

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29: 11am to 1pm
AND
Thursday, February 2: 6pm to 7:30pm

*All Day and Half Day
Preschool and Kindergarten*

Before and After School Care



1:1 Technology

STEM Classes

90 to 100%

*STV Graduates enter High
School taking Honors Classes*

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1141 E. Anderson Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

Phone: 847/358-2110



Our school is an integral part of the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. It is a community of students, parents, teachers, staff and clergy united for the purpose of creating a Catholic Educational Community where a quality education is offered in an atmosphere enriched by Catholic values and beliefs.

- Daily Religion Classes
- Weekly School Masses
- Teaching Catholic Moral Values
- Common Core Curriculum
- Spanish (Preschool through 8th Grade)
- After School Activities: Athletic Program and Clubs
- State of the Art Science Lab
- Fine Arts Program
- Scholarships

BRING THE FAMILY AND JOIN US FOR A TOUR!

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY—PALATINE, IL
4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 29, 2017

Parish Information

HERE TO SERVE YOU
847-358-6999

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Rev. Tom Rzepiela, Pastor
Rev. Marcin Zasada, Associate Pastor
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Rev. Martin Luboyera, Weekend Assoc.
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Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Rich Willer

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Deacon John Breit
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano

Seminary Deacon

Deacon Jon Thorsen

Bereavement Director—Connie West

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am—8pm
Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 9am—1pm

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: **Mar 2**—Lisa & Steve Korney 630-945-7753;
Mar 14—Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to register and learn more about our Parish.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. *Contact Tom at 847-971-4419 / tom.note@icloud.com. Brochures are in the Gathering Area.*

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

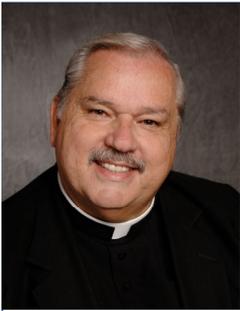
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to our sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law), only the ailing person or, in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for their medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you know someone serving in the military, please contact the Parish Office so our faith community may pray for them.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles for the bulletin are due by Friday—9 days before publication date and can be emailed to: suzie@stov.org

Our Websites

- ◆ Parish: www.stov.org
- ◆ Religious Education: www.stvrec.org
- ◆ School: www.stvschool.org
- ◆ GIFT: www.stvgift.weebly.com
- ◆ Youth Group: www.stvoices.org



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

In preparation for next weekend which is Announcement Weekend of the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), I ask you to join me in reflecting upon our 2017 ACA Theme: “*Love Your Neighbor As Yourself*,” a core directive which Jesus proclaimed and which is basic to our baptismal call to discipleship which we live out through a loving stewardship lifestyle.

This week, many families will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Cupich asking that you make a pledge to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. We ask that you respond as generously as possible. Next weekend, I will preach at all the Masses and unpack how this year’s ACA offers us a wonderful opportunity to “*Love Your Neighbor As Yourself*.” Please note: In light of our Parish Family’s recent very successful involvement in Phase VI of the “*To Teach Who Christ Is*” (TTWCI) pledge campaign, our 2017 ACA assigned goal has been reduced by 50%. I encourage all of us to pray about pledging to help our Parish Family exceed our 2017 ACA goal of \$44,942.00. All received funds over this goal will be returned to us to fund our needs. Together, let us pray in praise and in thanksgiving to God for all His blessings! And, I always thank God for you!

I want to share with you the letter from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich which was read at all Masses last weekend:

“As a new year begins, I want to assure you of my prayers for you, your families, and your parish communities. I also want to share some important information about *Renew My Church*. As you may already know, *Renew My Church* is an archdiocesan initiative that involves all the people of the archdiocese and their faith communities. The goal of *Renew My Church* is to make our parishes more vital and more sustainable. We do this not on our own initiative but in response to the call of Christ, which was first heard by those disciples recounted in today’s gospel. The call is the same as it was in those early days of the Church: to be His disciples and take responsibility for carrying on His mission in our time. The place to start is by working together to make our parishes vibrant communities that form missionary disciples of Jesus. This will also mean being realistic about our limited human and material resources and evaluating how our present structures may need to be organized differently to keep pace with changing realities.

