain free of worldly anxieties. In Mark's Gospel, it is the unclean spirit that recognizes Jesus' true identity and responds to his commands.**

# Respect Life



## Arguing the Pro-Life Position, Part Three

### The Baby is Unwanted/Unfit

Although this is not the most commonly used argument, it is, sadly, the number one reason that men and women abort their children today. The typical arguments are “if a baby has special needs, they are going to have a tough life, and the family will really struggle”, and “we need abortion to control the strain on the planet’s resources” and “I don’t want a child right now; I can’t afford it”, and “What happens to a baby whose parents are unfit”. These are only valid arguments if life in the womb is valueless. The abortion advocate can neither define, nor defend this position if they base their arguments on science or ethics. The premise of the Pro-Life advocate is that life in the womb’s value is not based on whether or not the mother and father want the child, or will make good parents. ***The child’s value comes from God. The child is a member of the Human Race, a member of the world, and God the Father Almighty has endowed that child with a purpose, and a plan. God has bestowed amazing potential on that child, and that potential is the same before, or after birth.***

### “I don’t want a child right now; I can’t afford it”

Pro-Life advocate and ethicist Scott Klusendorf trains people against this argument using a concept he calls “trot out the toddler.” If we agree with science, medicine, ethics, and philosophy, then we agree that life in the womb is equal to life outside the womb. So if someone makes the argument that they cannot afford the baby, we have an easy response: “if the mother has a toddler, why not kill him? The toddler is probably more expensive than the baby anyhow. The mother will save more money with this solution!”

### “If a baby has special needs, they are going to have a tough life, and the family will really struggle”

Again, if it is alright to abort a child with special needs, simply because of these needs, why is it not okay to kill toddlers with these same special needs? The unfortunate element to this argument is that there are a growing number of extremists in our country who would have no problem with this proposition.

### “What happens to a baby whose parents are unfit?”

Okay, what about pre-schoolers who are living in those conditions now? If we simply eliminate them we can save them years of hurt and pain at home. Of course this is a ridiculous proposition. If we discovered a five year old was being abused, we would not kill the five year old. We would do everything in our power to protect that child. If that is the case, why would ever be okay with killing a child before birth because of the potential that the child would be born into a difficult home?

Please note that this three part argument series was consolidated from an article written by Brian Fisher, and published by [www.humancoalition.org](http://www.humancoalition.org).

As Catholics, we are morally obligated to defend life at all its stages. We are making some progress in our fight. There has been a decrease in abortions each of the past three years, but we still have a long way to go. Please consider becoming an active member of the Respect Life Ministry. We need your help!

The Respect Life Committee wishes you a safe and blessed week!

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...” Jeremiah 1:5



Our Prayer and Action

In Building the City of God

Our Prayer for Financial Well Being is \$23,700 in our Sunday Offerings (which will be a \$5,000 increase over our 2017 Weekly Average):

Sunday Jan 21, 2018 Collections:	\$18,025
Same Week from Last Year:	\$21,009
Our 2017 Weekly Average Was:	\$18,700

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Our Prayer for Evangelization is an increase of 500 new people at Sunday Mass (which will be 2,043 people at Sunday Mass):

Mass Attendance on Sunday Jan 21:	1,576
Our 2017 Average Mass Attendance:	1,543

Our Prayer for our St Joseph School Enrollment Is 245 Students (which is an increase of 50 Students):

2017/18 Enrollment is currently:	198
2018/19 Enrollment:	in process

Our Prayer for Parish Vocations is 5 new vocations from within St. Joseph Parish

None as yet, but this is always in process

## Tax Year 2017 Contribution Letters

Anyone who requested a contributions letter last year was sent a 2017 letter automatically and you should have received it by now. If you did not receive yours and you require a letter attesting to your recorded contributions from your use of envelopes at St. Joseph Parish for the 2017 Tax Year, please make your request in writing, or by phone to **(631)588-8456**, or by email to [TaxLetter@stjoronk.org](mailto:TaxLetter@stjoronk.org). Please include your parish ID # and the name and address that is on your parish envelopes If you choose to make this request in writing, please mark the envelope “Tax Letter”

## Welcoming Ambassadors

Did you feel welcomed when you came to Christmas Mass? Wasn’t it wonderful to feel like you were part of the community? Help us continue to build the City of God by being a greeter at Sunday Mass.

