



Blessed Trinity

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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

The Third Sunday OT

Pius XII's prayer to be said by politicians



Philip Kosloski

A pope who lived through great political turmoil composed a powerful prayer for politicians.

Pius XII was pope during World War II, a tumultuous time in history. He witnessed nations crumble and fight against each other in an unprecedented way.

With this in mind, there exists a prayer, credited to Pius XII, that is meant to be prayed by politicians. It is a powerful prayer, one that looks to God for guidance on all decisions to be made in the government.

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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

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Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

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Msgr. Anton Dechering
Retired

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Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
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The prayer is dated January 27, 1958.

Great and eternal God, Creator and Lord of all things, foremost Legislator and supreme Ruler, all power emanates from Thee and depends on Thee; and those whose duty is to legislate, determine in Thy name what is just or unjust, as a reflection of Thy Divine wisdom. Therefore we ... implore Thy aid for the fulfillment of our office that we intend to accept and exercise for the greater spiritual and material welfare of our people.

Grant us such a sense of duty as will cause us to omit no preparation or effort for the realization of this noble end. Grant us also that objectivity and sound realism which will guide us on every occasion to a clear perception of that which seems the best. Grant that we may never deviate from that sound impartiality which dictates that we labor without unjust preferences for the good of all. Grant also that we may never fail in loyalty to our people, nor in firm adherence to the principles which we openly profess, nor in the noble resolve to preserve ourselves above all possible corruption and base selfish ambitions.

Help us to be calm in our deliberations and to be immune from all passion except such as is inspired by the honest quest after truth. May our resolutions be in conformity with Thy precepts even if the service of Thy will should demand sufferings and sacrifices. May we, even in our own little way, endeavor to imitate that rectitude and holiness according to which Thou in Thy providence dost direct and govern everything for Thy greater glory and for the true well-being of human society and of all Thy creatures.

Hear us, O Lord, in order that our minds may never be without Thy light, nor our wills without Thy strength, nor our hearts without the warmth of Thy love, for we ought to have a tender love for our people. Keep far from us every form of human ambition and every kind of lust for illicit gain. Inspire us with a real, lively and profound sentiment of what constitutes a sound social order wherein full regard is had for law and justice. Finally as a supreme reward grant us some day to enjoy Thy blessed presence for all eternity, in union with all those who have been entrusted to our care. Amen.

Happy Birthday Fr. Wayne

Henri Nouwen, a great spiritual writer of the 20th Century once wrote, “birthdays need to be celebrated. I think it is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion, or a victory.

Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone: ‘Thank you for being you.’ Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday we do not say: ‘Thank for what you did, or said, or accomplished.’ No, we say: ‘Thank you for being born and being among us.’

On birthdays we celebrate the present. We do not complain about what happened or speculate about what will happen, but we lift someone up and let everyone say; ‘We love you.’”

We wish Father Wayne many blessings as he reaches another milestone in his life, and continues to minister to all of God’s people.



Teach me your ways, O Lord.



St. Vincent de Paul

We sincerely appreciate all the donations and support our parishioners are providing to our Blessed Trinity Saint Vincent de Paul Conference.

Your Parish Conference members continue to help those in need in South St. Petersburg neighborhoods. Due to the virus, we are not making home visits at this time, but are still helping with utility payments, food drop-off at homes, and furniture and clothing vouchers as requested.

We have placed our food collection basket in the vestibule again to meet the needs of our food drop-off program. Some food suggestions are canned meats, fish (tuna and salmon), fruits, vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, soups, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, cereals and puddings. We are grateful for whatever you choose to donate (please, no perishable or expired foods).

Thank you and God Bless you.

Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
4:00 p.m. Hugh Terrill (Dec)

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Msgr. Dechering (Liv)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Marcia Holser (Liv)

Monday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8:00 a.m. Thomas O'Dea (Dec)

Tuesday, January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. Marie Lynd (Dec)

Wednesday, January 27, Saint Angela Merici
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:00 a.m. Jay Holser (Dec)

Friday, January 29, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Tom Kearney (Dec)

Saturday, January 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Patrick McKenna (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Audra Cousette (Dec)

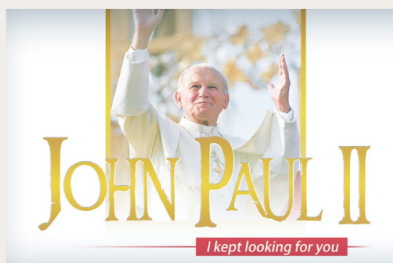
Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosa Renzoni-Scoccia and
Antonio Palmieri (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Stephen Lynch (Dec)

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John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You

This incredible documentary traces Pope Saint John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Weekly Giving

Online Giving January 11-17

Offertory	\$ 875
Building Fund	\$ 20

January 17, 2021

Offertory	\$ 9,611
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10
Building Fund	\$ 140
Gift Shop	\$ 108
Other	\$ 95

Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Residents

The boxed offertory envelopes for 2021 can be picked up in the parish office during regular office hours Monday-Friday or can be picked up after Mass in the church on the weekend.

