

Nemo dat quod non habet

Over the past 50 years, the Catholic Church has placed an extraordinary emphasis on the laity's responsibility to evangelize. Pope Paul VI, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelization in the Modern World*, states that the Church "exists in order to evangelize." (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14)

The Holy Spirit calls us to become evangelizers by instilling in our hearts and minds a keen awareness that we have something of value to share with others. True evangelization does not rise out of an arrogant triumphalism, but out of a humble zeal, like a beggar who longs to share with his fellow beggars where he has found a crust of bread.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), states clearly that the impetus for evangelization flows from the life changing experience of coming to know Jesus:

"It is impossible to persevere in a fervent evangelization unless we are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to. ... A person who is not convinced, enthusiastic, certain and in love, will convince nobody." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 266).

If we are to be authentic evangelizers, we must first be committed to nurturing our own relationship with Jesus. If we allow our relationship to grow cold, then we really have nothing of value to share with others. There is a Latin proverb that captures this essential idea quite nicely:
***Nemo dat quod non habet* (One cannot give what one does not have.)**

Essential to nourishing our personal relationship with Jesus is the need for prayer. Pope Francis, in reflecting on this point, highlights the need for prayer and devotion if an evangelizer is to be effective in his/her work:

"Spirit-filled evangelizers are evangelizers who pray and work. ... Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervour dies out. ... 'we must reject the temptation to offer a privatized and individualistic spirituality which ill accords with the demands of charity, to say nothing of the implications of the incarnation.'" (Evangelii Gaudium, 262)

Remember, you can't give what you don't have! (*Nemo dat quod non habet.*)



To Live as the Body Of Christ

**March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intentions

Week of March 20th -March 26th, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: People of the Parish
7:30 am Tues.: Anthony Angotti (RIP)
6:00 pm: Wed. Robert Kopacz (RIP)
7:30 am Thurs.: Juli Sund (RIP)
7:30 am Fri.: People of the Parish (RIP)
5:30 pm Sat.: Deryl Guillory (RIP)
8:00 am Sun.: Bill Carollo (RIP)
10:30 am Sun.: Edna Mangialardi (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

Prayer Intentions

Teresa Spain
Ann Zummo, mother of Nat Zummo
Bernice Berry, friend of Christine Weikum

Rest of the Soul

Lorraine Stahl, mother of Nanci Kuntz
Cecile Oblanc, friend of Kathy Gieger
Bootsie Artigue, aunt of Renee' Carpenter
Robert Kopacz, brother of Bishop Kopacz
Sr. Mary Magdaleva, sister of Fr. Al Camp

Adoration This Week: Monday—Friday 8 am- 12 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

New Announcements

***Tuesday, March 28th RCIA Class- Presentation begins at 7pm—
Jesus Brings Us to Fullness of Life. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

***Saturday, April 1st—** Join our US Armed Forces Ministry to pray the rosary for our country and the men and woman serving our country. Meet in the chapel at 4:45 pm.

***Friday, April 7th—** Healing Mass @ 10am followed by our Senior Adult Brunch in the Family Life Center.

***Stations of the Cross— Every Friday** during Lent at 6pm. Join us in the FLC following Stations of the Cross for our Lenten fish fry provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Reminders

***Monday March 27th: The Women's Guild** will be hosting two special events. At **11:00 a.m.** meet at St. Dominic's Chapel for a tour and to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a lunch at Char's Restaurant. At **7:00 p.m.**— Self defense presentation with Gary Boyle and Adam Nelson. Please wear comfortable clothing. The March charity box will be for The Center for Pregnancy Choices. Donations of baby clothes, diapers and accessories along with maternity clothing will be greatly appreciated.

***Good Friday Service-** If you have lost a family member since last Easter, **please check for their name on our remembrance board.** If you do not see their name, please fill out a card for our Good Friday service.

*If you are interested in helping cook, serve or clean-up for the Discovering Christ meals beginning March 30th, please contact Renee' Carpenter – 601-292-6083 or finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com.

Weekly offering for March 19, 2017: \$18,817
2nd collection this weekend— **Catholic Relief Services**

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3rd —Parish Reconciliation Service @ 6pm
- April 7th —Live Stations of the Cross @ 6pm
- HOLY WEEK — Holy Thursday Mass @ 7pm; adoration thru Midnight
— Good Friday Stations @ 12; Passion Service @ 7 pm
— Easter Vigil Sat. @ 7:30 pm
— Easter Sunday Mass @ 8am and 10:30 am
- April 30th — Holy First Communion Mass @ 2pm
- May 3rd — Confirmation Mass @ 6pm

***Baptism prep classes** are required for all those needing a child baptized. Please call the church office in advance so you can find out about the next class!

***Nursery and Children's Liturgy** available at the 10:30am mass. **The Nursery** is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). **Children ages 2-5** will be called up during the mass for **Children's Liturgy.**
*****No Nursery and Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday*****

*** 40 Days for Life— March 1— April 9, 2017—** Please join in prayer and fasting. Located on the corner of N. State & Fondren Pl. Members of St. Paul will be there on Thursdays from 1-2 pm. Please come anytime from 7 am— 5 pm.

***SAVE THE DATE— Mom's Day 5K to benefit Birthright of Jackson.** May 6th @ Flowood Nature Park
Register @ www.birthright.org/jackson

“When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?”

- Nov. 22, 2104, TWITTER

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

- March 17, 2013, FIRST ANGELUS ADDRESS



“Love is the measure of faith.”

- May 13, 2014, TWITTER

“We cannot be part-time Christians! We should seek to live our faith at every moment of every day.”

- May 16, 2013, TWITTER

“Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.”

- September 30, 2013, AMERICA MAGAZINE

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