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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, *Intentional Disciples* imitate Christ in everything they do on a daily basis.



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Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his
presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Psalm 95:1-2

FROM OUR PASTOR

Protect the Unborn! Last week, on January 22nd, we recognized the 48th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* decision by the Supreme Court that legalized abortions throughout the United States. On that day we gathered at Mass in a sense of penance and atonement; we repented for our nation for not protecting the powerless.

The Old Testament has many references to children in the womb, to these little humans being called by God from the womb to be his prophets, his champions, his witnesses, while they're still fetuses. God has intended even then, for them to work for him when they grow up. They are human life.

In the New Testament, St. John the Baptist provides another example when human life is recognized in the womb. When his mother, St. Elizabeth becomes pregnant in her old age, her husband, Zechariah says, "You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way." And 6 months later, we hear St. Elizabeth tell Mary that when she heard Mary's greeting, "the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

So scripture attests that from the moment of conception, what is in the womb is a human being. It is so hypocritical to me that a fetus is considered a human being when the mom and dad want the child, but isn't human when one or both parents don't want it. How did we get to this point where a pregnancy can be seen as an unwanted inconvenience, as a throwaway?

Couples act surprised now when a pregnancy results after sex. But neither contraception nor condoms protect conception from occurring 100% of the time. If you play, you roll the dice. If pregnancy happens, let the woman and the man act responsibly, not irresponsibly.

It is heartbreaking for me to hear when someone has had an abortion. And it's so unfair that so many people just fault the woman. Only twice have I heard a man own up to his participating in the decision and seeing his responsibility. Pregnancy is not just a woman's problem; men are half the problem and need to own it.

What I find even more insidious is hearing about parents who have procured or arranged an abortion for their daughter. Talk about enabling irresponsible behavior! Let the child be born and give the baby up for adoption; that way the mother and the child both get a fresh start.

When Fr. Ron Rolheiser spoke here in Pueblo 8 years ago, he said it's important to fight abortion in the courts and the legislature; but what's more important, more fundamental, is that we get to the point where there could be an abortion clinic on every street corner, but nobody goes into them.

In other words, to really succeed, we have to do the hard work of changing people's attitudes, to see that this issue is about much more than a woman's rights over her own body. Satan was a genius when he came up with that angle. 55% of our citizens fall for it.

We pray for the legal protection of unborn children. We pray that our nation will return to God, and see life in the Biblical way: that a human being starts at conception, that a fetus is human whether the child is wanted or not, and needs to be safeguarded.

Let's pledge to work to change people's attitudes about abortion. This is part of building God's kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven – where all people are protected. Maybe your listeners should be reminded they should be glad their parents didn't abort them. The most vulnerable and voiceless among us need our protection now.

- Fr. John Ozella

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.
in the Church/Adrians Hall

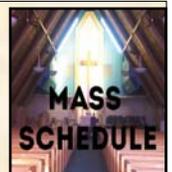
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. in the Church/
Adrians Hall and live streamed at this Mass

Look for links at ctkpueblo.org, or on Facebook.

Sunday: 11 A.M. Mass in the Church/Adrians Hall

Tuesday thru Friday: Mass at 7:30 A.M.

Confessions (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) are regularly held in the parish hall on Saturdays after the 4 p.m. Mass. So generally Confessions will be from 5 p.m. until done.

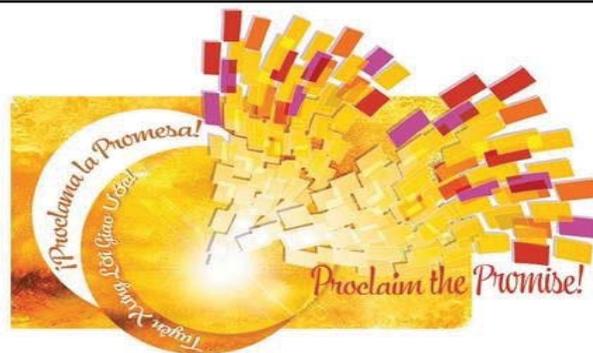


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Registration for this year's online Los Angeles Religious Education Congress has started. Cost is \$35 and gives you access to all 4 days of the event (including the Youth Day) from February 18th thru 21st – all concerts, liturgies, Keynote Addresses, and workshops. A listing of workshops can be found on our parish website. To register go to www.recongress.org and click on the **Register Today** button.

We cannot be fishers of men and women if in our hearts we are haters of them. This truth . . . reveals a nonviolent ethic: Love even your enemies; become fishers of them. We will not win people to our convictions if we despise them. — *Susan B. W. Johnson*



Women's Study Group - Join us for Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Reach out to Micki Markowski @ 719-545-6506 for a ZOOM link.

