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We are an amazing parish because we create and nurture joyful disciples of Christ. A Catholic becomes an *Intentional Disciple* after recognizing they have been *personally chosen* by the Lord to enter an intimate relationship with Him. This relationship relies on the Holy Spirit and embraces a lifelong sacramental journey of prayer, service, evangelization and communally receiving Jesus Christ through Scripture and Eucharist. Thus, an *Intentional Disciple* imitates Christ in everything we do on a daily basis.

October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating the kickoff of Respect Life Month.

Respect Life Reflection

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th—

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; BVM

4:30 P.M. — For our Amazing Parish Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th —

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

8:15 A.M. — Special Intentions of Deacon Steve and Escalera Family, by Kath Redmond

Special Intentions of Kathy and Frank Drotar, by the Nelson Family

Kirk Derichsweiler, by Gena Ryder

10:45 A.M. — For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, by the Truong Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th—

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 A.M. — Word Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th—

7:30 A.M. — Dora Wilkins, Joan Whaley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th—

Sts. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs;

St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:30 A.M. — Leona Troshynski,

by Carol and Harold Robinson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th —

7:30 A.M. — Madlyn Mayer,

by Marty and Suzanne Bechina

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th—

St. John, XXIII, Pope

7:30 A.M. — Sandy Harbert,

by Marty and Suzanne Bechina

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th —

4:30 P.M. — Rose Marie Alfonso, by Rosalie Bonfiglio

Roberta Burns, by Burns Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th—

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 A.M. — For our Amazing Parish Family

10:45 A.M. — Joseph McMahan,

by Helen McMahan and Family

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Monday: 7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer

7:30 A.M. Word Communion Service

Tuesday through Friday:

7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer

7:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00 P.M.



The Bishops of Colorado are supporting Colorado Initiative 120 that would end the abortion of babies from 22 weeks after conception thru birth.

This is to prevent the horrible abuse allowed by the New York State Legislature that authorized abortions last year up through delivery. They encourage you to sign this ballot initiative so it can get on the ballot. They also encourage parishioners to get involved by receiving the required training to gather signatures, and then to collect them after Masses. If you would like to receive this training, please send an email to life@ccdenver.org

**Bear hardship with the strength
that comes from God.**

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14



Annual Blessing of Pets this Sunday!

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, next Sunday, **October 6th, at 1 p.m.**, we'll have the Blessing of Animals in our courtyard between the church and the school (or the

front parking lot if necessary). We are ecumenical: Protestant pets are welcome! If the weather is bad, we'll hold this event the following Sunday, same time, same place.



The Chiller for the Hall, Sanctuary and Front Rows of the Church is going to "bite" us. The bids are in and we'll have to spend about \$53,000 to bring cooling back to these spaces. This will significant-

ly drain our finances. A chiller is built to spec and takes about 2 months to construct, with another month to schedule removal of the existing unit and installation of the new one. If we order one now it wouldn't be installed until the end of December (when we don't need it). So we will order it in January and have it installed by the end of March -- closer to warmer weather time.

I am concerned about our cash flow to procure this. Our budget did not plan for this contingency because the chiller's demise wasn't known in April when we compiled the budget. We may need to cash in a portion our meager savings to make this purchase unless some angels appear.

Our facilities are 62 years old and things are wearing out. If it becomes necessary to replace another "big ticket" item like this, we will be forced into a capital campaign. I'm hoping that the next Pastor will have to deal with that, and not me. As we regularly plead, please remember Christ the King Parish in your will! That's giving without any pain. Thanks in advance!

-- Fr. John O.



October is Respect Life Month

Catholics stand up for life, even when it's for unwanted, inconvenient, unproductive or disgusting lives. Our Pro-Life position isn't as easy to champion as many think. But it's God's will and so we support it.

It's easy for most of us to jump on the bandwagon opposed to the killing of babies in the womb through abortion.

Things get shakier when we discuss *in vitro* fertilization. This procedure usually involves several fertilized eggs (human beings), with the unnecessary ones being extracted and then frozen. They'll never be born. But married couples who insist they have a right to have a child (sorry, it's a blessing, not a right -- adopt instead!) are less concerned about consigning children to the freezer, children who will never walk on this earth.

Pro-Life also means being opposed to the death penalty. This is clear Catholic teaching from the popes and bishops. Admittedly, felons who have murdered, tortured or maimed people are repugnant. But their lives are part of the same Pro-Life cloth even though they didn't respect life. Many people would rather have the State take revenge on them, not extend to them the patience and mercy God gives the rest of us.

