

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

THE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 25-26, 2017

EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28; MATTHEW 25:31-46
GATHER HYMNAL # 1079

The Pastor's Reflections

The players were beginning to mobilize to begin a horrifying journey into darkness. The Fascist Revolutionary Party was founded in Italy in 1915. In 1919, Adolf Hitler joined the rapidly growing Nazi Party in Germany. In 1922, Benito Mussolini became Italy's Prime Minister, and Josef Stalin



became the leader of the Communist Party in Russia. In 1923, Hitler established his Hitler Youth Movement. In 1926 crown prince Hirohito would ascend the throne of Japan.

The year was 1925. Pope Pius XI declared a Holy Year on the occasion of the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. It was this Council that added a phrase to the Creed: *“and of his kingdom there will be no end.”* On December 11th 1925, in conjunction with the Holy Year, the pope issued a Motu Proprio, Quas Primas (translated: As Soon as Possible). In it he wrote: *“When we pay honor to the primary dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state.”*

The Holy Father, reading the signs of the times,

saw the dark forces gathering. He pointed to the dangers inherent in the rise of secularism and nationalism. Much of the Motu Proprio dealt with the relationship between the Church and the State. In it, he clearly stated that the Church had the right to worship freely, and to govern its internal

matters without the interference of the State.

It was in that same Motu Proprio that Pius XI confronted the political movements that were threatening society by establishing the Feast of Christ the King. It was to be celebrated throughout the universal Church. Presenting Christ as King, he held him up in contrast to the totalitarian leaders and their regimes that were gaining in power and popularity.

He wrote: “He is truth itself, and it is from him that truth must be received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further, by his grace and inspiration, he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his love which excels all knowledge.”

To understand Christ as king we must stand be-

fore the cross. As we look up we see Jesus, the anointed Christ and redeemer, “the King of the Jews,” reigning over the secular world. It’s from this judgment seat that truth judges untruth. Love judges hate. Powerlessness judges power.

Pius XI, could look at Christ on the cross and see the 1.5 million Armenians who had been executed or starved to death only ten years earlier. His successor, Pius XII, would also look at the crucified Christ. He would see 6 million European Jews, 7 million from Ukraine and the Soviet block countries. Over the course of the next 22 years the crucified Christ would extend his arms to embrace 60 million victims who would perish at the hands of dictators, and a global war machine. Embracing them from the cross he passes judgment on the world for its atrocities.

The Feast of Christ the King coincides with the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The following Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, celebrates the beginning of the New Year. In the Judeo-Christian liturgical tradition, the New Year celebration is a pivot point. It begins by holding up the world for divine judgment. It ends by extending the lamp of hope for a world reborn.

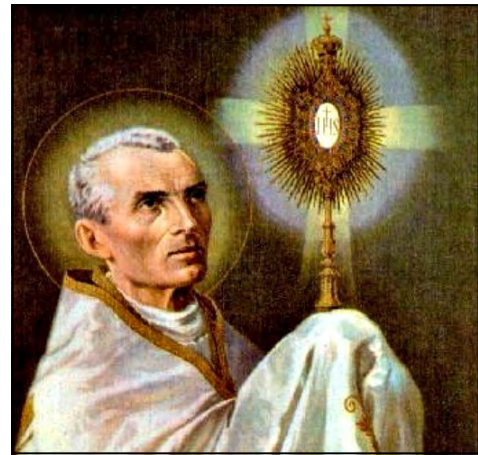
I’ve shared the origin of the Feast of Christ the King because I fear that we’ve begun to ignore its message. When you look at Christ enthroned on the cross, what do you see. What do you say to yourself? If you say, “Poor Jesus! Look what they’ve done to him,” you’re not grasping the true and deepest meaning of the cross. Five days before he was arrested, Jesus clearly defined its meaning. *“Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12: 31-32)”*

On the cross Jesus died in a gas chamber. On the cross Jesus was starved to death. On the cross Jesus died in a refugee camp. On the cross Jesus died attempting to bring his family into a land of hope and prosperity. On the cross Jesus died because of his sexual orientation. On the cross Jesus died because he was a woman of no value. On the cross Jesus died because “he was one of them.”