A very important part of the process of *Renew My Church* are the parish groupings that will work to plan for the future and discern where God is leading us. After receiving consultation and feedback from you, the priests of the diocese, and parish pastoral councils, we are announcing the groupings today. Your parish will be part of a grouping that will enable you to assess, plan, and discern how best to meet the needs of the future in a way that is both reasonable and in conformity with God’s will for us. Each grouping will have guidance for its process of reflection and discernment. Everything, however, begins with building relationships across parishes in a given grouping. That means getting to know each other and perhaps sharing some common projects or events, such as retreats, lectures, or community service for those in need. With future guidance and facilitation, this will develop in more specific planning and discernment directions. Today, your pastor will share a list of the parishes in your grouping. *Renew My Church* will undoubtedly involve leaving behind familiar patterns and demand that we move outside our comfort zones. In a word, it will require sacrifice, but that has always been true for the Church whenever we have taken up new challenges. I am convinced that we are up to the task, and willing to do whatever it takes to build our capacity to pass on our faith to future generations.”

Your Pastor,

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. Our grouping consists of St. Thomas of Villanova, St. Theresa in Palatine, St. Colette in Rolling Meadows and Mission San Juan Diego in Arlington Heights!

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School, MRB & TR
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
11:00am	STV School Open House	School

Monday, January 30

2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, January 31

2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
6:30pm	St. Pat/St. Joe Committee	MRC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 1

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Women's 2011 CRHP	MRC
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, February 2

2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
6:00pm	STV School Open House & Science Fair	School
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild 5	MRA

Friday, February 3

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA—D
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Saturday, February 4

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner & Family Fun Bingo!	RAC

Sunday, February 5

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School, MRB & TR
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
3:30pm	STV School Sports	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

TODAY

- **STV SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES** 11:00am—1:00pm
- **STV SCHOOL BAKE SALE** After Mass in the Gathering Area
- **STV SCHOOL LOTTERY SALES** After Mass in the Gathering Area & Narthex
- **K of C—FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP** 12:30pm—2:30pm at St. Theresa School Gym, Palatine. Free event for all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. (Must provide proof of age and written parental consent.)

UPCOMING

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
 - Special Meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday, January 30 at St. Theresa, Lower Dolan Center. A First Degree Initiation will be held for our current candidates wishing to join our fraternity. All Brother Knights are asked to attend this special meeting and lend support and offer congratulations to our new Brothers. For more information, contact Jim M. Arns: grandknight4977@gmail.com
 - Blood Drive on Sunday, February 5 from 7:45am—1pm at St. Theresa, Lower Dolan Center. BLOOD DONORS SAVE LIVES! Did you know that each pint of blood can save 3 lives? Just roll up your sleeve and donate to give the Gift of Life. Registration 877-543-3768, use code: A216
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, January 31 will be the next session of *Divorce Care* program. Topic: Facing My Anger. Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance), St James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, A.H. For more info: Deacon Jim Bannon 224-345-7200 jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net
- **STV SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** Thursday, February 2, 6:00pm—7:30pm & includes Science Fair
- **SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO** Saturday, February 4 at 6pm (Page 5)
- **STV SCHOOL LOTTERY SALES** Next weekend after Mass (Page 8)
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER TICKET SALES** Next weekend after Mass (Page 5)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, February 6 at 1pm—Ladies Luncheon at Bakers Square: 270 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine. RSVP to Lorraine 847-358-3024
 - Wednesday, February 8 at 1pm in MRA & B. General Meeting for new and current members. Presentation on Arlington Heights Senior Center. For more info: Ken Doruff 847-358-3852
- **WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE** February 11/12 After All Masses (Page 7)

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO NIGHT

To end our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, EVERYONE is invited to come break bread (Italian Bread!) and share in some family fun at the Annual Spaghetti dinner. And back by popular demand... Family Fun BINGO with prizes. This is not a fundraiser, just a night to celebrate our School and Parish!



**Saturday
February 4, 2017**

6:00pm
Rowley Activity
Center
(Bingo starting at 8pm)

HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI SAUCE!

\$10 per person at the door
\$5 for kids age 5—17; FREE for kids 4 and younger!