It’s easy: Pick a Mass, an entrance and once a month be that person who make others feel welcomed.

Please contact Michele Nappi: [michele@stjoronk.org](mailto:michele@stjoronk.org) or call 631 981-1805

## What I am praying when I say the Lord's Prayer

This column, by Michael Leach, appeared in the *Soul Seeing* section of National Catholic Reporter (Jan 12-25 edition)

*One day in a place where Jesus had just finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. He said to them, When you pray, say Father, hallowed be thy name.* (Luke 11:1-2)

Pope Francis made news recently when he implied that some of the language in the Lord's Prayer needs polishing. The line "lead us not into temptation," for instance, "is not a good translation," he answered in a radio interview about a new French translation of the prayer. "I'm the one who falls," the pope observed. "But it's not [God] who pushes me into temptation to see how I fall. No, a father does not do this. A father helps us up immediately."

The Lord's Prayer, or the Our Father, is my favorite prayer. I've been saying it in the words I was taught for more decades than are on a rosary. I get what the pope is talking about. But the familiar words of this prayer have become a starting point for longer meditation. Here is what I have come to see and hope to realize when I pray.

Our Father. God is my source, my father in heaven, my mother on earth, and wherever I go God goes too. "I live and move and have my very being in God" (Acts 17:28). God is love (1 John 4:16), and so I am literally *in love*. And God is not only *my* dwelling place (Psalms 27:4) but everyone else's, too, which means our natural state is to live in peace and harmony with each other. I pray to see my neighbor today with the eye of our shared soul (Mark 12:30-31).

Who art in heaven. The kingdom of heaven is here and now, closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet (Luke 17:20-21). I pray to realize that the purpose of prayer is not to get something or make something go away but simply to "dwell in the shadow of the Most High" (Psalms 91:1), to be still and know that *I AM* is God (Psalms 46:10, Exodus 3:14, John 8:58) and that we are all images and likenesses of the one *I AM* (Genesis 1:27, Luke 22:19). I pray that the scales that blind me to the love that is in me and surrounds me and unites me with everyone else get swept aside like the tables at the entrance of the temple (Matthew 21:12). God, bring me into your temple and let me see (John 1:39) where you are.

Hallowed be thy name. God's signature is on everything he made. Everything in creation is a sign that points to its spiritual source: the creator of all beauty, harmony, power and grace. I walk on holy ground (Exodus 3:5). I pray to honor God's creation.

Thy will be done. This is my favorite line. My soul sometimes whispers, or cries it. I need to know that God's will for me is better than anything I can imagine. Love doesn't want to hurt me. God's will is to bless me (Romans 12:2). The very first sentence of the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created us to make us share in his own blessed life." Thank you, God (1 Timothy 4:4), I can relax now (Psalms 23:2).

Thy kingdom come. It's come. It's in our midst (Luke 17:20-21). I can see it if I have eyes to see, I can hear its silent music if I listen to its still small voice (Matthew 13:16). The kingdom of Love is not of this world (John 18:36). I can only see what the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins called "the dearest freshness deep down things" when I understand that the kingdom of God is not material but spiritual. To behold the reign of God requires an alchemy of the heart.

On earth as it is in heaven. Heaven is not a place far away but a quality of awareness. What happens in my consciousness manifests in my life, as words, behaviors, conditions, a mode of being in the world. The ideas I cultivate make heaven or hell. What I think of my neighbor I will do unto them, and what I do unto them I do, literally, unto myself (1 Corinthians 12:26). God, purify my awareness (Matthew 5:8).