Lifted up on the cross Jesus is the eternal symbol of love. Don’t ever forget what he taught his disciples at his last supper with them. *“This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (John 15 12-13)”* We MUST be aware of the suffering in the world. We MUST be aware of the prejudice and injustice plaguing the human family. We MUST be aware. We MUST be aware! We MUST hear the scripture of the First Sunday of Advent: *“Be watchful! Be*

alert! (Mark: 13:33) We must NEVER rest. We must NEVER be complacent.

Christ the King, enthroned on the cross, passes judgment on the rulers of this world, and on all of us. From the cross he also offers the hope of a world redeemed. Jesus called it *“the kingdom of God.”* We must never lose sight of that kingdom, that new world. With our eyes lifted up to the cross, we continue to labor to bring light into the darkness, to transform selfishness into self-giving, to transform every society through the power of our love, to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.



Associates of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste warmly welcomes twelve new Lay Associates. These women and men have made their profession to follow the Rule of Life for Lay Associates of the Blessed Sacrament. We raise a prayer of thanksgiving for their response to God’s call. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Michael Behan
- Rosalba Brookfield
- Terryl Brown
- Margaret Duffy
- Lennix Lewis
- Joseph Merlino
- Fernando Molina Alcalde
- Margaret Clare Norton
- Josephine Saromo
- Maria Sirico
- Carmelle St. Hubert
- Nicholas Yeap

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT DAILY

MASSES

WEEKDAYS

7:30 – 12:15

SATURDAY

12:15 – 5:30 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00 – 5:30 – 7:30

HOLY DAYS

7:30-12:15-7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

RECITED ON WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAYS

11:45 until 12:10

SATURDAY

11:45 until 12:10

5:00 until 5:30

ROSARY

WEEKDAYS AT 11:55

NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Anne – Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard –

Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street any day during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily or fill out a registration card found at the rear of the church.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

To schedule a baptism or a marriage please contact the parish office to speak with Fr. John Kamas.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to schedule a home visit with one of the priests. 212-288-5082 Ext. 10

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR AN ADULT NEEDING COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Make an appointment with Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education, through the Parish Office by calling 212-288-5082 ext 30. Leave your contact information and she will get back to you to set up an appointment.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

TIME AND VENUE:

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be held every Sunday from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM in Wave Café of the High School, 173 East 75th Street. You may enter through the ramp on 76th Street at the east end of the rectory building .



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 1079

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 421 "All Glory Laud And Honor"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing I Shall Want."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 23 "Shepherd Me O God"

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATION

*When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup,
We Proclaim the Death of the Lord
Until He Comes Again*

THE GREAT AMEN

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

No. 827 "Taste And See"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 489 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

"A person who sings prays twice." ---St. Augustine



MUSICIANS WANTED

If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses: 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM or 7:30 PM. This is a perfect time to dust off your instrument or clear your throat to praise the Lord in song. Contact Richard Owen for more information.

ADULT CHOIR OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM ,
Choir Room.

5:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 5:00 PM. Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass (first Sunday of the month);
Rehearsal Wednesday 5-5:30 PM, Choir Room

MODERN ENSEMBLE :

7:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 7:00 PM, in the Church

*Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries & Organist
email: owenrick@aol.com; mobile: 845-729-4986
website: RichardOwenJr.com*

THE 7:30 SUNDAY MASS

Processional: No. 489 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Offertory: No. 23 “Shepherd Me O God”

Communion: No. 827 “Taste And See”

Recessional: “Come Magnify The Lord”

E A/E B/E E E F#m/E D B
 Come mag-ni-fy the Lord with me, Come bless his ho-ly name
 E A/E B/E E F#m B E
 He does a-maz-ing things for me and for you He does the same.
 G# C#m G# C#m G# C#m
 1. For He looks up-on his ser- vant in her low-li-ness. From now on all ge-ne-ra-tions,
 D B4 B G# C#m
 call me great-ly blest. 2. The migh-ty God works mar-vels for me,
 G# C#m G# C#m D
 ho-ly is his name. His mer-cy for all who fear Him, lasts from age to
 B4 B G# C#m G#
 a-ge. 3. He stret-ches out his migh-ty arm, and scat-ters the proud of
 C#m G# C#m D B4
 heart. He pulls down prin-ces from their thrones and lifts the low-ly up, high
 B G# C#m G# C#m
 up. 4. He fills the star-ving with good things, sends the rich, emp-ty a-way. To
 G#m C#m D B4 B
 Is-ra-el He is pro- tect - or, re - mem - ber - ing his mer - cy.

