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May 9, 2021 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day



God Bless Our Mothers

A mother defends herself with a heart filled with love
before doing so with words. ~ Pope Francis



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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
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Confessions can be arranged with
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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

May 15, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

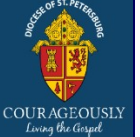
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg

All are invited, but due to social distancing requirements, seating is limited.

The Mass will be available via live video stream and Spirit FM 90.5 for all.



| dosp.org/livestream |



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,
we lift up these and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

05/09	Rev. Justin P. Paskert
05/10	Rev. Felipe Gonzalez
05/11	Rev. Gerald Hendry
05/12	For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
05/13	Rev. Paul Kochu
05/14	Rev. John McEvoy
05/15	Ordination to Priesthood of Israel Hernandez



4 Takeaways from Andrea Bocelli's interview about his faith

By Cerith Gardiner



Be inspired by the devout tenor's journey and his desire to serve God by helping others.

In a recent interview with Colm Flynn for *EWTN News In Depth*, the much loved Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli and his wife Veronica shared their thoughts on their charitable foundation, the COVID-19 pandemic, education, and faith.

On charity

Ten years ago the Bocellis started a foundation. Andrea explained that it wasn't something that they had necessarily planned — they were inspired to do it after the horrific earthquake in Haiti in 2011.

It wasn't a question of the couple actively looking “for that little island far away, but the people calling us heart to heart,” Andrea explained.

From there the couple haven't looked back. Through their efforts they've realized that caring for health and education is primary, and then other works of charity can follow.

Andrea revealed one of the many benefits of the charity work he's done. **By going to Haiti with their foundation, he felt God's presence.** As he explains, when people come together to help others physically and spiritually, they see God's hand at work: “Whenever there is one or more [people] praying together — pray in this case means just to be together to do something good for somebody else — then God's there.”

On faith

Bocelli has been very open about his strong faith, and he beautifully explains in the interview.

First, the tenor shared the importance of faith in his life: “Let's say it is a reason for life, because life, even when it lasts 100 years, is an insignificant segment in relationship (comparing) to eternity.”

Perhaps this analogy explains the logic behind his strong convictions:

“I do not believe in the clock without the clockmaker. I do not believe that one can make something without someone who designed it being made.”

On personal responsibilities

The Italian maestro acknowledges “to whom much is given much is asked” and he takes his role seriously. “I've had a life rich of possibilities, of experiences, so much received is so much I should try to give.”

Yet he appreciates that his success was simply “meant to be,” explaining “things happen because there is a precise design upstream.”

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 Geneux, 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 Geneux, 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, May 8

4:00 p.m. Jean Doroski (Dec)

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Young and Jane King (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Agostino Menna (Dec)

Monday, May 10, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Young (Dec) and Jane King (Dec)

Tuesday, May 11, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Margarite Israelson (Dec)

Wednesday, May 12, Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Saint Pancras, Martyr

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m. Anne Marie Maier (Dec)

Friday, May 14, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Jim Manetta (Liv)

Saturday, May 15, Saint Isidore

8:00 a.m. Dennis Botelho

4:00 p.m. Miguel Rojas (Dec)

Sunday, May 16, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Cassandra Birchfield and Family (Liv)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Charles DeCoursey (Dec)

Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. On May 8, 2021 Bishop Gregory Parkes renewed our diocesan consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle.

Making a consecration is an act of love and love needs to be constantly renewed. Renewing your consecration means giving yourself again to Jesus in and through the Heart of Mary. Each year we are invited to renew our consecration personally and as a Diocese.

Over 1,300 people gathered at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, May 6, 2018, to pray during a Holy Hour as Bishop Gregory Parkes first consecrated the Diocese of St. Petersburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our consecration was renewed in 2019 and in 2020.

If you have never consecrated your heart to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please visit <https://www.dosp.org/heartofmary/consecration-to-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.or and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

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Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving April 26 – May 2

Offertory	\$ 2,500
Building Fund	\$ 40
SVDP	\$ 100
Other	\$ 40

May 2, 2021

Offertory	\$ 10,396
Mother's Day	\$ 170
Gift Shop	\$ 144
Special Donation	\$ 1,500
Building Fund	\$ 568
SVDP	\$ 502
Ascension	\$ 115
Other	\$ 75

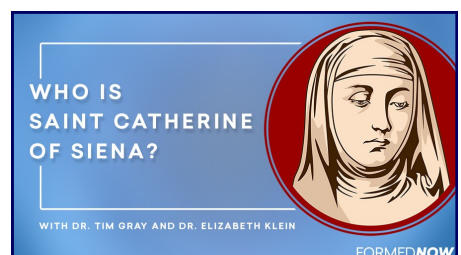
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Springs in the Desert

For women suffering with infertility, Mother's Day can be hard. There is hope and healing in community! *Springs in the Desert* is dedicated to spiritually and emotionally supporting women and couples navigating the frustration, pain and difficulty of infertility. For encouraging blog posts, resources, and a community of support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.

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However, he also has a pragmatic approach to life, encouraged by his father. **Although his singing abilities were recognized early on, he still studied law as an alternative career choice, just in case.** But Andrea was able to follow his love and talent for music and his success means he is now able to give back a lot, especially through his foundation.

On the pandemic and the future

While the Bocellis experienced COVID-19 in their own household, they got through it relatively unscathed. However, they do appreciate that this has not been the case for millions of others, and as a result we cannot act selfishly: **"You cannot just be okay if the rest of the world is not."**

Andrea also points out the many other natural catastrophes experienced centuries beforehand, without all the science and technology we benefit from today. And we survived. "So, one must look with great optimism forward because this time too will pass."

This is where Bocelli leans heavily on his faith: "Whoever puts his life in the hands of the One who created it, who wanted it, that obviously desired and loved it, puts it in good hands."

With strong faith and hope in their hearts, Andrea and his wife are continuing along their path and working with their foundation. "I wanna believe that whatever we have been able to achieve in the past years is just a kickoff for what we can do in the future."

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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.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

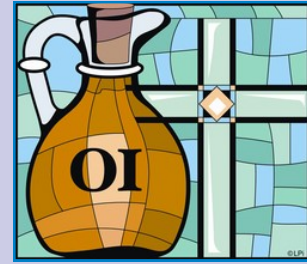
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