

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 11, 2018



WHAT OUR SAVIOR SAW FROM THE CROSS

by James J. Tissot

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world *might be saved through him*.

John 3:14-21



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Blessing of an Automobile

PRAYED BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A FAMILY

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord God, be well disposed to our prayers, and bless + this vehicle with your holy hand. Appoint your holy angels as an escort over it, who will always shield its passengers and keep them safe from accidents. And as once by

your deacon, Philip, you bestowed faith and grace upon the Ethiopian seated in his carriage and reading Holy Writ, so also now show the way of salvation to your servants, in order that, strengthened by your grace and ever intent upon good works, they may attain, after all the successes and failures of this life, the certain happiness of everlasting life; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

[Sprinkle inside and outside of automobile with holy water.]



Read about Saint Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26-40.

Holy Water is available for free at the left side entrance of our church.

New to our parish? Welcome!

We are grateful you've joined us! Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket so we can better serve you. Please call or stop by the church office to share the ways we can help you and your family!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- YES!** Would you like a phone call to discuss Sacraments needed for you or a family member? Would you like to learn more about our religious education programs for your children?

A Family Meal OF CATHOLIC TRADITION

FORGIVEN

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

THIS WEEK: MARCH 14TH
ANSWERING COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT
CONFESSION with *Dr. Edward Sri (38 MIN.)*

DINNER 5PM • FILM 5:30PM
Free! All are welcome!

Why pray the Stations of the Cross?

"As they were looking on, so we too gaze on his wounds as he hangs. We see his blood as he dies. We see the price offered by the redeemer, touch the scars of his resurrection. He bows his head, as if to kiss you. His heart is made bare open, as it were, in love to you. His arms are extended that he may embrace you. His whole body is displayed for your redemption. Ponder how great these things are. Let all this be rightly weighed in your mind: as he was once fixed to the cross in every part of his body for you, so he may now be fixed in every part of your soul." —*Saint Augustine*



**Join us in the church at 5 PM every Friday in Lent
as we pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!**

Sacraments

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,
12:00 noon, 5:30 PM
Daily Mass: 6:30 AM
(Communion Service on Thursday)
Confession: Friday 6 PM until all are
heard; Saturday 3:00-4:30 PM
Anointing of the Sick: Immediately
following every weekend Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Weekdays 7-9AM, Fridays 6 PM,
Saturdays 3 PM
Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Sunday Mass at 9:00 & 10:30AM
Baptism and Marriage: Contact
Fr. Bert (661-323-3108 ext 6)

Are all
your
children
BAPTIZED?



We celebrate the SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM for children (newborn–age
6) every Sunday. Let's schedule your
child's today! Stop by the parish office
or call us at (661) 323-3108 ext 1.

Mass Intentions

MARCH 10 5:00 PM Joseph, Olga, & Joe Jr.
Yaksitch (*Sonja Ducato*)
MARCH 11 7:30 AM Monica & Martin Marzan
(*Tan Family*)
9:00 AM Luigi's
10:30 AM Jeanette M. Kelley
12:00 PM Mary McGovern-VanSchaack
5:30 PM Missa Pro Populo
(*Mass for the People*)
MARCH 12 6:30 AM Valerie Otterness
MARCH 13 6:30 AM Paul Dhanens Architect, Inc.
MARCH 14 6:30 AM Pyrenees French Bakery
MARCH 15 6:30 AM *Communion Service*
MARCH 9 6:30 AM Mary Andre
(*St. Vincent de Paul Store*)
8:15 AM Mary Ambriz
(*Donna Marquez*)

THE FAMILY: THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY

What does the family do for society?

Family is first of all the place where the continuation of society is ensured.

Secondly, the family performs the specific task of socializing and raising children.

Cultural, ethical, social, intellectual and religious virtues, values, and traditions are handed down, which are fundamental for every free, conscientious person.

Equipped with these tools of a family upbringing, people can assume, with the requisite education, all kinds of responsibilities in society.

A third task of the family is that it cares for all members of the



The Navarrete Family: Jesus, Gianna, Caroline, Francesca, Liliana, Nathaly, Lizbeth

household and offers them a safe, private place in which to grow and relax.

Fourth (especially in aging societies), it is becoming increasingly important to provide loving care for household members who are sick or handicapped or no longer able to earn money.

Here the view of the nuclear family expands to the previous generation, which can promote profound solidarity and at the same time a sense of identity.

Is childrearing the task of the family alone?

No, certainly not. A family is not a self-contained system that exists only for its own sake.

First, however, we must remember that parents have the primary right and duty to raise their children themselves and to provide them with a comprehensive education.

Only totalitarian states try to take this right away from them.

The father and the mother make different contributions, but they are equally important to the formation of children.

From this perspective alone, granting adoption rights to homosexual couples is extremely problematic.

Please share your photo!

As we explore this section of the *DoCat* on "The Family: The Foundation of Society," we are celebrating the GIFT of our parish family! Please consider sharing your family's photo to be printed on this page in an upcoming bulletin. Each family is unique, and this is an opportunity for us as a parish to celebrate the **gift of each family** — regardless of size, shape, or circumstance. Please email your family photo to Veronica at olphchurch2@gmail.com, or stop by the parish office. *Thank you!*

Next, the social dimension of human beings requires that children have social interaction outside their immediate family; their education should take a more comprehensive form through the collaboration of the family and various institutions, especially the local parish or, for example, sports clubs.

Comprehensive education seeks to help make children law-abiding, peaceful citizens who are capable of dialogue, encounter, and solidarity by teaching them to practice the virtues of justice and love.

Not only words but above all living examples and models help to achieve this.



The Cuellar Family: Andrew (dad), Andrew (son), Melissa (mom), Robert (son), and Catherine (daughter).