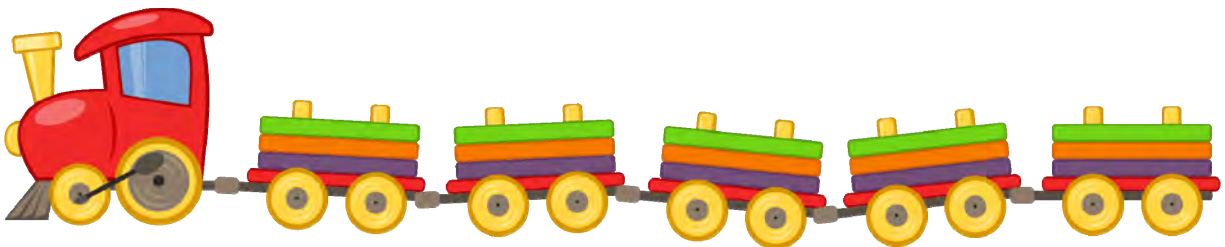
THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY



ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE 2017

Help make the holidays brighter by donating new and unwrapped gifts or gift cards in \$25 denominations for children (infants to 15 years)!

If possible, please leave price sticker on the toy. Thank you for bringing holiday cheer to NYCP families!





ADULTS

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS--RCIA

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith?

Were you baptized in another Christian Church, and are thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion? Please consider joining the RCIA program.

USHERS/GREETER NEEDED!



Ushers/greeters are needed for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. Please contact Joan Prenty director of St. Jean Baptiste Religious Education at 212-288-5082 ext. 30

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Following the 11:00AM Mass each Sunday we invite everyone in the church to gather for coffee, juices, bagels and fellowship in the High School Auditorium. Enter the Auditorium through the large

doors behind the organ area. We look forward to having you join us.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the advanced holiday publishing schedule, we do not have last week's report as we go to press.

We strongly suggest one hour's wage as a just and meaningful donation. Please help support our work here at Saint Jean's. Commit yourself to this community by committing one hour a week.

Please take note: For those who donate through ParishPay, you will no longer have access to the website. ParishPay has now transitioned to a new company, WeShare. All user data, scheduled recurring donations, and scheduled one-time donations will now be handled by WeShare another online giving service.

REPAIR WORK ALMOST FINISHED

We are finishing up the repair of the plasterwork around one of the north windows of the clerestory. The scaffold will be removed next week. Felix Chavez, Inc. performed the repair work. This company renewed the entire interior of the church in 1997.

The special lift has been removed from the church. The John Tiedermann Company has finished plastering and repainting a number of spots that had peeled or were flaking due to past leaks.

You may have noticed that the scaffolding on the exterior of the dome is down. We finished the repair of the windows and extensive masonry work. The scaffolding and repairs cost \$350,000.

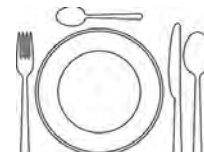
The work that has been done so far had been paid in full! We were able to make these repairs because of your generosity to the RENEW AND REBUILD campaign.

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

We had a very productive meeting with six divorced Catholics last Sunday after the 11:00 PM Mass. We will be repeating our invitation to divorced Catholics in the near future. A number of people could not make it to the session because of the Marathon. Please continue to inform your divorced friends that we will soon be announcing a date for our next meeting.

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

All are welcome at the Senior Luncheons which take place every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Great Hall of the Community Center. Donation: \$3.00.



