



Love Takes Work

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord’s return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don’t make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. “I should like

you to be free of anxieties,” he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

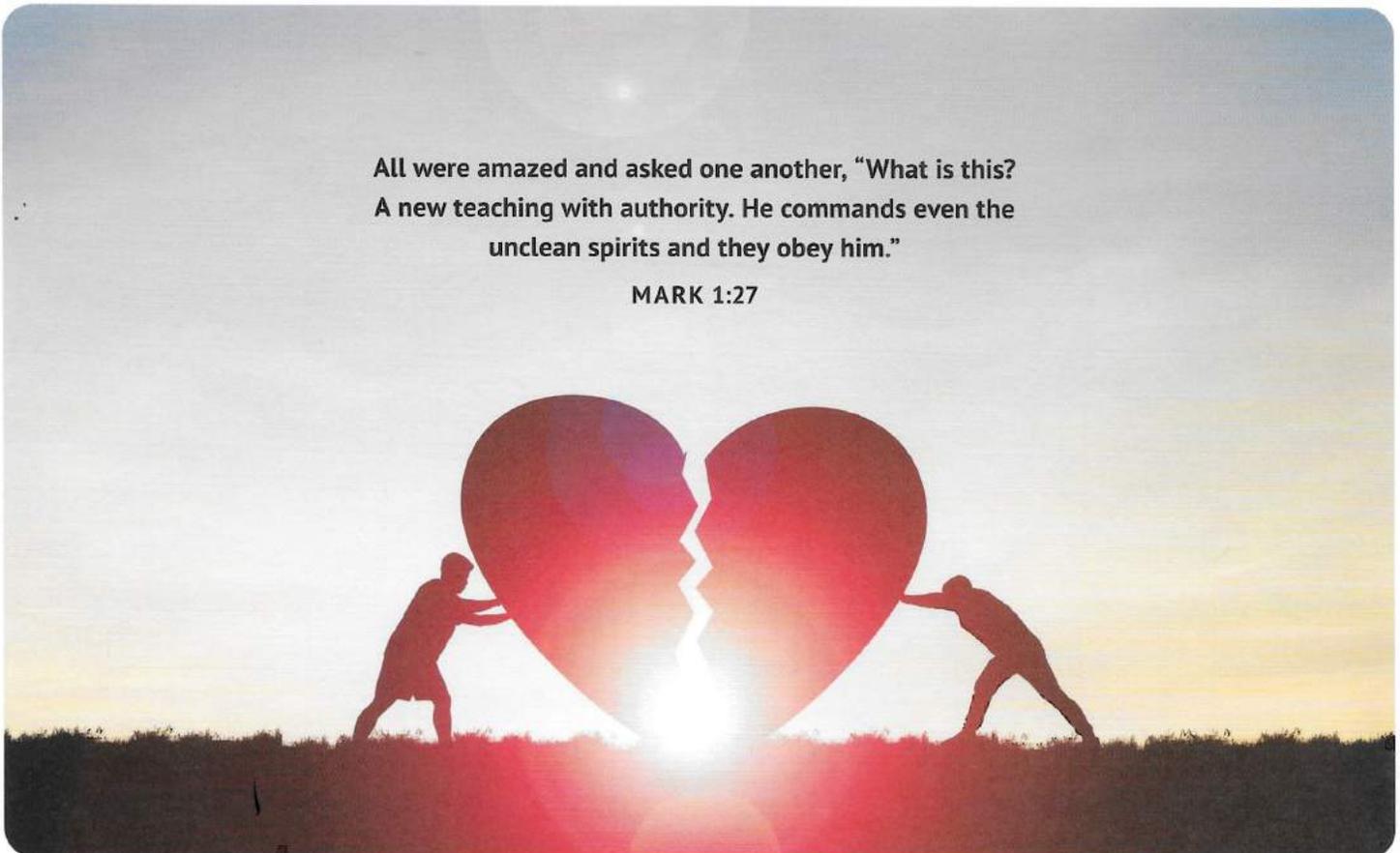
Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn’t happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

Reflect

What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?

All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this?
A new teaching with authority. He commands even the
unclean spirits and they obey him.”