I would like a Tax Statement for 2020

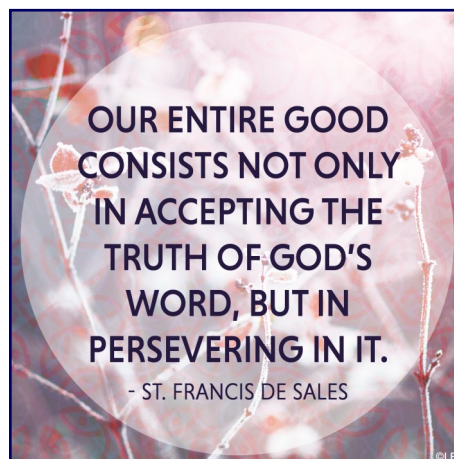
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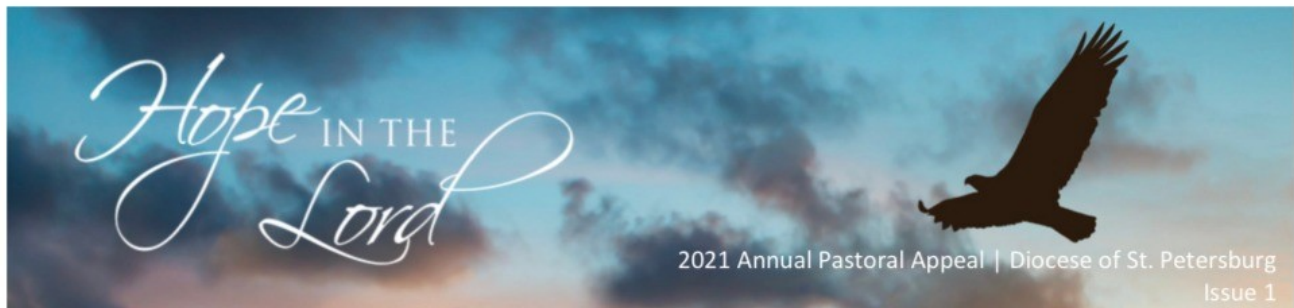
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*Please fill out and return to the parish office
or drop in the offertory basket.*





2021 APA Begins

The Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) is a direct appeal to all parishioners of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, asking them to directly fund over 50 ministries, services and programs across the diocese. This includes outreach to the poor and marginalized, Catholic education and faith formation, Christian discipleship and faithful support to the life and ministry of our clergy, religious, and all who serve the Church.



Our theme this year is *Hope in the Lord*, which is very relevant considering all we have been through over the past year. This theme comes from Isaiah 40:31:

**...but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.**

In the coming days, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized APA packet. Please take some time to review the materials and respond by using the pledge card and return envelope provided. This year, we strive to join our diocesan family in reaching beyond ourselves and our parish, giving *hope*. Together, we can transform lives. We hope and pray all our parishioners will join us in supporting the 2021 APA.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!



**Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal
helps us courageously live the Gospel.
Learn more at www.dosp.org.**



Learning More About APA

Why do we need diocesan ministries and programs?

As part of our mission, the Catholic Church serves the needs of many in our local area and beyond. Some services included in the appeal are considered shared services that assist every parish and their people. In many cases, it is more effective for all parishes to join together to fund central outreach. These services and programs are the ongoing pastoral work of the Body of Christ, providing hope to thousands.

What should I give?

Prayer

Pray for the Church, for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our diocese, and for all people working in diocesan ministry, as well as those who receive assistance. You can download a copy of our *Courageously Living the Gospel* diocesan prayer at www.dosp.org.

A Sacrificial Gift

Consider making a pledge or one-time financial contribution. Donations can be made by cash, check, credit card, or direct debit. Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice is welcomed with gratitude, used with great joy and good stewardship. If you would like to make your gift online today, please visit www.dosp.org/giveapa.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
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Christ, Kathryn
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Dawson, Anthony Peter
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