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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM RILEY AND THE RILEY FAMILY!

While the proposed newsletter name submissions were creative, original and some entertaining, "Growing With God" checked all the boxes for us! Pam Riley won a \$50 GIFT CARD FOR USE IN THE PARISH GIFT SHOP. Stay tuned for more each week in - Growing With God: - that's why we are all here.

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ALEX'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BY DR. ALEX GROPPE

Last week, I mentioned October is Respect Life Month and that throughout this month, I would be drawing your attention to several less familiar Respect Life issues that cry out for much more attention than has been paid to these in the past and demand of us what the late great Archbishop Fulton Sheen once termed, "Catholic Action." Our spotlight this week is on our society's greatest treasury of wisdom, our Elderly.

Millions of senior citizens decide to spend their golden years in Florida. Whether it's the climate, the beach, the golf, or the tax rates, Florida is the choice of many once they decide to call it a career. However, recent elder abuse Florida statistics show that a dream retirement has turned into an unspeakable nightmare for far too many.

Elder Abuse Florida: By the Numbers
 Elder abuse Florida statistics, especially in South Florida, are revealing an alarming and disturbing trend. As expected in the state with the highest percentage of senior citizens, Florida has one of the highest estimated number of elder fraud reports, almost 650 million in total. That's 11.2 percent of elderly people. Losses amount to \$13.7 billion in a year and many Florida counties report thousands of cases each year.



BY THE NUMBERS

Florida is home to almost 6 million over 60s. That's 11.2 % of elderly people.



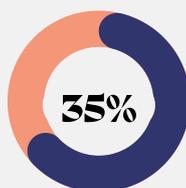
ANNUAL IMPACT



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BY GENDER

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National studies suggest that elderly women are as much as 35 percent more likely to be abused than men. A staggering 33 percent of those who are accused of abusing senior citizens are family members of the allegedly abused. Only 16 percent of those accused of abuse are strangers in relation to the abused. While most may think of abuse on a physical or psychological level, identity theft, financial exploitation and sexual abuse is also unfortunately prevalent in society. The majority of abuse victims say they were neglected by those who were supposed to be caring for them most. In fact, almost 30% of these cases involve the children of the senior citizen. But a significant portion, about 20% of reported elder-abuse cases occur in an institutional setting. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has produced some materials discussing ways to understand the signs of, and protect against various types of elder abuse or call 1-800-96 ELDER (1-800-963-5337).



**The Faithful Five
Mother - Daughter Home School Tribe**

Lifting Up our Elderly

So, how do we respect our Elderly?

One of the greatest challenges facing our Seniors is living a purposeful life following retirement, what the renowned 20th Century psychologist Erik Erikson referred to as facing the challenge of “integrity versus despair.” In essence, during this stage in their lives, Senior citizens reflect back on the life they have lived and come away with either a general sense of fulfillment from a life well lived – one filled with sound choices - or a sense of regret and despair over a life built upon poor choices. Consequently, many of our elderly experience feelings of being “a burden,” “unwanted,” or “redundant” when in fact our world has never before needed their wisdom all the more!

Make it a great week and dare you to reach out to at least one elderly person this week in Christian friendship and charitable fellowship!

QUESTIONS TO PONDER FOR SELF-REFLECTION

- + Have I just a few moments in my week to visit with an elderly neighbor or friend?
- + What do I think spending a half an hour with an older person might do for their spirit?
- + When’s the last time I sought counsel or advice from an elderly person?
- + When’s the last time I thanked an elder for his or her contributions to society?
- + Is giving my elderly neighbor a lift to Church or to take shopping something I might be willing to do?



OUR CLASSES

MEET SOME OF THE OLDER STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED LAST WEEK'S
4:30-5:30PM OLSS FAITH FORMATION CLASSES,







MONTH OF THE BLESSED ROSARY



- Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello

Current scholarship traces the development of the Rosary to the High Middle Ages period. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery.