OPENINGS IN OUR GIFT PROGRAM

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Ministry is looking for individuals with developmental disabilities to join our Wednesday group. You are a very important part of our Parish Family, and we welcome you with open arms. Our GIFT Ministry serves adults 18 and older. Our ministry encourages and helps persons with disabilities to become active participants in the Catholic Church through Religious Education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities.



We'd love to have you, so if you or someone you love can benefit from participation in our Ministry, check out our website, www.stvgift.weebly.com or contact Jim Darow at stvgift@gmail.com

MEMORIAL MASS FOR GENE & CAROL O'HERN

As many parishioners know, Gene and Carol O'Hern formerly served as a Deacon couple at STV. They each served in parish ministry for a number of years, both before and after Gene was ordained in 1999 and until they moved to Florida in 2003. Tragically, they were both killed in a car accident in Florida in December. Because they were dear friends of our STV Family and the Chicago Diaconate community, there will be a Memorial Mass in honor of Gene & Carol here at STV, which also will be attended by their two children, Brian and Carolynne, and their families.

Saturday February 11, 2017
11:00 am -- Visitation with the family in Church
Noon -- Memorial Mass with Fr. Ray and Deacons/wives
All parishioners and friends of Gene & Carol's are invited to attend.

**MONTHLY
FOOD COLLECTION**

1st Weekend of Every Month
(Next weekend—February 4 /5)



We have a little of everything but not a lot of anything! So, please bring your pantry items to Mass with you next weekend and place your donations at the front of church near the pulpit. (No expired food, please.)

We especially need:

- ◆ FOOD—Canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, pasta meals, Rice-a-Roni, kids snacks like granola bars, cheese & crackers, applesauce, etc.
- ◆ NON-FOOD—Laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap!

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

Did you know?

A ProduceMobile brings fresh fruit and vegetables once a month on Thursdays from 9:30am—11:30am to various churches in the area. Food is available anyone in need. No IDs required.

The next ProduceMobile will be at St. Emily Parish in Mt. Prospect on Thursday, February 9. For a complete list of dates and locations, contact the Parish Office: 847-358-6999 or suzie@stov.org

St. Pat / St. Joe Parish Fundraiser



Limited Seating! So get your reservation in early!

MARCH 4th, 2017
5:00pm—11:00pm
ST. PAT / ST. JOE'S
ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISER

What's it all about? Well, let us tell you; please read on...

- ◆ **HEADS OR TAILS** (Win up to \$750.00) Every guest is entered to play
- ◆ **EVERY ONE WINS** Buy an envelope or 2 or more and win anywhere from \$25.00—\$100.00 in certificates, gift cards or pure cash
- ◆ **GREAT ITEMS** To bid on in both the silent and live auctions
- ◆ **12 DOOR PRIZES** Free... drawn with values from \$25.00 to \$50.00
- ◆ **RAFFLE TICKETS** Available for Cubs and Sox games and \$500.00 worth of gift cards. To be sold after Mass each weekend in February and the evening of the fundraiser. You pick which prize you want to win.
- ◆ **GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING** A \$100.00 ticket gives you at least a 1 in 66 chance to win one of three great prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. (Winner need not be present)
- ◆ **DELUXE BUFFET** Food tables (All-You-Can-Eat) with a fine selection:
 - ~ **ENTREES:** Corned Beef, Roast Turkey, Italian Meatballs with Farfalle Pasta in Marinara Sauce
 - ~ **SIDE DISHES** Mashed potatoes, string beans almandine, green cabbage, deviled eggs, taffy apple salad, condiments, relishes, oven-fresh rolls, rye and white bread and Irish soda bread
 - ~ **DESSERT** A huge and delicious St. Joseph sweet table with many home baked items provided by our wonderful parishioners—You won't believe the size of this table!
- ◆ **LIBATIONS**—Cash bar including beer, wine, mixed drinks, authentic Irish Coffee, and complimentary soft drinks and water.

SPECIAL THIS YEAR Our entertainment will be **VITO ZATTO**——— A Las Vegas type show here at St. Thomas!
Vito is a singer & entertainer who appears in Chicago and the surrounding area. Vito has earned a reputation for delivering quick-witted, spontaneous and high-energy entertainment. You'll feel like you are in a Vegas nightclub where a fun-filled time is in store for you when highly-acclaimed, Vegas-style Singer & Entertainer, Vito Zatto brings you a lounge show full of hilarious stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, incredible singing, audience participation and lot's of good times! Audience members of THE VITO ZATTO SHOW can be guaranteed one thing...they will somehow be part of the show. Because Vito is spontaneous and "plays" off his audience you can be assured that each show will be unique. Vito offers a variety of impersonations with styles that continue to appeal to all ages and types of people including: -The Rat Pack -Willie Nelson -Julio Iglesias -Elvis Presley -Shania Twain -Michael Jackson -Santana -Ray Charles -Stevie Wonder -...and more.

