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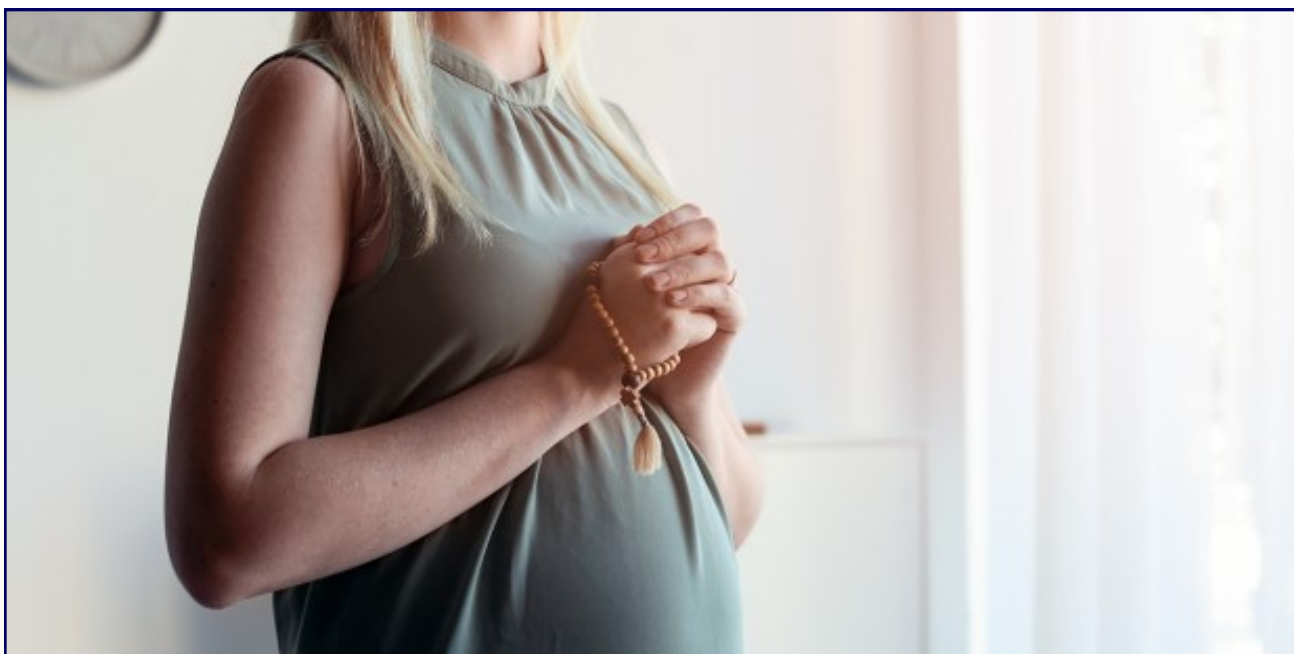
60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

January 31, 2021

WEEKEND MAGAZINE

The Fourth Sunday OT

Pope Benedict XVI's prayer for the protection of life in the womb



Phillip Kosloski

The pontiff prayed in 2010, "Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life."

In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a special prayer vigil at the beginning of Advent **for the protection of unborn life**. He wanted to stress the need to **support women in their pregnancies** and to hold up the **dignity of every human person**.

Here is a prayer he prayed at that vigil in 2010.

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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
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Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.

Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.

Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the kindness and generosity shown to me throughout the holidays and my birthday.

God's blessings to you,
Fr. Wayne

Father Wayne is sharing his column,
Thoughts Worth Sharing, with Bishop Parkes this week.



Turn to Christ for the Truth

“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.” – Mark 1:22

Are there people that you tend to listen to more than others? Do you watch a particular news broadcast? Where do you go when you need to find out some important or critical information? Likely, you go to someone or someplace that you know you can trust.

This was the case with Jesus. In this weekend’s Gospel from Mark, we read that Jesus comes to the synagogue and begins to teach. The people are astonished because He taught differently from the scribes. A man with an unclean spirit, says, “What have you to do with us, Jesus? Have you come to destroy us?” He continues, “I know who you are--the Holy One of God!” Jesus commands the spirit to leave and it departs from the man in a rather dramatic fashion. This is the first exorcism of Jesus that we read about. The witnesses were amazed at what they had just witnessed.

An interesting observation in this story is that the unclean spirit recognizes the authority of Jesus, not just as a teacher, but also, the Holy One of God. He recognized the transformative power of Jesus. Yet, throughout his teaching ministry, the church leaders, government officials and many in the community continued to question His authority. This was the case throughout His life, and all the way through His passion and death. Even today there are many who don’t believe in Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we allow many other things in this world to rule our lives—such as political correctness, money, our need for affirmation, and a desire to get to the top. But Christ is the authority and the ruler over all things including you and me. We say this, but do we really believe it? Have the courage today to acknowledge and accept Christ as the ruler of your life – the one you turn to when you need the truth. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in all your decisions, and to strengthen you in your witness to others.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

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 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)

Monday, February 1

8:00 a.m. John Flanigan, Jr. (Dec)

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Lardy Santos (Dec)

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 a.m. David Wingdenfeld (Dec)
For Vocations

Thursday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Bill Maslar (Dec)

Friday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Liv)

Saturday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Jean Orr (Dec)
4:00 p.m. William Kennedy (Dec)

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. BoBo Kisielewski (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. William Kennedy (Dec)

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The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Don't miss this eight-session course that explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Online Viewing

We are happy to see that so many people are able to attend mass with us virtually via our mass online. We currently have 93 subscribers to our YouTube channel and many more viewers. Even as our mass attendance in the church has been increasing, people are still participating with us online. The link can be found on our website at www.btsp.org. Below are the views on our most recent Masses.