Give us this day our daily bread. "Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body'" (Matthew 26: 26). I am in God because I am in Jesus, and Jesus is in me (John 14:20). I pray to feast on Jesus' life and teachings and drink of his love so that I may walk and talk and be like him. This is life eternal, to come to know God and Jesus Christ whom love has sent (John 17:3).

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We cannot let go of the guilt we feel born with until we see our neighbor, even our enemy, as our very self (Matthew 22:39) and in forgiving them we forgive ourselves. When Jesus saved the adulteress about to be stoned, he didn't say, "Sin no more and I will not condemn you." He said, "I do not condemn you. *Now* go and sin no more." Guilt makes sin, and sin makes guilt, and guilt makes more sin to escape more guilt. Forgiveness makes love, and inspires us to forgive others. Love begins, and grows, with forgiveness, unearned and freely given. Forgiveness is perfect love, and perfect love drives out guilt and fear (1 John 4:18-20).

And lead us not into temptation. "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone" (James 1:13). When we ask God for our daily bread, he does not give us a bag of stones (Matthew 7:9). When temptation taunts, God lifts us up on angels' wings (Psalms 91: 11-12).

But deliver us from evil. I cannot save myself, I cannot save anyone. Only Love can save us (2 Timothy 4:18). I surrender my will to God's (Mark 8:35). I ask God to set me free from the destructive idea of a false self I make up in order to survive but in fact destroys me, so I may instead dwell in the shelter of the Self that sets me free (Psalms 91, John 8:32). God's will is to deliver me safely into his kingdom (2 Timothy 4:18).

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. This is the last line of the Lord's Prayer in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer (Matthew 6:13). Mikey likes it.

# SHARE MERCY SUNDAY 2018

**Mark your calendar:** Our next Share Mercy Sunday will be held on February 11th.

Representatives from **\*\*UNBOUND** will be speaking at all Masses that weekend offering Parishioners the opportunity to sponsor a child, young adult or elder.

Those of you who are already sponsors are encouraged to come down to Carew Hall to write a letter to the one you are sponsoring, *bring the mailing label provided to you and we'll take care of the postage!* All youngsters *and those who are young at heart* may color pictures to be enclosed with letters being sent.

In conjunction, there will be a presentation of last year's trip to El Salvador including a slide show, a chance to speak to those who went, and information and sign up sheets for this year's trip in August (*exact dates to be determined*).

*Please join us, February 11th for Share Mercy Sunday, coffee and light refreshments will be served!*

\*\*Unbound partners with families living in poverty, empowering them to become self-sufficient and fulfill their desired potential. When you sponsor a child, young adult or elder through Unbound, you invest in personalized benefits that support goals chosen by the sponsored individual and their family. And with 92.2 percent of Unbound's expenses going toward program support, you can rest assured your contributions are working hard to meet the needs of your sponsored friend.

## *St. Joseph Parish Gift Shoppe*

For your convenience the Parish Gift Shoppe will be open after all Masses on the weekends of our

### **Share Mercy Sundays.**

We are located in the Lobby outside Carew Hall. You are cordially invited to stop in and see the variety of items, reasonably priced, for all occasions.

## **St. Joseph Lucky Star**

**January  
Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000: # 189 Tony & June Grippo

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500: # 24 The Vodapija Family

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$300: # 29 Robert Tenaglia

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$125: # 60 Joseph Messina

5<sup>th</sup> Prize - Ticket for next round (April) (\$75 value): #129 Barbara Mickelson





## St Joseph Parish Fitness With Jesus Sessions

Sessions are held on Saturday, 9:00am in the Lower Rectory  
February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24

You, like so many people may have already forgotten your New Year resolutions. But, our faith teaches us that it's never too late and we can always begin again.

