

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph's Church Family,

In today's second reading James implores us to "*Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.*" (James 1:22) Going forward, we as a parish must be doers of the Word. In the current circumstances, we must be a place of reform in the Church. The whole Church is being called to reform— God revealed what is sick in the Church in order to heal it. We must accept the graces offered in this pivotal moment, embracing the Holy Spirit and where He is leading us. However, we ourselves cannot reform the whole Church that is a task much broader than a single parish. Yet we can seek reform here in our parish.

A first step was last Thursday's Eucharistic Adoration. What is the next step? The antidote to evil and infidelity is goodness and faithfulness. We must be like Christ when faced with evil. We must embrace the holiness God calls us to. We must be like the saints. Reform within the Church has always come from the saints, and so we must be a parish that provides the rich soil from which saints arise. We must dedicate ourselves to holiness. Even faced as we are with infidelity and wickedness, we must redouble our efforts to seek the holiness for which God created us. Holiness is marked by the virtues that baptism grants us: faith, hope, and love. Thus the next step is to be a parish where these virtues are cultivated.

Faith is believing in Jesus Christ, who He is and what He has revealed to us as the Word of God. Therefore, Fr. Scordo will present a series of talks this Fall to help us better understand our Faith in Jesus Christ. Also, in faith we rely on the help of the Communion of Saints, and so we will begin to call upon their aid and protection by praying the Prayer to St. Michael after daily Mass.

Hope is our trust and eager expectation for the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation. We often grow in Hope when we see how God has acted in our lives, especially when we can see His mercy at work in our lives. Therefore in Advent we will offer confessions before every Sunday Mass. It is in the Sacrament of Confession that we encounter Christ and His mercy most intimately, and learn to hope in that divine mercy. Also, we hope in those we have come to know most closely. As we come to know Jesus not simply as a concept but as a friend, then our hope truly starts to grow. Therefore we will begin offering Eucharistic Adoration every Friday after the 12:10pm Mass so that people can come before Jesus and experience a deeper friendship with Him.

Love is seeking the good of another— giving of one's self. Penance is a form of love when we offer our penance for another. Therefore the friars are going to undertake the traditional Ember days of penance and fasting throughout the year. We encourage everyone who is able to join us in this practice. We'll provide more information about Ember days when the first one approaches. Also, love is found in community because it is there that we encounter those to whom we are called to give ourselves. Thus we will encourage ministries and community within the parish. We will renovate Casserly Hall in order to have the space to welcome new ministries and encourage the whole parish to deepen our unity and community together.

It is my hope that as we begin this path of renewal together that we can be a light and example for the wider Church— that we can be a place of goodness and holiness and a sign of God at work among His people. Let us all strive with God's grace to be saints together!

Blessing,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Pastor

Weekly Collection

August 25th & 26th, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$5,278
WeShare-----	\$330
Faith Street -----	\$689
Grand Total-----	\$6,297

FAITHSTREET

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WESHARE

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

Barbara Rosenberg
Arthur Bifulco
William Jayne
Carol Gershkowitz
Irena Malashenkova
Brendon Burlich
Lourdes Tanglao
Margaret Sotomayor
Keiko Taylor
Peggy Milus

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Joe Vitale

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am Rene Portland

11:30 am Salvatore Esposito

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

12:10 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:10 pm

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at
www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)
Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 3rd, 2018

The parish office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PROGRAM



Eliza Poehlman, Director, welcomes all who desire to serve in the Contemporary Music Program. *No auditions required.* Join us in the sanctuary for rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings before the 6:00 p.m. Mass. If you have any questions please E-mail me at: info@gsusband.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2018 - JUNE 2019

Children through the age of 3-16 are welcome to attend our Christian Education Program. Please go to our website under the 'Parish Life' tab, then 'Children's Religious Education' to obtain a registration form.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you (a) want to consider Christianity seriously or have decided to be baptized, (b) are baptized in another Christian communion and want to be received into the Catholic Church, or (c) are baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then RCIA is for you! RCIA begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith.

The RCIA classes will be held on **Sundays** after the 11:30am Mass in the **Casserly Hall** from **12:30-2:00pm**. The RCIA program begins on **Sunday, September 9, 2018**.

For more information, please call the parish office or email RCIA@stjosephgv.nyc.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

**Second Reading: James 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27**

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018**

“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world.”

As we reflect on the word each week, we are encouraged to not just hear or read, but to decide how it directs me to live it and put it into practice. From the first page of the bible, care for the oppressed, widows and orphans was a key measure for being a faithful person. The history of the church celebrates the heroes who reached out to the needy, beginning in the Acts of the Apostles. Saints like Vincent de Paul, Mother Katherine Drexler, saw needs and acted upon them.

In his exhortation 'Rejoice and Be Glad' Pope Francis indicates that the Beatitudes are our identity card. So if anyone asks 'What must I do to be a good Christian?', the answer is clear. We have to do each in our own way what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint James and Pope Francis tell us 'we are a people of the beatitudes'.