In this way the latter learn not only to care about themselves but to look after others, also.

When elderly persons are sick and needy, they need not only medical attention and appropriate care but above all loving treatment and surroundings.

Question #s 119-121 of **DOCAT**, the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church for Youth. With thanks to the publisher of the English edition, Ignatius Press (ignatius.com), for permission to reprint.

What role do the elderly play in the family?

The presence of older people living in the family can prove to be very valuable.

They are an example of the ties between the generations, and thanks to their wealth of

experience they can make a decisive contribution toward the well-being of the family and of society as a whole.

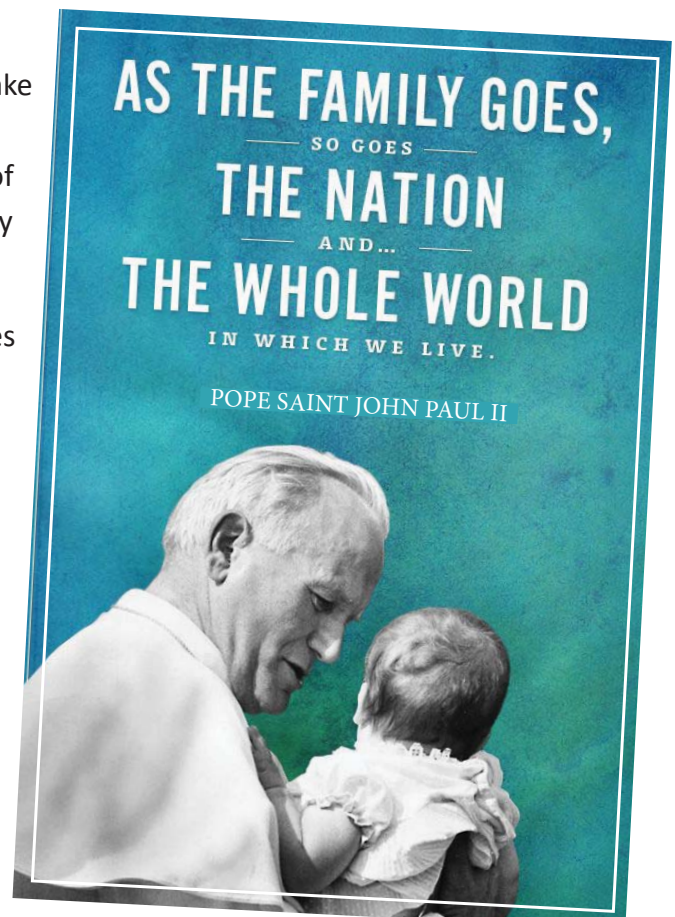
They can transmit values and traditions and support the young.

FOR  YOUR
MARRIAGE

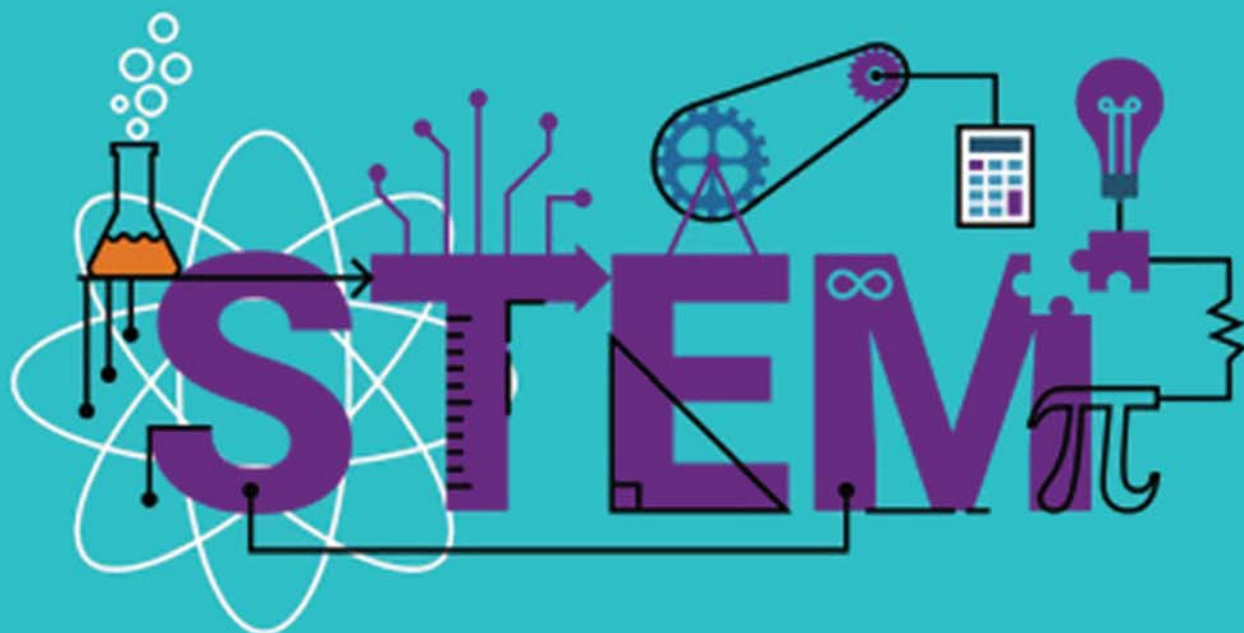
Check it out!

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE website is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.

www.ForYourMarriage.org



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE



SUMMER

This summer, students in TK/Kindergarten–4th grades will be enhancing their reading and mathematical skills through **STEM** (Science, Technology Engineering, Math, and Music) projects. Students will be encouraged to find a love for learning through **creativity and collaboration**.

JUNE 4-29TH
8AM-12PM

For Summer School details and registration,
please contact the school office at 661-327-7741 or visit www.olph1.org.