

...O Tempus! Time Belongs to God, Not to Us

By Msgr. Charles Pope

(an excerpt)

In my spiritual reading I recently came across the following mediation on time in Jesus’ own earthly life. It is worth pondering, especially to the degree that we think we can be the master of time:

When Luke writes that Jesus “increased in wisdom and in stature” (Lk 2:52), he is saying by this that Jesus respected time. He was not in a hurry. He could wait until “time” was right. This is also abundantly clear from his unusually long, hidden life at Nazareth.

We, on the other hand, are, in practice, inclined to deny time. We try to step over time, make decisions that we are not ready to make, and carry out task that have not been given to us

Everything good comes from God, but he does not give everything at once. Sin is to want to have something that God does not yet wish to give, ... to seize immediately what he wishes to bestow only gradually.

... The New Testament speaks insistently about patience. It is a question of waiting, of staying awake, of being prepared. We cannot go into the wedding feast whenever we wish, but only when the bridegroom comes (Matthew 25:1-13). Another text warns “Behold I am coming like a thief.”

(Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen, O.C.D. in [Eternity in the Midst of Time](#), pp. 39-40)

Thus, time and the Lord of Eternity insist that we wait and that we be ready. Time belongs to God. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”(Rev 1:8).

Every Easter we bless the Paschal Candle, which denotes the Year of the Lord. As the priest uses the stylus to cut or denote the year, he says,

*Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and forever. Amen.*



Yes, all time belongs to Him. He has set the limit of our days. He has always known us (see [Jeremiah 1:5](#)). He summoned us to be; He knit us together in our mother’s womb and every one of our days was written in His book before one of them ever came to be (see [Psalm 139](#)). He is the Lord of time and history. He is the Lord of the present, and our future has always been present and known to Him.

We do well to remember all of this and to be grateful and humble. Our language about time bespeaks a certain pride and even a sense that we can beat or master time somehow.

To read the rest go to : <http://blog.adw.org/2019/06/o-tempus-time-belongs-god-not-us/>



Pentecost Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 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.

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June 9, 2019



TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE

Diocesan OMBUDSMAN: 816.812.2500

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday June 9

8:00 a.m. James F. Rost†
by Carole Meade

Tuesday June 11th

7:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Hogan †

Sunday June 16

8:00 a.m. Barbara Culver †
by Steve Culver

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

Birthdays

Richard Crowell June 9
Bob Everett June 9
George Crouse June 13

Anniversaries

David and Marylou Euler June 9



Altar Society News-Officers Luncheon

Sunday June 9

Social: 12:00

Lunch 12:30

Update: Donations will be taken for food rather than members bringing food to share. Any questions? Talk to Becky Mink.

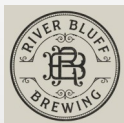
Look for the committee sign-up sheets in the back.

\$5 annual dues are now payable to Altar Society.



The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, **Coram Deo**, is meeting on Thursday, June 13th, for Parties on the Parkway!

Meet at OLOG at 6:10pm, and we will head to the event as a group. Don't forget to bring cash for pizza + drinks! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at agoetz@olog.org



Check out **Coram Deo** at

<https://www.saintroseoflima.org/young-adult>

"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power."- Ephesians 6:10

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 9 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette
Lectors: Bonnie Gregory, Jordan Roth
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Jan and Paul Pottier
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

June 16 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle
Ministers: Maylou Euler, Paul Pottier, Doug Ottinger
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

Weekend Collection - June 2, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	1395
Plate:	\$	154
Total Parish:	\$	1549
Peter's Pence	\$	30

Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

June-to-Date:	\$	1,395.00
June Budget	\$	7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$	95,839.00
Year Budget:	\$	90,600.00

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

**Second Collection Next Week:
Catholic Communications**

6th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game

Proceeds help fund priestly formation in the KC/St. Joseph diocese and the Archdiocese of KC/KS. Priests from KC/St. Joseph VS. Priests from the Archdiocese.

Friday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Tailgating begins at 4:00 p.m.

Community America Ballpark- T-bones Stadium

1800 Village West Pkwy, KC KS 66111

Sponsored by Catholic Radio Network

To purchase tickets go to

<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2019>



Mark your Calendars

Altar Society - Meets in the Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Donut Sunday - July 7

Knights of Columbus Council #5067

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

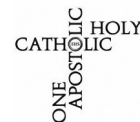
Recitation of Holy Rosary

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

Registration is open for **Totus**

Tuus, Latin for Totally Yours, a fun, faithful and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for students entering 1st through 6th grade, **Monday, June 24th - June 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**, at **Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

Totus Tuus has 5 pillars: Eucharist, Devotion to Mary, Catechetical instruction, Vocation discernment and Tons of FUN!! Registration forms may be found at the back of church and should be mailed back to OLOG, St. Joseph. For question, call Tina Dotson, 816-232-2847 ext. 1506



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.



Rachel's Vineyard, a post-abortion healing ministry, has upcoming retreats in the Kansas City area in 2019.

July 26-28 October 25-27

For information, call 816-679-4973 or email: rvkcmo@gmail.com.



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, Bubba Miller, Amy Dobrowansky, 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.

Post abortive woman turned pro-life advocate

Raegan Ratterman, Project Rachel Leadership Team-member, will be giving her testimony and witness

June 19, 2019

Church of the Annunciation

701 N. Jefferson Street Kearney, MO

7:00 p.m.

Free will offering will be accepted.

Light refreshments served.



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, at 816.812.2500 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.