There are also persons with mental or physical disabilities, who may never be able to be productive members of society. More people are beginning to say they're not worth saving, that they're an unnecessary expense and drain on society. They'll say that putting them out of their misery is the more humane thing to do. I fear this sentiment will only grow.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says something to the effect of "Beware when men's hearts grow cold." Unless we stand up for our Church's Pro-Life position, at all stages of life, the steamroller against God's values and ours will run amok. As Bishop Berg reminds us, pray that we build a culture of life that cherishes every person -- especially the ones who are difficult for us!



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

As you may recall, last February the Catholic Dioceses of Colorado announced two initiatives to support the continued healing process for those who were sexually abused as minors by parish priests. Those two initiatives – an independent reparations and reconciliation program and an independent file review – will now be fully implemented in the coming weeks and months.

We have spent the last few decades working to address the issue of sex abuse and to make our churches among the safest spaces for children, but we recognize that pain caused by past abuse still needs to be continually addressed. We know that for survivors what has been taken from them can never be fully restored, but we hope these initiatives can provide some measure of justice, validation and healing for them and their families.

Reparations and Reconciliation Program

This program will be officially opened in the coming days, and information for those wishing to participate will be available on our diocesan websites. A couple of key points for you to know:

- The program will be independently run by a team of nationally recognized administrators and overseen by a local oversight committee of lay people from around the state.
- The administrators will evaluate claims made against diocesan priests, and determine a reparation offer to the victim-survivor.
- Participation by the individuals is voluntary and the offer can always be rejected, but the dioceses are bound to abide by the administrators' decisions.
- Funding for the program will come from diocesan reserves and assets, with no money coming from donations to parishes, ministries or schools.

Independent File Review

As part of an agreement with the Attorney General of Colorado, an independent file review led by former U.S. Attorney Robert Troyer is in its final stages, and a public report of his findings will soon be published. We believe this will provide a transparent accounting of all past substantiated allegations and a fair evaluation of how the dioceses responded. The final report for each diocese will include:

- An analysis of the diocese's current policies and procedures to prevent and report abuse.
- A review of how the diocese handled past allegations, and if they correctly reported the allegation to local authorities according to the applicable state laws at the time.
- A list of all diocesan priests with one or more substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor, along with a summary of the incidents and how they were handled.

As we said in February, there will no doubt be many painful moments in the coming months as we shine the bright light of transparency on the Church's history related to the sexual abuse of minors, but we ask that you join us in prayer for all victims of sexual abuse, and that we maintain our trust in Jesus who alone can provide true healing and peace.

Sincerely,

Bishop Stephen J. Berg, D. D.

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on **Monday, October 7th at 1:30 p.m.** in Sr. Joan's Room. We will be discussing the upcoming **Christmas Craft Show on November 9th and 10th** in Adrians Hall. All women in the parish are welcome to join us! For questions call Sandy Musso, President, at 544-1741.



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For His Glory,
Lori Judkins
Pastoral Associate for Liturgical Music



Silent Peace Walk at the River Walk on Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.

The Benedictine Oblates invite you to join them for an opportunity to share in a 30 minute Silent Peace Walk to encourage peace in all areas of our lives. Meet at the Diocesan Office parking lot at 101 North Greenwood St. in Pueblo. They meet every second Sunday of the Month.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 6, 2019

- 9:30am PreK to 8th Grade Religious Formation
- 9:30am PreK to High School—**Parent Meeting** Formation Center
- Noon High School Religious Formation
- Noon RCIA—Sr. Joan's Room
- 1:00pm Pet Blessing —Church Courtyard

Monday, October 7, 2019

- 1:30 pm Altar and Rosary Society—Sr. Joan's Rm.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study — Sr. Joan's Room
- 6:00pm Catholic Fellowship — Sr. Joan's Room

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

- 9:00am Women's Bible Study — Sr. Joan's Room
- 6:30pm Choir—Formation Center Music Room

Sunday, October 13, 2019

- 9:30am PreK to 8th Grade Religious Formation
- 9:30am First Reconciliation—Sr. Joan's Room
- Noon High School Religious Formation
- Noon RCIA—Sr. Joan's Room



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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am to Noon

and

1:00pm to 4:00pm

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Join us for Coffee and Donuts

Visitors and parishioners are welcome to join us for hospitality following the Sunday Masses in Adrians Hall.