OK, so now you know all about this fabulous night of fun and enjoyment, so plan a night with your friends.

ALL THIS FOR JUST \$50.00 PER PERSON, \$60.00 AFTER FEBRUARY 20TH

You will be able to make your paid reservations, buy raffle tickets and Grand Raffle tickets next weekend after Mass in the Gathering Area.

(Please note: on March 4th, the usual 5:00pm Mass will be at 4:00pm. Therefore, you can attend Mass and come right into the event at 5:00pm)

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget	\$ 711,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 682,785.70
Over / (Under)	(\$ 28,214.30)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Jan 1	\$ 20,083.85	\$ 1,921.00	\$ 22,004.85	(\$ 1,695.15)
Jan 8	\$ 24,589.48	\$ 3,138.00	\$ 27,727.48	\$ 4,027.48
Jan 15	\$ 18,908.00	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 20,126.00	(\$ 3,574.00)
Jan 22	\$ 17,581.05	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 19,474.05	(\$ 4,225.95)
Jan 29				

THANK YOU!

2016 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

2016 donation statements will be available starting January 31, 2017. Just stop by the Parish Office and pick it up! If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 or email your request to: stvliturgysched@yahoo.com.



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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

Please Make Your Gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself"

This week, many parish families will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Cupich asking that you make a pledge to the 2017 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We ask that you respond as generously as possible.

The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish. For example, Appeal funds support: our Religious Education Program; continuing education efforts for priests; our VOICES high school youth program; and Lay Formation Programs for Lay Pastoral staff and our lay volunteers serving in our liturgical ministries

This year, the theme of the Appeal is **"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself."** We have all received God's love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God's love to many, many others.

As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, please note the ministries and services funded by the Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Then please give generously. Note, when our parish reaches its goal of \$44,942.00 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

School News

St. Thomas of Villanova SCHOOL LOTTERY

Return your completed ticket (BELOW) with payment to the School Office or put in the collection baskets at any Mass.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

St. Thomas of Villanova—
Family School Assn.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Dear Friends:

This is National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic School outstanding. Starting with Sunday Mass on January 29, we have an entire week of activities planned to demonstrate what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate our school community. Thank you for supporting us as we educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders.

This year's National Catholic Schools Week theme centers on community: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The theme highlights the fact that schools are not only communities themselves; we are also part of many other communities, including families, parishes, towns/cities and our country.

The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: Faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. These key foundations are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

I hope you will visit St. Thomas of Villanova School during National Catholic Schools Week to experience the energy in the school and witness the Catholic identity present amidst our academia. Students are passionate about their faith development and community service projects. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children.

I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents, volunteers and the Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School (FOSTOVS) who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is an excellent time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

God Bless,

Mrs. Mary Brinkman, Principal

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL LOTTERY CERTIFICATE

(Sponsored by the Family School Association)

\$10.00

Certificate owner is hereby eligible to participate in monthly dividends of \$200, \$100, (2) \$50, and (2) \$25, each month for twelve months; Plus two bonus dividends of \$500 each for the month of December.

This Certificate issue is valid for the period of - March 2017 thru February 2018.

MONTHLY PRIZES

1st - \$200 2nd - \$100 3rd and 4th - \$50 5th and 6th - \$25

Certificate owner need not be present at time dividend is declared.

All winning numbers will be replaced for future drawings.

