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Why does learning about Catholic Social Teaching matter right now?

I have so much on my plate these days. If I'm not working or taking care of my family, I'm struggling to keep up with the news. There's always something new to worry about, and something more to do.

Be not afraid.

We can't be Catholic alone. Every human person is sacred and social. We're called to be responsible for one another. That's why learning about Catholic Social Teaching matters right now—because it's my Catholic obligation. In Jesus's words: "You shall love the Lord your God" and "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt. 22:39).

What would our world look like if "love your neighbor" was the guiding principle?

For over 100 years, the Church has been guided by the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Vatican II says they help us see "the signs of the times" and understand them "in light of the Gospel."

Catholic Social Teaching connects Jesus's teachings to our lives today. Its seven principles help our faith guide our conscience. It helps us live our beliefs every day, in every choice we make.

When I follow Catholic Social Teaching, I know I'm following the teachings of Jesus.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says Catholics should "involve themselves" for the "weak and marginalized"—those affected by issues of "racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care."

When one of us suffers, we all suffer.

But what are these seven principles? In a few short words:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person tells us that all people are sacred.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation shows us our duty to the common good.

Rights and Responsibilities helps us understand our responsibilities to each other, and the basic needs of human decency.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable tells us how to help the most vulnerable members of our communities.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers shows that the economy must serve its people, not the other way around.

Solidarity teaches us that we are one human family in a global neighborhood pursuing justice and peace.

Care for God's Creation helps us care for God's gift to us: the earth.

What parts of Catholic Social Teaching can I see in the choices I make? What would our world look like if love your neighbor was the guiding principle?

Let's spend this week thinking about it.

Modern Catholic explores the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can guide our lives today. Join us next week to learn about the first principle—Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

Delve deeper at **sjfparish.org/moderncatholic**.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,

& Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday 2:00pm-8:00pm Saturday 3:00pm-5:00pm Sunday 10:00am-12:30pm

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Names on the Prayer List remain for four weeks. To request a listing, please contact the Parish Office.



Pastor Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI We are entering autumn. It seems that many people were married around this FrTony@sjfparish.org time of year, for various reasons. In this time of COVID-19, it is important to continue celebrating life and the events

that shape our life and make life memorable for us.

On behalf of the community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I would like to extend warm wishes and blessings to all those married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Anniversaries are important to celebrate because they allow us to reflect upon past years and events while also looking to the future.

At a previous parish, I recall celebrating the 79th wedding anniversary of a couple. When I asked them what advice they would give to other couples who are engaged or married, their advice was simple. They said, "You have to pray together, work as a team, and never go to bed angry." It was some sage advice from two lives well-lived.

I would encourage those couples who are thinking of marriage to seek the advice of those who are married. I know that as a young priest, I often sought the advice and counsel of my older and more seasoned brother priests. With age there is wisdom, and we grow in wisdom as we age.

As we celebrate life, may we also recall those who have walked with us throughout our journey—who have supported us, loved us, challenged us, consoled us, and by their very being, revealed Christ to us. Life is a pilgrimage a journey from one point to another. In reflecting upon the journey, it is amazing to see how many have walked with us. Some are with us for a short period of time, some until a particular situation has remedied itself, and others a lifetime.

To all those who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, I extend to you a simple blessing taken from the Liturgikon:

> May the Lord, who was a guest at the wedding of Cana, bless you and your families and friends. May Jesus, who loved his Church to the end, always fill your hearts with love. May he grant that, as you believe in his resurrection, so you may wait for him in joy and hope. Amen.

May your light shine before all—that they may see the good you do and the example you provide.

Bon mot: "Events are sometimes the best calendar."

-Benjamin Disraeli

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony



COVID-19 GUIDELINES: A REMINDER

We are now six months into the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is a brief reminder of the COVID-19 guidelines at St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

We provide these guidelines out of an abundance of caution and as an act of justice to the whole community.

Masks are required to enter the building and at all times within the building. If you do not wear a mask, you will be asked to put one on before entering.

Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times.

Face shields are not an acceptable mask substitute. If you wear a face shield, you must also wear a mask.

Please maintain six-foot social distancing at all times unless you are around those you are quarantining with.