MARK 1:27



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JANUARY 27 & 28, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27- 6:00 PM

✠ Patsy Malamisura by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, January 28- 9:00 AM

✠ Frances McKenzie by The McKenzie Family

Tuesday, January 30- Noon

✠ Jeanne Ameli by St. Anne's Altar Society

Wednesday, January 31- 9:00 AM

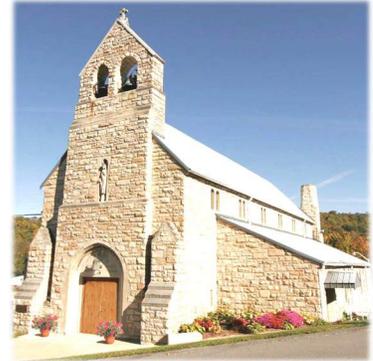
✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 3- 6:00 PM

✠ Pauline & Gene McClellan by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, February 4 - 9:00 AM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2-4: Youth Mount 2000! Retreat

February 2: First Friday Mass 6:00 PM

February 10-11: 2nd Collection: U.S. Missions

February 10-11: Blessing of the Throats at Weekend Mass

February 12: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

February 13: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

February 14: Ash Wednesday ~Mass Times TBA

February 19-20: Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council -No Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

February 9 ~ Bluefield February 23 ~ Bluefield

February 16 ~Princeton March 8 ~ Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

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Sacred Heart Cookbooks

The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived!

Please call Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the parish office to pick-up a Cookbook.

They are selling for \$15 per cookbook.



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NO PEEK BEEF TIPS

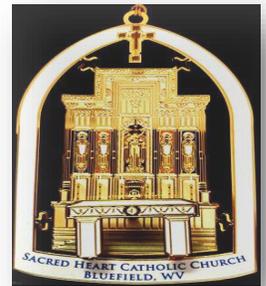
Misprint Reads:

2 packets of brown sugar

Correction:

2 packets of brown gravy

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PURCHASED A SACRED HEART ORNAMENT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE YOU CHERISH THEM FOR YEARS TO COME! WE DO HAVE 5 MORE ORNAMENTS LEFT FOR ANYONE WHO MISSED BUYING ONE EARLIER! PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!



February BIRTHDAYS

Claude	Morgan	1	Jillian	West	5	Eugene	Fanning	15
Jessica	Rose	2	Anthony	Rasi	7	Louis	Ercoline	17
Christiane	Tran	2	Evan	Smith	10	Donna	Kelly	19
Cynthia	Albert	4	Aidan	Slade	11	Jennifer	Farmer	21
Ernesto	Pascasio	4	Uyen	Tran	12	Ron	Goodwin	22
Vearl	Clayton	5	Madeline	French	13	Brandon	Austin	24
Natonia	Clemons	5	Katherine	Asbury	14	Mya	Epling	27
Donnie	Neal	5	Mikael	Kovanen	14	Cynthia	Stacy	27
David	Ott Jr.	5	Donella	Crigger	15			
Molly	Rebuck	5						

Steve and Melissa Copolo

February 2

Sherman and Patricia Nester

February 14

James and Barbara Musolin

February 19

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Spring of 2024

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”
Matthew 11:28*

The schedule through March 2024:

January 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

February 4, 11, 18, 25 ~Regular Sessions

March 3, 10, 17 ~ Regular Sessions

March 24, 31 ~ No Faith Formation in Observation of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

RCIA



*The next RCIA meeting will be Wednesday, January 31 at 5pm in the school.
To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.*

CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

February 2nd-4th ~ Mount 2000! Retreat

March 17 ~ Youth Sunday

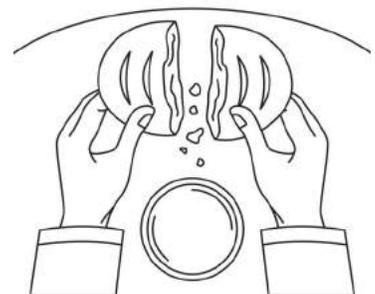


EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

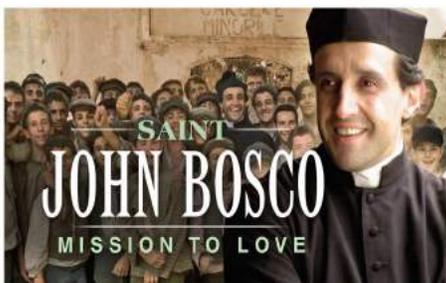
Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend is...

The Breaking of the Bread



THIS WEEK ON FORMED...



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



[Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love - FORMED](#)

Sacred Heart 100 Year Celebration of Our Beautiful Church Building

Part II: Church Growth During the 1920's

By 1896, approximately 12 Catholic families lived in Bluefield. By 1922, there were over 60,000 Catholics residing within the West Virginia Diocese. Soon, the small Catholic Church built by Fr. Olivier on North Mercer Street no longer met the needs of Bluefield's rapidly expanding Catholic population.

