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PADRE'S PONDERINGS

On Wednesday, September 25, the people of Saint Charles gathered together for a parish meeting with representatives from the Diocese of Providence. I'd like to thank those who made the effort to attend, as well as those who shared thoughtful and sincere feedback. The dedication of so many to Saint Charles is evident, but the overwhelming sentiment is that the closing of Saint Charles, while unfortunate, is inevitable. This past week, Bishop Tobin received a formal request for suppression from the parish staff and leadership, with a proposed effective date of January 5, 2020. We now await the Bishop's decision.

In the meantime, we would like to invite any interested parishioners of Saint Charles to come together with parish staff and leadership to form a "Legacy Committee," which will meet in order to brainstorm and plan a series of events in the coming months to mark the legacy of our parish community and to help parishioners transition to new spiritual homes. Please reach out to me if you are interested in being a part of that committee. I truly believe that, in the coming months, we will be able to celebrate the contribution of Saint Charles to the community and the bonds of friendship which have been forged down through the years. We will also be able to celebrate Christmas in our magnificent stone church one last time, and to see the building enter it's 150th year as a house of worship. While the closing of the parish is exceedingly difficult for so many—since their personal histories are interwoven with the history of the parish—I am hopeful that we can move forward together in these remaining months with clarity of mind and Christian charity.

Whenever I have balked at the thought of closing such a beautiful building, I have had to remind myself that Jesus never built a church building. He constituted a family of believers who could worship in spirit and truth wherever he was in the midst of them. We should want to be a church of people—living stones—not just a church of buildings. Everyone knows that the spiritual needs of parishioners can and will be met elsewhere. The Eucharist will still be celebrated, the grace of absolution will still be granted, the prayers of God's people will still be heard, albeit not within the walls of Saint Charles. But we have here no lasting city. All buildings are temporary, transitory, and the sad closing of our church building will only remind us that as magnificent a house of worship man can build on earth, nothing here below is even remotely comparable to the heavenly temple toward which we are journeying. That Holy City is of unimaginable beauty and will never be capable of fading or decay.

So while we move forward with heavy hearts, we continue to trust in the plan of God and recommit ourselves to seeking together his will.

Until next week, Fr. Joe



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The parish communities of All Saints and Saint Charles invite you to come together in prayer on the Mondays of October as we commemorate the Month of the Holy Rosary. Each evening will be held in Saint Charles Church and will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Please join us and bring a friend or two along!

Monday October 7, 6pm—Fr. Upton Monday, October 14, 6pm—Fr. Kiley Monday, October 21, 6pm—Fr. Upton Monday, October 28, 6pm—Fr. Kiley

CONGRATULATIONS!

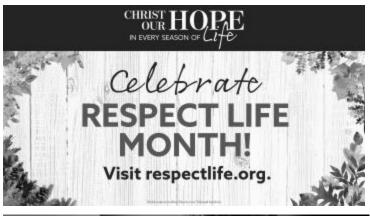
Congratulations to **Jayden Juelz Garcia-Bois**, who was reborn of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 29, at the 10:15am Mass in All Saints.

THANK YOU, CAROL OWENS

Many thanks to **Carol Owens** of the Diocese of Providence for being with us this weekend to discuss the important work of our parish and our diocese in support and defense of human life. We hope to expand ministries such as those Carol has discussed with us in our parish community. Carol, be assured of our prayers and our support for you in the important work you do for the most defenseless and marginalized among us!

WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

Word on Wednesdays continues to meet each week. Our parish bible study on the Gospel of John meets on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the meeting room off of the sanctuary in All Saints, and again at 6:30pm in All Saints Rectory. All are welcome!







COLUMBUS DAY SCHEDULE: Our rectory office will be closed on Monday, October 14th, for Columbus Day. Mass will <u>NOT</u> be offered on Monday, October 14th at 8am in All Saints.

Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk

10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk

11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps

40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9

[9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk

11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2

Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR November 2, 2019 from 9a-3pm

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Decorating subcommittee	Other? Write on reverse.
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or maskaraid@comcast.net for	more info! Thank you!