December 13 - 155 views
December 20 - 140 views
December 25 - 179 views
December 27 - 70 views
this Mass was posted Sunday afternoon
January 3 - 122 views
January 10 - 103 views
January 17 - 130 views
January 24 - 91 views



Weekly Giving

Online Giving January 18-24

Offertory	\$ 1,905
Building Fund	\$ 20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25

January 24, 2021

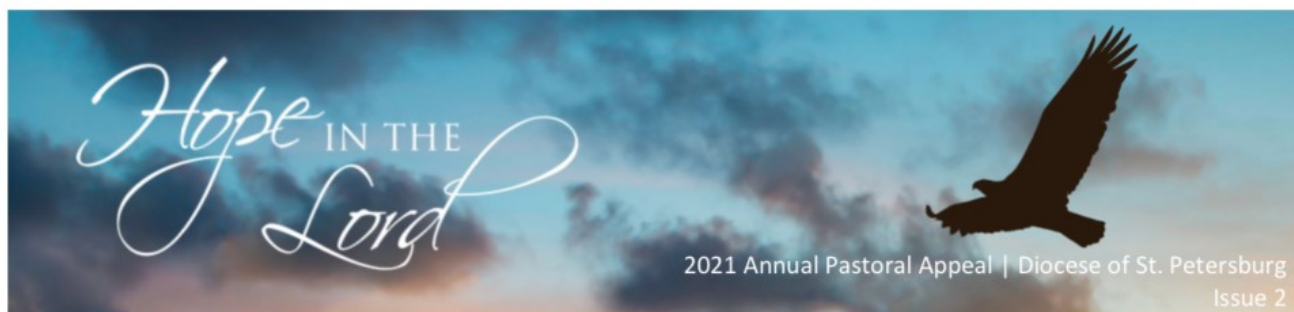
Offertory	\$ 6,080
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 710
Building Fund	\$ 1,035
Gift Shop	\$ 126
Rent	\$ 2,500
Other	\$ 130

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.





One Gift Can Impact Thousands

We have more than **50** pastoral ministries and services dedicated to strengthening the lives of the **303,000** Catholics living within our five-county area. Through our active participation in our parish and larger Church ministries and outreach, we bring hope to those seeking the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the Annual Pastoral Appeal can truly impact thousands. Together, we support:



74 parishes &
4 missions

celebrating Mass in-person and many also hosting virtual liturgies to accommodate their parishioners remaining at home



76 parish staff &
lay leaders

receiving training through a virtual RCIA Institute hosted by the Office of Worship this past fall



reaching more
than
200,000

through digital communication, social media, uplifting videos and spiritual programming at Spirit FM 90.5



128 active deacons,
12 men in formation
& **12** in Discernment

dedicated to nurturing our faith life within our parishes

Formation and Sacramental Prep in all of our parishes and missions for:

3,710 Baptisms

4,010 First Communions

3,457 Confirmations

354 received into full Communion

845 marriages

2,971 funerals

These are only a few of the ways our diocesan ministries make an impact thanks to your gifts to APA.

To learn more, visit www.dosp.org/2021ministryupdate.



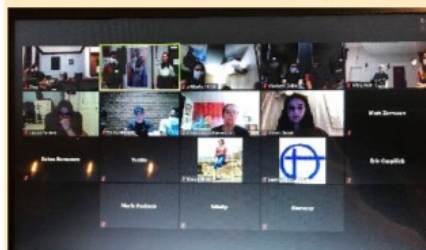
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Learn more at www.dosp.org.



A Closer Look at Campus Ministry

Outreach at the USF Catholic Student Center has become a blend of both in-person and virtual fellowship to support students. The enthusiastic participation speaks for itself:

+ 3 in-person freshman welcome events were held this past summer
+ 12 small groups meet weekly for in-person and virtual Bible study



+ 10 students attended a missionary leadership conference prior to classes starting

+ The new Post Graduate Ministry kicked-off with **40 members** joining in weekly Bible study, group community on Facebook, Rosary & Happy Hour and quarterly fellowship.

+ The 2nd annual Welcome Home Weekend saw **100+ students, families, alumni and parishioners**



And these are just SOME of the amazing efforts taking place at USF. For more information visit <https://www.catholicusf.org/>

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Albertson, Michelle
Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Barry, Marian
Bennett, Elizabeth
Bestow, Shawn
Blondheim, Carmen
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Bruce, Phil
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Cavalieri, Lois
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Congiu, Rita
Coston, Stephen
Dawson, Anthony Peter
Deacon Lionel Roberts

Dechering, Msgr. Anton
DeLucca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Ditzel, Julie, Mark and Luke
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferero, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
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Fraser, Sue Chapman
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Graeme, Mary
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Hamilton, Tom
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Heylan, Edward H.
Hepp, Loren
Huff, Walt & Carole

Iglesias, Olivia
Infant Ursa
Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin & Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Kline, Wayne and Judy
Krieger, Mary
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lovelace, Jill
Lovelace, Kim
Lowery, Judith
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
Mahoney, Colleen
Maitland, Steve
Mark, Jacqueline
Marois, Mary

McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Merchant, Geraldine
Merchant, Rhoda
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Monahan, Sheila
Moore, Richard A.
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Nuñez, Marleny
Oliphant, Brian
Pezzulo, Irene
Phillips, James
Pope, Stoney
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Quinn, Timothy
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina

Rudy, Fr. Richard
Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Seaquist, Tim
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
Smith, Anita
St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Bill
Thompson, Susan
Thore, Isabelle
Thuline, James
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Watson, Amanda
Watson, Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Williford, Joan & Frank
Wood, Jena
Youngman, Ruth