Middle Ages where it came into being in various medieval monasteries as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read. Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 "Our Fathers" counting them on

ring of beads known as the crown or "corona." With the growth of popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary" developed now substituting 150 "Hail Marys" in place of the "Our Fathers."

The 150 "Hail Marys" were subsequently subdivided into fifteen decades by the young Dominican friar, Henry Kalkar (1328-1408), with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Dominican, Alanus de Rupe (1428-1478) further divided the episodes in the history of salvation into the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. He also attributed the origin of the Rosary, then known as the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin" to St. Dominic and thus spurred the Dominican Order to make the Apostolate of the Rosary their special concern. The Dominicans have, since then, promulgated the Rosary with notable results.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary.

Beginning on September 1, 1883, with *Supremo Apostolatus Officio*, he wrote a total of eleven encyclicals on the Rosary, ending with *Diuturni Temporis* in 1898. We are currently celebrating the centennial of these papal encyclicals.

Many other popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. In the recent past, Pope Paul VI (papacy: 1963-1978) devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *MARIALIS CULTUS* to the Angelus and the Rosary (MC 40-55). In this document, he wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness." (MC, 41)

The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer. This can be summarized by the traditional phrase used by Pope Pius XII (papacy: 1939-1958) that the Rosary is "a compendium of the entire Gospel" (AAS 38 [1946] p. 419). The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19) (*Osservatore Romano*, 44; 30 Oct. 1979).

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

LEARN ABOUT WEDNESDAY'S SAINT OF THE WEEK!

Saint Teresa of Avila's Story

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

“Pain is never permanent.”

LET'S REMEMBER THAT!



INTRO TO THE ROSARY FOR KIDZ!



A DAILY ONLINE COMPANION ROSARY:

CHILDREN EXPECTING TO BE CONFIRMED IN 2022

There is a mandatory parent meeting for you to attend with a choice of day and time (pick one or the other - whichever is most convenient):

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7pm-7:45pm in the Cultural Center during Faith Formation late session.

OR

Sunday, November 21, 2021 12:15pm-1pm in the Cultural Center after the 11AM Mass.

During this critical meeting, you will receive the complete packet of materials



to begin the journey toward your son or daughter's Confirmation on Thursday May 19, 2022.

Again, just pick one of the two dates and times and sign in as you arrive in the Cultural Center. No need to RSVP.

CHILDREN MAKING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2022

Our mandatory Reconciliation Retreat and Parent Meeting is **Saturday, October 23rd**. The retreat begins with **8:30AM** Mass in Church followed by separate activities for parents & children, culminating in a master Game and a special parent-child activity! At least one parent must attend and the morning concludes by 12:30pm.



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ST. JOSEPH

OCTOBER PRAYER



THE OCTOBER PRAYER TO ST, JOSEPH

To you blessed Joseph, we come for we are in need.

We have asked the help of Mary, your wife, and with confidence we ask, too, for your help.

Remember the love with which you were united to the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God; remember the father's love you had for the Child Jesus you carried in your arms.

By those two loves we pray you look with love on the human race, which Jesus our Lord won by His blood. Help us with your power in all our needs. You were a careful provider for the Holy Family: protect, then, the chosen people of Jesus Christ.

As a loving father, keep far from us all that could lead us wrong or corrupt us. Our warfare is with the power of darkness: in your kindness, mighty Defender, help us from your place in heaven.

Long ago, you rescued the Child Jesus from the danger which threatened His life: defend, now, the holy Church of God from the traps the Enemy lays, and from all adversity.

Keep us, everyone, in your continuing care. Strengthened by your example, aided by your assistance, may we have the strength to lead a good life, die a happy death, and come finally to possess the everlasting happiness of heaven.