Following the death of Fr. Olivier in 1920, Fr. Wilbert Burke a native of Wheeling, W.V., became Sacred Heart's 2nd priest. Fr. Burke served as pastor at Sacred Heart in Bluefield from 1920-1932 and again briefly from 1937-1938.

Fr. Burke's greatest accomplishment while serving at Sacred Heart was the construction of the beautiful Spanish gothic church on Wyoming Street, our current Sacred Heart Church. Considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in West Virginia, it was designed by Edward Weber. A nationally known architect at the time, he also designed St. Joseph's Cathedral in Wheeling, W.V.



Father Wilbert Burke

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Celebrate The Feast of St. Blaise.

St. Blaise Day 2024 is celebrated on February 3, 2024, which is the same day it is celebrated every year. He preached Christianity in his hometown and was a well-known healer. For his dedication to Christianity and helping others, Saint Blaise was made one of the earliest bishops of Christianity.

He is recognized as the patron saint of throats and throat disease in the Roman Catholic Church. This is because his most famous and memorable act was when he miraculously helped a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. The boy was placed at the saint's feet by his mother, and he healed straight away.

Father Sebastian will do the blessing of throats at weekend Masses on February 10 and 11 in honor of St. Blaise.



WEEKLY DONATIONS

We kindly request,
all 2nd collection donations be submitted within two weeks of the original collection date.
This allows us to submit the donation to the Diocese or other entity in a timely manner.
Thank you and God Bless.

	weekend Jan 20-21	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,320.00	19,136.00	18,400.00
Loose Offertory	417.00	1,873.00	1,600.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,737.00	\$ 21,009.00	\$ 20,000.00
Food Pantry	120.00	1,744.00	0.00
DIOC: Latin American	207.00	207.00	150.00
DIOC: Central and East Europe	229.00	229.00	200.00
DIOC: Church in Africa	207.00	207.00	250.00
Attendance:	9am: 35	6pm 54	

January Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
01/27 Sat. 6pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	David Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.J. McCloud 2.L.Mariotti 3.F. Moran	The Pascasio's	M. McCoy
01/28 Sun 9pm	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	B. Musolin G. Abromitis	1.M. Malamisura 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	S. Copolo	D. Shumate

February Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
2/3 Sat. 6 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	A. Peretti E. Peretti	F. Moran	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Hager 3.V. Hager	J. Monaco	The Albert's
2/4 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	Christine Tran ?????	R. Albert C. Ott	1.C. Stacy 2.J. Stacy 3.K. Kirk	B. Buzzo	
2/10 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	David Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.L. Mariotti 2.T. Behrmann 3.TBA	The Pascasio's	D.Duritza
2/11 Sun. 9 am	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	H. Wills K. Wills	T. Bales A. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd 2.C. Havens 3.A. Robinson	R. Malamisura	R. Malamisura
2/17 Sat. 6 pm	P. Peretti	F. Moran	A. Peretti E. Peretti	D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	J. Monaco	D. Shumate
2/18 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	T. Brown A. Froy	B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini	1.M. Malamisura 2.M. Romeo	S. Copolo	M. McCoy
2/24 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	David Kelley	V. Hager	1.T. Hager 2.T. Behrmann 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	The Aiello's
2/25 Sun 9 am	The Winfree's	T. Lampert	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	G. Abromitis A. Torrez	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.T. Lampert	R. Albert	

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Benny Disibbio, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Bryson Fanning, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Ann Beck, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Susan Lively, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

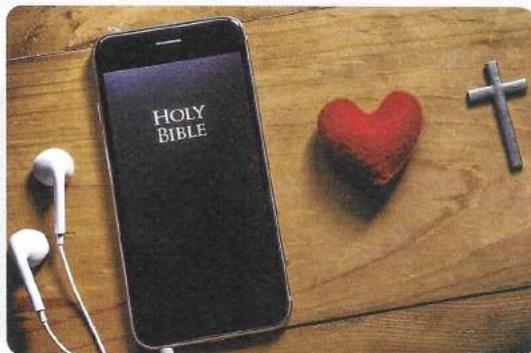
It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Mal 3:1–4	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
Mk 5:1–20	30–19:3 Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Heb 2:14–18	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23
				Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32		Mk 1:29–39



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative?
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And
then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”**

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