Please do not attend Mass if you have a fever or flu-like symptoms.

Please do not attend Mass if you have traveled within the past two weeks.

If you are 65 years or older, are immunocompromised, or are otherwise high-risk, please do not attend Mass.

Singing is discouraged as it produces six to ten times more droplets from our mouths than speaking or recitation.

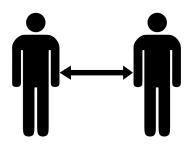
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Live or video Mass is always available at sjfparish.org/mass.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding! Again, we provide these guidelines as an act of Christian love and charity. If you have any questions, please call 586-977-8080 or email **webmaster@sjfparish.org**.

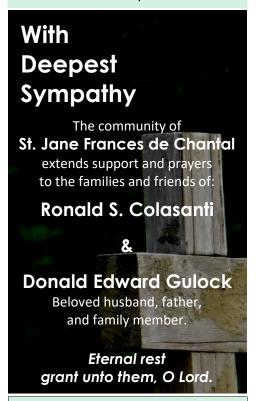






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If you have any questions, contact Jody at **JGazo@sjfparish.org** or 586-977-8080, ext. 112.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF SEPT. 27, 2020

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Jb 38:1, 12-21 Jb 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



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Below is Builders of Bridges, written by Emily Schumacher-Novak of the USCCB. It provides insight into the importance of civility as we approach the November 2020 election. Enjoy!

We need now, more than ever, agents of dialogue and harmony in every community across our country. But how can we be agents of harmony call when there is so much trying to tear us apart?

Our Catholic tradition has a long history of commitment to human dignity. We are called to uphold the dignity of all people: the unborn, the immigrants at the border, those suffering under racist systems that deny their full humanity, the elderly whose lives are not valued, people without proper healthcare, and yes, even those who disagree with us about how to solve the problems our communities face.

In response, the USCCB founded **Civilize It**, saying, "The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable." (FCFC, no. 14)

Civilize It calls us to speak truth with love. It's an opportunity to build bridges in our communities and become an agent of dialogue by avoiding making assumptions about others and resisting hurtful personal attacks when engaged in important, often difficult conversations. Open dialogue requires authentic relationship. We must be willing to listen with an open mind to the experiences which inform the viewpoints of our peers. At the same time, we know that not all viewpoints hold the same weight. It is our responsibility to correct with charity those who advocate for the destruction of human lives or uphold racist stereotypes.

Loving our neighbor through open dialogue is even more important today, as we spend so much time at home and online. It is often easier to deny the dignity of someone who is not right in front of you. And yet our call remains the same: to speak the truth with love.

We can be builders of bridges and agents of dialogue, as Pope Francis calls us to be, by adhering to the three tenets of the Civilize It campaign: civility, clarity, and compassion.

Here's what each of the components of the pledge invite us to do:

Civility: Honor the human dignity of each other, recognizing each person as a *beloved* child of God. This is especially true for those we find difficult to love, or even those closest to us, within our own families.

Clarity: Seek understanding first. This might be accomplished by asking ourselves, "How do I enter this conversation? Am I trying to 'win,' or am I authentically looking to understand the experiences and viewpoints of others?" Assuming a posture of learning often helps.

Compassion: Be willing to take a step into the life and experiences of another person. Are we willing to stand together in the pain or the joy, and to seek commonality and solutions together?

Honoring human dignity means answering the call in our communities to seek solutions as a family, united by our care for one another. We are not afraid of tough conversations, but approach one another with civility, compassion, and clarity, sowing hope we gain from Christ our savior.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

7:00pm Dec. Mary Zalewski (Family)

Dec. Vacaj Family (Mom Maria)

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

8:00am Dec. Marsha Daigle-Williamson (Tom & Jane Jeffrey & Family)

Thursday, October 1, 2020

8:00am Dec. Karen Taylor (20th Anniv.) (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Friday, October 2, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, October 3, 2020

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Dec. John & Irene Putrycus (Putrycus Family)
Dec. Verna M. D'Angelo (D'Angelo Family)
Dec. Jennie Hetrick (19th Anniv.) (Children)
Dec. Richard Sponer (Theresa Sponer)

Sunday, October 4, 2020

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Mbrs.