One of the most popular resolutions is to develop a healthier lifestyle. Healthy living creates wellness in spirit, mind and body which strengthens our very being and enhances our relationship with God and others. Improved whole person health enables us to use our God-given talents to make a difference in our world. So... join us as we cheer each other on and strengthen our relationship with God and one another.

### Help St. Joseph School by eating at Buffalo Wild Wings

Bring the team card shown below to the Buffalo Wild Wings at 1986 Middle Country Rd, Centereach. Show the card and let them know you are part of the Home Team Advantage Program. The server will add 10% of your total sales to St. Joseph's running total. It's that easy!



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person who is ill

Person making this request: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to ill person  
*(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)*

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Rank and Branch of Service

Person making this request \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Soldier  
*(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)*



### Saint Joseph Parish Used Clothing Drive

**We Need Your Used Clothing!**  
Come help support St. Joseph Cheer Team  
**Saturday, February 3rd**  
Drop Off Location: School Gym  
Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
For more information call Jennine Conway:  
**631-790-2430**

### Cool Stuff Coming. Mark Your Calendar!

- Friday Feb 2 Karaoke Night
- Sunday Feb 11 Share Mercy Sunday

*Unbound Preacher will be at all masses, current sponsors can write to your friend, and you can sign up for our Mission Trip to El Salvador this summer*

- Wednesday Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Tuesday Feb 20 "Tasty Tuesday" Dine Around
- Sunday March 4 Share Mercy Sunday celebrating St Baldrick!

*Go to our website to register to have your head shaved - get sponsors to help raise money to fight childhood cancer!*

### Did you pick up our parish Christmas gift to you, Perfectly Yourself by Matthew Kelly?

Have you read it yet? Wouldn't it be marvelous if we all were perfectly ourselves? Image how the Kingdom of God would grow. Interested in discussing how we can help each other be perfectly ourselves? How about meeting on Tuesday morning at 10 am or Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Please contact Michele Nappi: [michele@stjorank.org](mailto:michele@stjorank.org) or call 631 981-1805 to see if we can grow together.

# Ministerio Hispano



## Nuestra Misión

**Por amor a nuestro servicio y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a cada persona a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la palabra y en la fracción del pan, para que todos puedan aceptar su don de salvación.**

## Celebraciones Sacramentales y otras informaciones para la Comunidad Hispana

### El sacramento del bautismo

Padres, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder (en español)  
**(631) 588-8456**

### El Sacramento de la Eucaristía

Si estás enfermo por un prolongado tiempo en su hogar, llame a la rectoría para el servicio de Comunión en español ó [ministeriohispano01@gmail.com](mailto:ministeriohispano01@gmail.com)  
**(516) 320-4144 Sandra Chacón**

### El Sacramento de la Confirmación

Los niños en edad escolar pueden prepararse para este Sacramento llame a la Oficina de Formación de Fe.  
**(631) 588-8456**

### El sacramento de la reconciliación

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes después de la misa de las 9:00 am ó llame a la rectoría para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder para las confesiones en español.  
**631-588-8456**

### El sacramento de la unción de los enfermos

Celebramos este Sacramento cada primavera y otoño, personas que están crónicamente enfermo, avanzado en edad o que está a punto de someterse una cirugía u hospitalización. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial. **Emergencias nocturnas: para hablar con un sacerdote. Llame al (631) 538-7219**

### El sacramento del matrimonio

Por favor llame a la oficina por lo menos seis meses, antes de la fecha de la boda deseada, antes de comenzar los preparativos para la boda.

### El sacramento de orden sacerdotal

Si sientes el llamado a servir en la iglesia como un sacerdote diácono o en la vida religiosa consagrada, llame a la oficina para hablar uno de los sacerdotes o diáconos como guía.

### RICA

Clases para aquellos adultos (mayores de 16) que desean recibir el sacramento de CONFIRMACION. Necesitará los siguientes documentos:

- 1) Identificación que muestra la fecha de nacimiento.
  - 2) Copia del certificado de bautismo y
  - 3) Copia del certificado de comunión.
- Si no has recibido el sacramento del bautizo y Comunión y desea hacerlo, por favor déjenos saber.