Name _____
 Address _____
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 Sold by _____
 Date _____



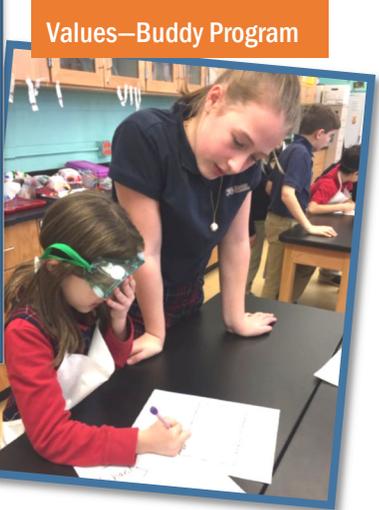
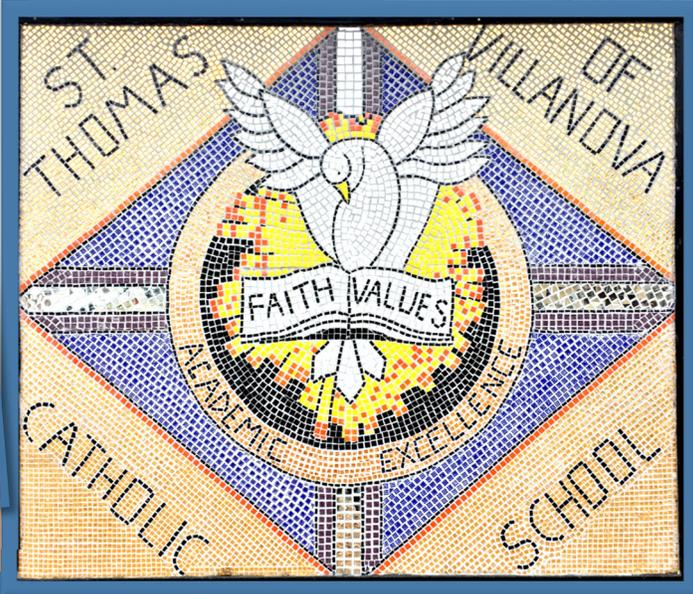
Sacraments—1st Communion Preparation



Faith Building—Weekly School Mass



Academics—Pre-K to 8th Grade



Values—Buddy Program



Vocation Education — Storytime with Future Priest Andy



Community Service—"Feed My Starving Children" Fieldtrip

Orthodoxy, Sin, and Heresy

Recently, while on the road giving a workshop, I took the opportunity to go to the Cathedral in that city for a Sunday Eucharist. I was taken aback by the homily. The priest used the Gospel text where Jesus says, *I am the vine and you are the branches*, to tell the congregation that what Jesus is teaching here is that the Roman Catholic Church constitutes what is referred to as the branches and the way we link to those branches is through the mass and if we miss mass on a Sunday we are committing a mortal sin and should we die in that state we will go to hell.

Then, aware that what he was saying would be unpopular, he protested that the truth is often unpopular, but that what he just said is orthodox Catholic teaching and that anyone denying this is in heresy. It's sad that this kind of thing is still being said in our churches.

Does the Catholic Church really teach that missing mass is a mortal sin and that if you die in that state you will go to hell? No, that's not Catholic orthodoxy, though popular preaching and catechesis often suppose that it is, even as neither accepts the full consequences.

Here's an example: Some years ago, I presided at the funeral of a young man, in his twenties, who had been killed in a car accident. In the months before his death he had for all practical purposes ceased practicing his Catholicism: He had stopped going to church, was living with his girlfriend outside of marriage, and had not been sober when he died. However his family and the congregation who surrounded him at his burial knew him, and they knew that despite his ecclesial and moral

carelessness, he had a good heart, that he brought sunshine into a room and that he was a generous young man.

At the reception after the funeral one of his aunts, who believed that missing mass was a mortal sin that could condemn you to hell, approached me and said: "He had such a great heart and such a wonderful energy; if I were running the gates of heaven, I would let him in." Her comment wonderfully betrayed something deeper inside of her, namely, her belief that a good heart will trump ecclesial rules in terms of who gets to go to heaven and the belief that God has wider criteria for judgment than those formulated in external church rules. She believed that it was a mortal sin to miss mass on Sunday but, for all the right reasons, could not accept the full consequences of that, namely, that her nephew was going to hell. Deep down, she knew that God reads the heart, understands human carelessness, welcomes sinners into his bosom, and does not exclude goodness from heaven.

But that still leaves the question: Is it orthodox Roman Catholic teaching to say that it is a mortal sin to not go to church on a Sunday and that such an ecclesial lapse can send you to hell? No, to teach that categorically would itself be bordering on heresy.