Dec. Mbrs. of the Florek Family (Sylvia Soldatek) Dec. Raymond Pietrasinski (5th Anniv.) (Family) Dec. Rebecca Sutherland (1st Anniv.) (Family)

11:30am Dec. Edward Stelmach (20th Anniv.) (Franczyk & Szydlek Families)

DIA VIRTUAL THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM FOR ADULTS 55+

Many of us remember our wonderful visits to the Detroit Institute of Arts. While we cannot currently be together, we can still experience all the wonders of the DIA through their virtual tours **every Thursday at 1:00pm**.

To sign up for a virtual tour, visit dia.org/thursdays and do the following:

Scroll down and select "Click here to view our current calendar for all of our upcoming Thursday at the Museum events."

Select the tour you wish to join. Each will be labeled with "TATM presents..." **Scroll to** "How to Join" and select "Click this link to enter your ZIP code."

Enter your ZIP code and hit "Submit." (These tours are only available to Macomb, Oakland and Wayne county seniors.)

Click the link for the event you selected.

Click "Watch on the web instead" and then click "Or Join anonymously."

Wait for the event to begin at 1:00pm.

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Marriage

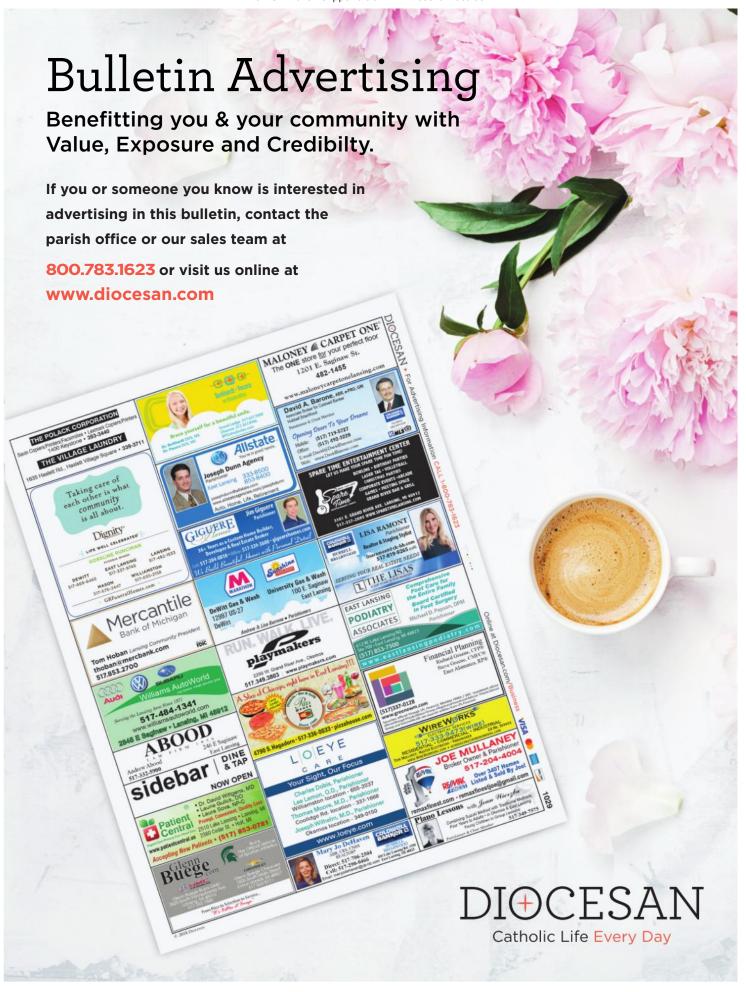
Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule regular or one-time visits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!





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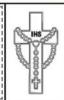


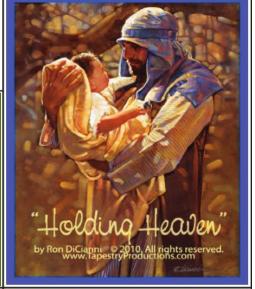
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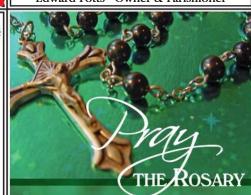
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