Adults: We have several adult facilitated groups gathering via Zoom as well as ongoing RCIA and adult confirmation sessions which will begin in Lent. In addition, Christ the King has a FORMED subscription which give you access to thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries and studies. To set up your free account, visit formed.org/signup and select Christ the King, Pueblo, CO. More information about FORMED in the bulletin and online. If you are an adult interested in learning more about any of these opportunities to grow in faith, contact Sarah Nelson at 719-542-9248 ext. 121 or snelson@ctkpueblo.org.



Catholic Fellowship: Join us on Zoom Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M. through February 16th, 2021

Using Fr. Spitzer's proven paradigm, "The Four Levels of Happiness", as our cornerstone (episode 1), we move through the remaining six episodes dealing with unhappiness and depression, and then to evidence for our transcendent and eternal life. We examine the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and finally, we learn how to properly deal with and benefit from suffering.

Contact Rich Dudley at 719-369-9115, rdudley_ranger@msn.com or Gerald Garduno at 719-252-8508, g.garduno@comcast.net to obtain a virtual link for these weekly sessions.

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



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After Christ's example,
I forgive my persecutors.

St. Paul Miki
16th-century Japanese Jesuit seminarian who was arrested and crucified because of his faith

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February 6

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40;
Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;
Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15;
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,17-18a;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1
Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



Confirmation Preparation:

Middle school and high school students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st. In addition, we will have a Parent and Sponsor meeting on that date at the same time. We will have important information about preparing your child for confirmation at this meeting.



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January 30th to February 7th

Saturday, 4:00 P.M. — January 30th

Roberta Burns, by Burns Family

Sunday, 8:00 A.M. — January 31st

For our Amazing Parish Family

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. — January 31st

Special Intentions of Kay Miessen,
by Paul and Sally Tafoya

Monday: No Mass — February 1st

Tuesday: 7:30 A.M. — February 2nd

Peace in our Country,
by Harold and Carol Robinson

Wednesday: 7:30 A.M. — February 3rd

Helen Kenney, by Ed and Sue Mastro

Thursday: 7:30 A.M. — February 4th

Alvin and Elizabeth Kessler,
by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kessler

Friday: 7:30 A.M. — February 5th

Manuel Duran, by Paul and Sally Tafoya

Saturday, 4:00 P.M. — February 6th

Isabel Tafoya, by Paul and Sally Tafoya

Sunday, 8:00 A.M. — February 7th

David Mulkey, by Tom DeNiro Family

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. — February 7th

For our Amazing Parish Family

The NET Retreat was a success!

12 Young Adult Missionaries hosted retreats for local area middle and high school youth on Friday, January 22nd and Saturday January 23rd. About 100 students from all over Pueblo attended on one of the two days of the retreat. Of that number 30 were from our parish. The retreats focused upon living a deeper relationship with Christ - through games, activities, small groups, lively discussions, all culminating with Adoration, prayer and a time for Confession. A special debt of gratitude to those who donated towards making this Retreat possible. Please pray that the youth will continue to grow in their faith beyond their Retreat experience.



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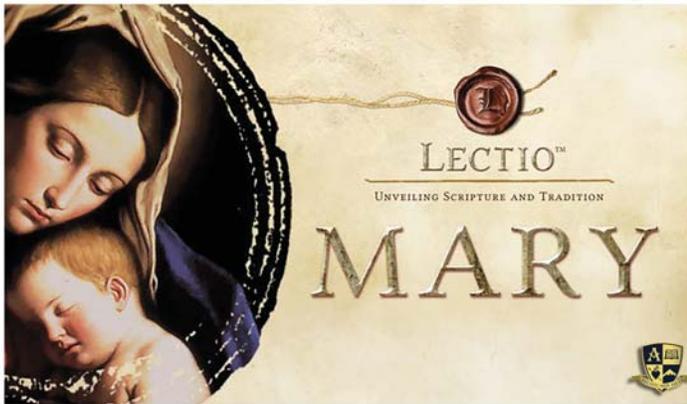
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January 31, 2021

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.



LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1 THE NEW EVE

This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

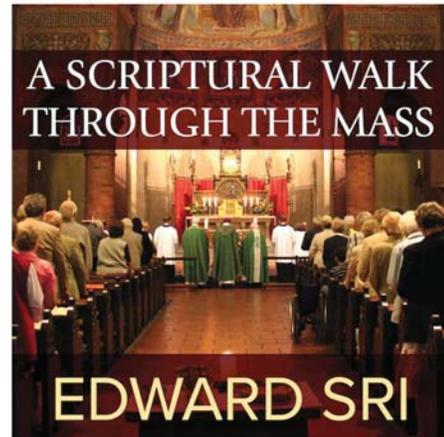
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A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Through a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation, we are thrilled to offer this powerful resource to parishioners for free! Follow brief steps to sign up.



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