Simply stated, Catholic moral theology has always taught that sin is a subjective thing that can never be read from the outside. We can never look at an action from the outside and say: "That's a sin!" We can look at an action from the outside and say: "That's wrong!" But that's a different judgment. From the outside we can judge an action as objectively wrong, but we can never make the judgment

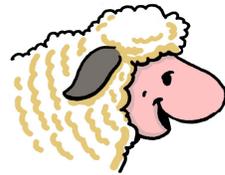
that it's a sin. Moreover this isn't new, liberal teaching, it is already found in our traditional Catechisms. Nobody can look at the action of someone else and say: "That's a sin!" To teach that we can make such a judgment goes against Catholic orthodoxy. We can, and must, affirm that certain things are wrong, objectively wrong, but sin is something else.

Probably the most quoted line from Pope Francis is his famous response to a moral question where he simply responded: "Who am I to judge?" He's in good company. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: "You judge by appearances; I judge no one." That, of course, does not mean that there isn't any judgment. There is, it's real, and it can condemn someone to hell. But it works this way: God's Love, Life, Truth, and Light come into the world and we judge ourselves apposite them. God condemns no one, but we can condemn ourselves. It is God's Love, Life, Truth, and Light against which we weigh ourselves and these determine who goes where, already here on earth and in eternity.

In our catechesis and our popular preaching we must be more careful in our use of the term "mortal sin" and in our judgments as to who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, fully aware that there wasn't any group that Jesus was harsher on than on those who were making those kinds of judgments.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com. Follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

Just For Kids

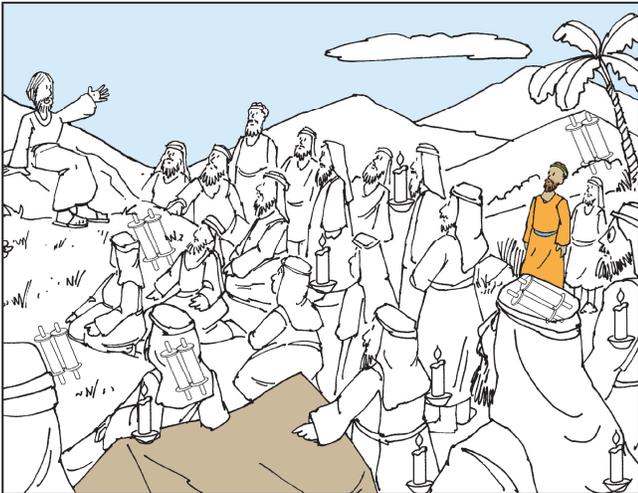


Here are the rest of the Beatitudes Jesus taught:

The Beatitudes

Jesus sat down on a mountainside to teach His disciples.

Count how many  5 or 6?  6 or 7?



Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say
 all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad,
 because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
 persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.
 They may be found 

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LITURGY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 4 / 5

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada
DEACON	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Jon Thorsen	Deacon John Breit	Deacon Tom Dunne	
HOMILIST	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Deacon Jon Thorsen	Deacon John Breit	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada
LECTORS	Ellen Frech Mark R. Long	Bob Stanek Margo Stanek	Theresa Mitchell Maureen Treanor	Conrad Bertz Jean Pope	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Marilyn Marturano Mary Bragiel Larry Coco Marian DeGroot Jim Dunne Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Peggy King Jack McCarthy Jo McCarthy	Donna Breit Bonnie Fennig Karen Flasch Jim Hajost Bob Hicks Mary Anne Horan Ron Jozwiak Sharron Jozwiak Peter Kain Mark Orr	Roswitha Kist Paula Logsdon Steve Lundell Stacy McCluskey Andrea Nalywajko Theresa Narantic Jackie Nogle Kate O'Connell Beth Stowick	Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Tom Cavenagh Bob Haas Lynn Haas Barbara Hedrich Nancy Hulsebosch Laura Klotz Jeanie Landeweer	
SERVERS <i>* Shadowing</i>	McKenzie Maude Emmett Maude Kieran Maude Ryan Maude Jason Mayschak	Konrad Malik Billy Shoultis Olivia Walczynski	Connor Loftus Caitlin Wilson Kathy Palmowski Katie Burke Aiden Hill	Evelyn Page Kelly O'Shea Aaron Hardy Kiera Treganza Abigail Gallicho	
GREETERS M G N	Judy Gott Pat & Maureen Driscoll Bob & Nancy Bachmann	Karen Froelich T & M Greener Boni & Mila Quiaoit	Donna Koehler Mary Ann Kenesey Marilyn Marturano	Lynn Haas R & S Zapata Earl & Carol Schaffnit	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 30