CALENDAR

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- Wednesday, October 13th Week 6 CLASSES IN SESSION
- Wednesday, October 20th Week 7 CLASSES IN SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #1 issued
- Saturday, October 23rd 1st COMMUNION RETREAT #1
- Wednesday, October 27th Week 8 CLASSES IN SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #1 due

November

- Wednesday, November 3rd Week 9 CLASSES IN SESSION
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7pm-7:45pm - First Option for Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Cultural Center during Faith Formation late session (choose this or 11/21).
- Wednesday, November 10th No Classes - Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, November 17th Week 10 CLASSES in SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #2 issued
- Sunday, November 21, 2021 12:15pm-1pm Second Option for Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Cultural Center after the 11AM Mass(choose this or 11/3).
- Wednesday, November 24th No Classes - Thanksgiving

December

- Wednesday, December 1st Week 11 CLASSES in SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #2 due

Great People Serve Others!

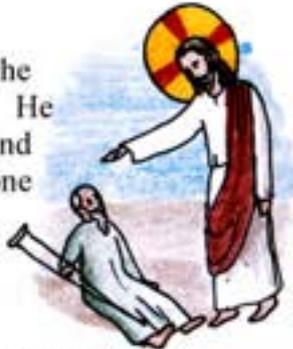
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve. Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



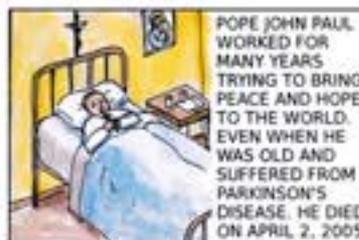
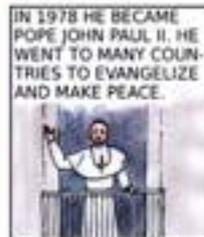
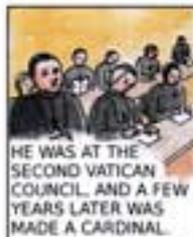
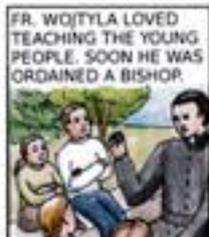
The pope has a very big job- looking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.



Answer to word-find: Jesus died for our sins.

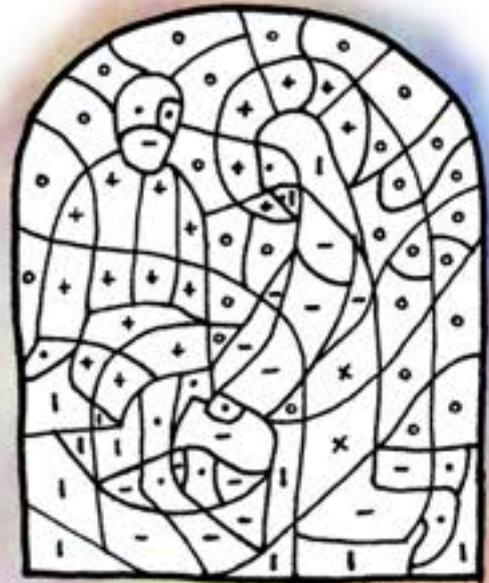
Saint John Paul II October 22



SAINT JOHN PAUL GREW UP IN A TIME AND PLACE WHERE THERE WAS WAR ALL AROUND HIM. HE PRAYED AND WORKED TO BRING PEACE TO MANY NATIONS. WE SHOULD TRY TO BE PEACEFUL IN OUR FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS, AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT WAR.

The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17th, 2021



Mark 10:35-45

Jesus said that whoever wishes to be the greatest must be the servant of all. Colour in the picture to see who shows us how to serve best.

- Blue
- + Yellow
- White
- Skin Colour
- I Brown
- x Red

JUSTIFYJES
CRUSHLIFEI
AFFLICTION
UUFSDIEDFF
PLEASEDDFI
GLROROALER
INIURSYIRM
VENINSSGII
ESGUILTHNT
SSERVANTGY

Isaiah 53 Word-Find



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION
he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS;
through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many,
and their GUILT he shall bear.