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Aunque en el Antiguo Testamento Moisés fue el más grande mediador entre Israel y Dios, existía ya la promesa de un profeta aún mayor. Todos sabemos que Jesús es el Enviado de Dios; sus enseñanzas tienen el sostén de la autoridad, el amor y la verdad. Aquel a quien contempláramos como Niño se nos aparece ahora como el Mesías, el Maestro, el Profeta que habla de parte de Dios a la humanidad.

## LECTURAS: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

**Primera lectura: Dt 18, 15-20**

**Segunda lectura: 1 Cor 7, 32-35**

**Evangelio: Mc 1, 21-28**



## SIRVIENDO A DIOS SOLTERO ó CASADO?

El matrimonio es una decisión que nos compromete de por vida a Dios y a otra persona. También el permanecer soltero es una decisión que nos compromete de por vida, en cuerpo, alma y espíritu al Señor. Hay cuatro factores muy importantes que debemos conocer acerca de la decisión de casarse o permanecer soltero.

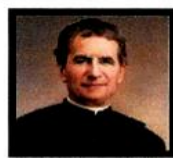
1. "La crisis actual". Al parecer durante la época que Pablo les escribía a los Corintios, éstos estaban pasando por una grave crisis. Algunos especulan que se trataba de una persecución que experimentaban a causa de su fe, o a una hambruna o alguna otra calamidad. Lo cierto es que, debido a esta crisis, Pablo les recomienda a solteros o casados que se queden en el estado en que están. En medio de esta crisis quienes más podrían sufrir serían los matrimonios, intentando subsistir junto con sus hijos frente a la escasez y persecuciones. Los tiempos actuales en cierto modo no son mejores a los que vivió el apóstol Pablo. Son tiempos en los cuales sostener a una familia no es fácil, ni económicamente ni moralmente hablando.

2. "El tiempo es corto". Debemos vivir como si viviésemos que dejar este mundo en cualquier momento. Por lo tanto concentrarnos en lo esencial, en las cosas eternas, sea que estemos casados o solteros.

3. "El de las prioridades de los solteros y casados". Los casados tienen como prioridad su cónyuge y tienen responsabilidades divididas entre su familia y la iglesia. Mientras que los solteros pueden dedicarse totalmente al servicio de Dios.

4. "El de las necesidades específicas de cada persona". Si un soltero o soltera tiene don de continencia y es capaz de mantenerse puro o pura, puede quedarse sin casar y servir a Dios sin ningún impedimento.

A la luz de lo anterior y en armonía de la voluntad de Dios, debes considerar cual es la mejor decisión. Cualquiera que tomes, debe llevar gloria y honra al Señor.



## Juan Bosco, Santo 31 de enero Presbítero y Fundador

San Juan Bosco, presbítero, el cual, después de una niñez áspera, fue ordenado sacerdote y en la ciudad de Turín, en Italia, se dedicó con todas sus fuerzas a la formación de adolescentes. Fundó la Sociedad Salesiana y, con la ayuda de santa María Dominica Mazzarello, el Instituto de las Hijas de María Auxiliadora, para enseñar oficios a la juventud e instruirles en la vida cristiana. Lleno de virtudes y méritos, fue un santo risueño y amable, se sentía "sacerdote en la casa del pobre; sacerdote en el palacio del Rey y de los Ministros". Buen polemista contra la secta de los Valdeses, según la mentalidad del tiempo, nunca se avergonzó de sus amistades con los protestantes y los hebreos de buena voluntad: "Condenamos los errores, escribió en el "Católico", pero respetamos siempre a las personas". San Juan Bosco murió el 31 de enero de 1888 y fue canonizado por Pío XI en 1934.

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*In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass*

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*Come to our meeting and check it out.*

**Visit our next meeting:**

**January 28th**

*e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org*

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