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am Intention for E.J. Zbikowski;
 † Eleanor Maycan;
 † Frank Gajewski

Tuesday, January 31

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am For All Who Are Sick

Wednesday, February 1

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Joseph Godfryt; † Phil Royek

Thursday, February 2

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am For All Our Military Personnel

Friday, February 3

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am Pope Francis
 7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, February 4

8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
 5:00pm † Sharon Lasiewicz;
 † Madaline Tomaszek

7:30pm Adoration & Mass—POLISH

Sunday, February 5

7:30am † Claire Meilinger
 9:30am † Irene Newton;
 † Kenneth Cain;
 † Agnes Marie Ball
 11:15am † Marie Kay; † John Sweeney;
 † Eileen Cimmarusti
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH
 4:30pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24;
 Mk 5:1-20
 Tue: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
 Mk 5:21-43
 Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2,
 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thu: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;
 Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
 Mk 6:14-29
 Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
 Mk 6:30-34
 Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9;
 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Anderson
 Kathy Bell
 Cherie Bott
 Andy Bouchonville
 Baby Billy Callahan
 Baby Ray Callahan
 Anna Marie Candorla
 Tom Cook
 John Cooney
 Abbey Corbett
 Baby Seamus Cullen
 Brenda Darling
 Jason Dean
 Emily Dempsey

Beth Dix
 William Dvorak
 Jeanne Formanski
 Kirk Forseth
 Faith Forseth
 Parker Forseth
 Mel Gass
 RJ Hubka
 Adeline Kaczmarek
 Mary Anne Kiesel
 Wesley Knutson
 Mary Alice Kobler
 Susan Kordell
 Lauren Lambert

Gene Lazich
 Harold Lewis
 Bob Maruska
 Elayne Maruska
 Candida Morales
 Carolyn J. Moran
 Paul Moser
 Mary Obey
 Ken Oeschger
 Rita Olles
 Valentine Pawlak
 Boni Quiaoit
 Patty Reynolds
 Elaine Romanchek

Ken Romanchek
 Shawn Smith
 John Socha
 Alice Stedronsky
 Anne Swaw
 Robert Szott
 Kathy Tomusiak
 Marcy Weckler Barr
 Jeri Sue Welty
 Amy Whitcomb
 Connie Wilberding
 Martha Zara

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

U.S. Army

- SPC William Banville
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffry Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- A1C Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- A1C Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- MSGT Jason Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski

- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- LCPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- PO2 David Holley
- SN Gregory Minott



ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of STEVE ONYSIO
 A Special Neighbor

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† *Bridget Cairo*

~ *Wife of Ralph Cairo*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Drogie Siostry i drodzy Bracia w Chrystusie,

Wraz z nadejściem nowego roku pragnę zapewnić Was o moich modlitwach w Waszych intencjach, w intencjach Waszych rodzin i Waszej wspólnoty parafialnej. Ponadto, pragnę podzielić się pewnymi ważnymi informacjami na temat inicjatywy *Odnów mój Kościół*.

Jak z pewnością już wiecie, *Odnów mój Kościół* jest archidiecezjalną inicjatywą skierowaną do wszystkich członków naszej archidiecezji i do wszystkich naszych wspólnot wiary. Celem inicjatywy *Odnów mój Kościół* jest wzmocnienie naszych parafii i uczynienie ich wspólnotami bardziej żywotnymi. Nie jest to nasza własna inicjatywa, ale odpowiedź na wezwanie Chrystusa, które najpierw usłyszeli uczniowie przywołani w dzisiejszym czytaniu Ewangelii. Jest nim to samo wezwanie, jakie było obecne we wczesnych dniach Kościoła: być uczniami Jezusa i podejmować odpowiedzialność za opiekę nad Jego misją w naszych czasach. Inicjatywa ta rozpoczyna się od podjęcia współpracy w wyniku, której nasze parafie staną się bardziej żywotnymi wspólnotami formującymi uczniów Jezusa. Oznacza to również bycie bardziej realistycznym w odniesieniu do naszych ograniczonych ludzkich i materialnych zasobów, jak również dokonanie ewaluacji naszych obecnych struktur pod kątem możliwości dokonania ich reorganizacji, dzięki czemu zachowamy pokój w obliczu zmieniającej się rzeczywistości.

