

From the Pastor’s Pen...

While I was in Poland with the (Navy Reserve) Seabees, a headline was released indicating that Pope Francis had “changed the words of the Lord’s Prayer”. Being the chaplain, and a Catholic priest at that, this occasioned many questions about what this might mean, and how much authority that Pope has to change such prayers. You may recall several years ago when the new English translation of the Missal was released, one of the benefits of that change was to better align our prayers with the actual text of Sacred Scripture (in various translations) from which they are derived (sometimes verbatim). A form of the Lord’s Prayer is included in the Gospels of both Matthew and Luke and the wording is slightly different in each. The version we pray at Mass is derived from the Gospel of St. Matthew (6:9-13) and differs from the one we heard in Today’s Gospel of St. Luke (11:2-4). It took me a little while to discover that the headline referred to an instance where the Holy Father had given his approval for the wording of a new translation of the *Our Father in the missal texts in Italian*. Nevertheless, this seemed like a BIG DEAL and it raised a lot of concerns among Catholics and other Christians regardless of their native tongue. At issue is the changing of the line “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation”. Once I found out what had actually happened, I still had a difficult time articulating a response to it which is both authentically Catholic and true to my sensibility as one who has prayed using these words my whole life. I recently came across a response from Monsignor Charles Pope, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Please read the complete text here: www.ncregister.com/blog/msgr-pope/why-i-oppose-changing-the-words-of-the-our-father

To be sure, there is **currently no plan** to modify this phrase in the Lord’s Prayer in the English translation of the Mass. Still, one might be rightly concerned about a trend which could follow this precedent. I would like to share a few passages from the article, because they speak to some of the same concerns that I have. All of the words in *italics are those of Monsignor Pope*:

Most fundamentally, there is a notion expressed by the Pope himself and others that God does not lead us into temptation. The Pope said, “A father does not do that...”But this is simply not true and is contrary to Scripture, which states plainly: “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1). And thus, we see that it is part of the providence of God that his Son, and all who are members of Jesus’ body, experience temptations and trials of various sorts. God leads us forth in life to experience and overcome these things by his grace. So the purpose of these trials and temptations for us is that we grow by facing down opposition, error and sin, and by exhibiting obedience to the commandments of God.

This becomes clearer when we understand that the Greek word often translated as “tempted” is peirasmós, which can refer either to being “tempted” or to being “tested.” And, of course, life is filled with many tests. By them we learn to master the challenges and vicissitudes of life. Good fathers and mothers routinely expose their children to challenges, even moderate dangers, so that they can grow and learn to live in a world filled with temptations and lights contrary to the Gospel. For example, there comes a day when a good father takes the training wheels off a bike and, despite the danger of some injury, leads his child to the test so that he or she may learn to face the danger without succumbing to the temptation to fear. By the end of that challenging day, most children are happily riding a bike the way it is supposed to be, and they have conquered their temptation to fear. Good fathers do this sort of thing. They are near at hand to assist or ameliorate the challenges, but they do not draw back from leading their children into such challenges, tests and into a tempting world. Good fathers also punish their children, as Scripture well attests. So fatherhood is not a mere doting protectiveness. It also includes subjecting children to trials and tests that help mature them and prepare them for life.

Saying, as the Pope and others do, that a good father “does not do this” says a lot more about us and the crisis of fatherhood in our culture than it does about God. Consider a parent who, in an effort to protect his child from suffering or temptation, never lets the child out of his room. We would not call this love. We would not think it healthy. So, of course, God leads us into temptation, into tests and trials —for our own good! He does not himself tempt us, but he permits some degree of it, assisted by his graces, in order that we grow and our virtues develop. In asking that he not lead us into temptation, we are asking that he not lead us there without sufficient graces. It should not be altered. Rather, we should alter our view of the Father and regain a better and more balanced notion of true fatherhood. Almost every commonly read English Bible renders it as “lead us not into temptation” or “do not bring us into temptation.” And for the good reasons already stated, leave it alone.



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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
Sunday 7:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT
We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of Jesus in this particular time and place.



St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Feast Day -August 2

TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE
Diocesan OMBUDSMAN: 816.812.2500
DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday July 28

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Barton †
by Ann Miller

Tuesday No Mass

Sunday August 4

8:00 a.m. Ermagene and Ronnie LaFollette †
by the LaFollette family

Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace, O Lord!
† Denotes Deceased

Happy Birthday!

Ruby Edwards August 1
Roper Edwards August 1
Julia Moran August 1
Adam Mink August 2



Members of the Kansas City area Domestic Church will be joining us for **10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann**, Plattsburg, on **Sunday, August 4th**. Following Mass there will be a **potluck in the parish hall and ALL are invited**. This gathering will be the first of its kind for our own corner of the Domestic Church world. This is an opportunity for those who have not yet been on the Evangelization Retreat to experience the joy of our community and get a glimpse of the formation offered by Domestic Church.

Please RSVP to Cathy Durando at du-randofam@gmail.com or call/text 816.877.7956

11:00 am Potluck Brunch parish hall

12:00 pm Formation adults in church, children in parish hall/outside

1:00 pm Family Adoration
& Benediction

1:30 pm Clean-up & Depart



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 28 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Scott Antle, Jim Ingle
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Jan and Paul Pottier
Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier

August 4- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich, Rudy Wolford

Weekend Collection - July 21, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 500
Plate: \$ 76
Total Parish: \$ 576

*Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

July-to-Date: \$ 3,229.00
July Budget \$ 7,900.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 3,229.00
Year Budget: \$ 94,720.00

**(the 2019-2020 fiscal year is awaiting final approval)*

Thank You for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.

1st Annual

“In His Presence”

Eucharistic Adoration Conference

Coronation of Our Lady of Peace Parish

13000 Bennington Ave., Grandview, MO

Saturday, September 14th 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Only \$10.00 with lunch included

Hosted by the Office of Divine Worship

Register at

<https://kcsj catholic.org/office/divine-worship/>



Mark your Calendars

Altar Society - Meets in the Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Donut Sunday - August 4

Election Day— August 6

Knights of Columbus Council #5067

Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rosary 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Recitation of Holy Rosary

2nd Sunday of month beginning at 7:40 a.m.

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers **hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer** ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800.470.2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



A Message from Fr. Phil Luebbert

“In 2015 while I was in Plattsburg I was diagnosed with Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a newly discovered, dangerous form of skin cancer that attacks the cells. I had surgery in September 2015, however the cancer later returned. I had radiation and chemo therapies last year that reduced the cancer to a small area, but it has come back again and I am taking a second series of chemo therapy. The surgeon told me earlier in the year that with the advanced forms of treatment in current medical technology, I may be able to live some more years. I pray for a complete cure. I ask the prayers of my friends, that if it be the Lord’s will I may keep fighting back the cancer, doing the Lord’s work. Every day I thank the Lord for letting me be a priest one more day, and offer Mass again.” Please Pray for Fr. Phil.

Fr. Phil Luebbert— Chaplain

Little Sisters of the Poor

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Prayer Corner

“To everything there is a season and time. .

for every purpose under heaven.”

—Ecc. 3-11



“ . . . a time to heal. . . ”

Ron Kretzer, Bob Everett, Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Wayne Totton, Ed Fisher, Amy Dobrowansky, Fr. Phil Luebbert, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless, the lonely and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For the conversion of the enemies of the Good and of the Church; for the protection of children and the innocent.

“ . . . a time of war and a time of peace. . . ”

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country.

First Saturday Devotion

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.

Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

Please note our new email address:
stjosepheaston@gmail.com

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe* or *suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombusmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.