Parish Tailgate Party Sunday, October 27th Noon to 2:00pm



Everyone is invited to join in the fun in the parking lot by the office! No tickets needed!

Food will be served from Noon to 1:30pm. Meat will be provided by the parish.

Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex for the extra items needed. Please see the sign up sheet and note your name and number next to what you can donate. Cash donations will be accepted for food and beverages. Bring donated items or cash to the parish office by Wednesday, October 23rd.

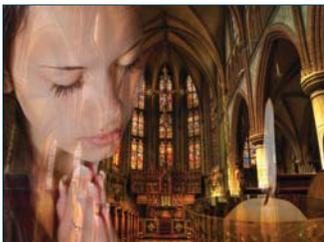


We also need your help! Sign up to set up, clean up, serve, or cook.



Wear your favorite team or school colors: Broncos, Thunderwolves, East, South, Central, Centennial, County, Pueblo West, Heaton, Risley, Corwin, Belmont, Fountain, etc.

Please note: Join us at the Tailgate Party before the 2:25 p.m. Bronco game. You will be home in plenty of time to watch the game!



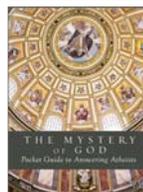
RCIA

Many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, follow a process known as the **RCIA** – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. All are welcome! They meet on Sundays at Noon. **For questions** contact Sarah Nelson at (719) 542-9248 x121, or email Sarah at snelson@ctkpueblo.org



Catholic Fellowship Group meets on Tuesday—"Untold Blessing"

Catholic Fellowship gathers on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Sister Joan's Room (Little Flower Formation Building). If you have questions please contact Gerald Garduno at 719-252-8508 or Rich Dudley at 719-369-9115.



Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday—"Mystery of God"

All women from the Parish are welcome to join the Bible Study from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in Sister Joan's Room (Little Flower Formation Building). The Group will cover the "Mystery of God" - Who is God? Why does he matter? You'll not only discover the answers yourself but also how to share them with others, especially those who no longer believe. For more details contact Mickie Markowski at 719-545-6505, or Linda Gettler at 719-545-1058 (PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER).

Parent Meeting-Oct. 6th-9:30am to 10:30am

**For Grades:
Pre-K to 12th**

**Overview of the
Year in
Sr. Joan's Room**

Parent Meeting

!Door Prizes!

CTK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned Mass, please get a substitute to fill in for you.

The Ministry Schedule is posted at ctkpueblo.org.

Saturday, October 12, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

1st Proclaimer: Paula Loseke

2nd Proclaimer: Rita Poole

Bread: Sally Tafoya

Cup: Patricia Vigil, Julian Vigil, Randy Pocius, Deacon

Servers: Andy Hernandez

Ushers: Martin McClelland, Dan Medved, Jose Rosales, Paul Tafoya

Greeters: Dr. Harry & Carol Robinson **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Martin & Estella McClelland

Sacristan: Micki Markowski



Sunday, October 13, 2019 @ 8:15 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Frank Drotar

2nd Proclaimer: Mark Easland

Bread: Leila Andrews

Cup: Ray Andrews, Sam Corsi, Al Duran, Deacon

Servers: Zack Garduno, John Paul Nelson

Ushers: Jason Brown, Joe Carleo, Scott Cummings, Nicole Cummings

Greeters: Susan & Kevin Compton **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Helen Caprioglio & LeeAnn Freeman

Sacristan: Arnold & Juanita Montoya

Sunday, October 13, 2019 @10:45 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Cynthia Kramer

2nd Proclaimer: Jessica Weckx

Bread: Diana Ortiz

Cup: Rosanna Padilla, Frank Romero, Brittnei Sanchez, Deacon

Servers: Richard Sandoval, Robert Sandoval

Ushers: Jason Vigil, Tim Weckx, Ralph Williams, Rory Kouba

Greeters: Brittnei & Bobby Sanchez Family **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Jodi & Becky Verner

Sacristan: Kath Redmond

Thank you!

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Psalm 95

Prayer Line: If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please call Sarah at 542-9248, Ext. 121 or email her at snelson@ctkpueblo.org.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11;

Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10;

Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: l 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;

Lk 17:11-19



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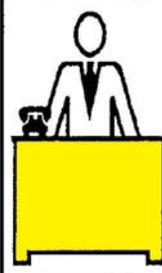
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