Ważną częścią procesu *Odnów mój Kościół* jest grupowanie parafii. Wysiłki związane z tym dziełem będą skierowane na planowanie przyszłości i rozeznawanie kierunku, w którym prowadzi nas Bóg. Po przeprowadzeniu konsultacji, otrzymaniu opinii i komentarzy od księży należących do naszej archidiecezji i od członków rad parafialnych, ogłaszamy dziś grupowanie parafii. Wasza parafia będzie częścią grupy, która umożliwi Wam oszacowanie, planowanie i rozeznanie jak w najlepszy sposób sprostać przyszłym potrzebom zachowując zarówno rozsądek jak i pozostając w zgodzie z przeznaczoną dla nas wolą Bożą.

Wszystkie grupy będą posiadały wskazówki pomocne dla przeprowadzenia procesu i dokonania rozeznania. Jednakże wszystko rozpoczyna się od budowania relacji pomiędzy parafiami w określonej grupie. Oznacza to wzajemne poznanie się i być może dzielenie się pewnymi wspólnymi projektami lub wydarzeniami, takimi jak: rekolekcje, wykłady lub inicjatywy realizowane w ramach służby dla osób znajdujących się w potrzebie z lokalnej społeczności. Wraz z przekazywaniem w przyszłości porad i wskazówek ułatwiających wdrażanie programu zostanie rozwinięte bardziej szczegółowe planowanie i rozwinięte zostaną bardziej szczegółowe instrukcje dotyczące rozeznania. Dziś Wasz ksiądz proboszcz ogłosi listę parafii należących do Waszej grupy. Realizacja inicjatywy *Odnów mój Kościół* będzie z pewnością wymagała pozostawienia poza sobą stosowanych dotąd i znanych wzorców i wychodzenie poza obszar swojego bezpieczeństwa. Krótko mówiąc, będzie to związane z podejmowaniem ofiary, co jest obecne i praktykowane w Kościele od zawsze, za każdym razem, kiedy podejmujemy nowe wyzwania. Jestem przekonany, że jesteśmy zdolni podjąć się tego zadania i jesteśmy gotowi do zrobienia wszystkiego, co będzie konieczne, aby budować i rozwijać nasze umiejętności związane z przekazywaniem wiary przyszłym pokoleniom. Oto, co jest istotne w procesie *Odnów mój Kościół*. Zachęcam Was do zaangażowania się w tę inicjatywę i do modlitwy w intencji odniesienia sukcesu.

Szczerze oddam Wam w Chrystusie.

Kardynał Błażej J. Cupich, Arcybiskup Chicago

'Nasza grupa w kontekście tej archidiecezjalnej inicjatywy obejmuje następujące parafie: St. Thomas of Villanova - Palatine, St. Theresa - Palatine, St. Collette - Rolling Meadow oraz Misje San Juan Diego - Arlington Heights.

IV NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Pójdźmy drogą ku szczęściu

Każdy z nas pragnie szczęścia. Szukamy go na wiele różnych sposobów, ale w praktyce rzadko korzystamy z sugestii Jezusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Trudno jest nam zrozumieć, że to właśnie one prowadzą do doświadczenia prawdziwego szczęścia. Oczywiście zaprezentowany w nich ideał jest piękny i raczej mu nie zaprzeczamy, ale jak to w życiu bywa, ideał ideałem, a codzienność wymaga innych wyborów. Często tak myślimy i na skutek tego nasze poszukiwanie szczęścia zdaje się nie mieć końca. Droga, którą wskazuje nam dzisiaj Jezus, nie jest prosta, ale jeśli rzeczywiście Mu ufamy, to możemy być pewni, że doprowadzi nas do celu. Bóg pragnie, byśmy byli szczęśliwi. Właśnie po to Jezus wskazał nam drogę prowadzącą do szczęścia. Sami jednak musimy zdecydować, czy nią pójdziemy...

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