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 29th, 2019

THANK YOU

All Saints

1st Collection: \$3,297

St. Charles

1st Collection: \$1,566

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles Parish 4:00: (AS) Larry Gervais, 12th anniversary, by wife (AS) Alva Rondeau, by M/M Marcel Laliberte

Sunday, October 6th

7:30: M/M Aldo Rossi, by Arline & Roger

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles 10:15: Jeff Henault, by a friend

Muriel V. Lucier, by friends and family

12:00: Marta Tejeda de Flores, 6 months deceased, by Mabel Doire

Monday, October 7th - All Saints

8:00: Antoinette Auger, birthday remembrance, by daughter

<u>Tuesday, October 8th - St. Charles</u> 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles <u>Wednesday, October 9th - St. Charles</u> 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles <u>Thursday October 10th - All Saints</u>

8:00: Louise & Gertrude Martinelle, by family

Friday, October 11th - All Saints 8:00: Becky Mikel, by Deb

Saturday, October 12th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles

4:00: (AS) Lucien & Priscilla Daneault, by the family

(AS) Rachel Bouchard, by family

Sunday, October 13th

7:30: Roger Sylvestre, *by wife* 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

10:15: Guy Guilbault, 2nd anniversary, by wife & son

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de Octubre de

2019

Domingo: Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4/Sal 95, 1-2. 6-7.

8 -9 [8]/2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14/Lc 17, 5-

10

Lunes: Jon 1, 1—2, 2. 11/Jon 2, 3. 4. 5. 8/

Lc 10, 25-37

Martes: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 130, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8

[3]/Lc 10, 38-42

Miércoles: Jon 4, 1-11/Sal 86, 3-4. 5-6. 9-10

[15]/Lc 11, 1-4

Jueves: Mal 3, 13-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6

[Sal 40, 5]/Lc 11, 5-13

Viernes: Jl 1, 13-15; 2, 1-2/Sal 9, 2-3. 6 y

16. 8-9 [9]/Lc 11, 15-26

Sábado: Jl 4, 12-21/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12

[12]/Lc 11, 27-28

Domingo siguiente: 2 Re 5, 14-17/Sal 98, 1. 2-

3. 3-4 [cfr. 2]/2 Tim 2, 8-13/Lc 17, 11-

19

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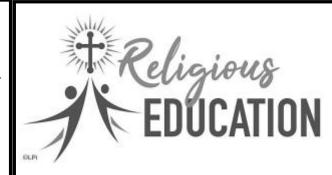
CADENA NACIONAL POR LA VIDA: Anualmente, el primer domingo de octubre, LIFE CHAIN invita a las iglesias de cada ciudad y pueblo de Estados Unidos a pararse en una acera local designada y rezar, mientras sostiene pancartas con mensajes positivos pro-vida como: EL ABORTO MATA A LOS NIÑOS, JESÚS PERDONA Y SANA ADOPCIÓN: LA OPCIÓN AMOROSA, EL ABORTO LASTIMA A LAS MUJERES, etc. Te invitamos a unirte en oración el Domingo 5 de Octubre, de 2:00 a 3:00 pm comenzando desde la Iglesia San Patricio (244 Smith Street, Providence) haciendo una línea hasta llegar a la Casa de Gobierno.

RETIRO "CAMINANDO CON MARIA HACIA JESUS: El Comité Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia de Rhode Island te invita a un retiro Mariano el sábado 19 de octubre de 8:30 a 4:00 pm en la parroquia de San Patricio. Cinco Diáconos facilitarán cinco temas sobre la Santísima Virgen en el plan de salvación de Dios. Los Diáconos Roberto Gallo, Vicente Cabán, Luis García, José Fajardo y Eduardo Birbuet estarán facilitando los temas. Música de alabanzas por el coro de San Patricio. Mas Información: Tels. 368-6955, 781-4481, 919-4424.

RETIRO DE HOMBRES CAMBIAME À MI SEÑOR: El Retiro de Hombres Cámbiame a Mi Señor se llevará a cabo el 25, 26 y 27 de Octubre en el Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center. El costo del retiro es de \$110 por persona incluye desayuno almuerzo cena y alojamiento y se pide un depósito de \$50 para reservar tu espacio. Llama al 421-7833 x 233 o visita nuestra página Facebook.com/elcatolicoderi/ La fecha límite para registrarse es el lunes 218 de Octubre. Cientos de personas han participado de este fin de semana encontrando la paz que solo Dios te puede dar. Baja la registración por internet en: http://

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Grados 1-6

Grados 7-8

Oct. 6 @11am

Oct. 1 @7pm

Oct. 20 @11am

Oct. 8 @7pm

Oct. 27@10:15am

Family Liturgy

Oct. 22 @5:30pm

Movie Night

Oct. 27 @11am

Oct. 27 @10:15am Family Liturgy

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Hoy **Domingo 6 de Octubre de 2019**. La Santa Misa es en honor a quién en vida fue *Marta Tejada de Flores*. Que el Señor la tenga en su Santa Gloria.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 6th, 2019 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

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