FAMILY LIFE

Saint Jean Baptiste Church Christmas Pageant



December 17, 2017

11:00 am

All children invited grades K-8

Acting parts K-4th grades

Reading parts 5-8 grades

Rehearsals

Wednesday November 29th 5-5:30

Wednesday December 6th 4:30-5:30

Wednesday December 13th 5-5:30

Sunday December 17th 9:30-10:30

We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist us with the following: Chaperoning the children to the Mass after rehearsal and to the reception after Mass Helping the children with their pageant costumes Assisting the children with choir robes Bringing brunch items such as mini muffins, croissants, bagels, cookies, finger sandwiches, fruit platter, and crudité. (No nuts please)

If you are interested in having your child participate or if you would like to volunteer please contact Jill Bowers at 646-276-3614 or email jill@doyle.com.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Our Toddler Play Group is in session in the Community Center From September through June.

The children enjoy their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room.

For information call the Play Group Director Pauline Reenock, at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2

FAMILY MASS 2017-2018 CALENDAR



December 17, 2017

Every Family Mass will be held at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the SJB High School Auditorium immediately following the Mass. All are welcome!

--VERY IMPORTANT--

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the New York Common Pantry. The children will have the opportunity to bring these to the Altar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are available for children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their continuing religious education.

For more information call Ms. Joan T. Prenty DRE at 212-288-5082, ext 30. or email stjeanbaptistereligious@gmail.com.

CATECHISTS CERTIFICATION



Religious Education teachers Peggy Ledger (l) and Michael Behan travelled to Maryknoll in Ossining, NY to receive their certification as teachers in our religious education program from Bishop Gerald Walsh. (Also pictured Mrs. J. Behan)

Also certified, but not pictured: Mrs. MaryEllen Storniola and Gilberte Desir.

Congratulations to all for all their hard work and dedication!

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 3

MONDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:30 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
1:00-2:30 **Senior Luncheon** (Great Hall)

THURSDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
3:15-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **Elegant Dance** (Great Hall)

FRIDAY:

6:00-8:00 **OA Meeting** (Room #2)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

SUNDAY:

10:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
1:00-3:00 **Elegant Dance** (Toddler Center)

The Center is available for seasonal and special events, parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, lectures and birthdays. For information as to availability and rates, contact the Director: Mr. Antonio Boccia at (212) 472-2853, ext. 1.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE

The website for the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, www.stjeanbaptisteny.org, now has an active "DONATE" feature. You may now use your credit cards to donate or pay fees for programs at the church. These include:

1. Building Maintenance and Restoration
2. General Support
3. Concert Tickets
4. Religious Education Fees
5. Toddler Program Tuition
6. Support for Scholarships for SJB High School

You may also designate whether you would like to give a one-time gift, a bi-weekly gift, a monthly gift or yearly gift. A "comments" section also allows you to relay further information concerning your gift. An e-mail confirmation is sent to you upon completion of your transaction.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 26

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR
THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

9:00 The Zocche Family
11:00 John J. Murphy
5:30 Maria Abrid
7:30 Vincent McDonnell

MONDAY, November 27

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne

TUESDAY, November 28

7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, November 29

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Russell Battaglia

THURSDAY, November 30

SAINT ANDREW

12:15 Vincent McDonnell
5:30 Rita Kelly

FRIDAY, December 1

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 For the Holy Souls

SATURDAY, December 2

12:15 In Honor of St. Anne
5:30 John M. Gallagher

CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 2-3

Saturday:

5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS

Sunday:

9:00 – Rev. Bernard Camire, SSS
11:00 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
7:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS



ST. JEAN BAPTISTE MISSION SOCIETY



This is the Eymadian scholasticate at Pune, a city three hours' drive from Mumbai. There are 18 students here. There are 5 Philosophy students and 13, theology students. All together there are 18 students with 2 priests. They are studying in the seminary run by the Jesuits called Janna Deepa Vedyapeeth. It is a pontifical institute with close to 900 seminarians belonging to most of the dioceses in India and many religious congregations.

Total number of our students presently in formation is 18.

Educational fees for philosophy and theology for a year per student for two semesters is US \$ 307 (RS 20000). US \$154 per semester.

The cost of caring for a student's food, clothing, travel expenses, and personal needs for a month is US \$75 (Rs: 4875).



This is the Lamure Novitiate house at Goa. There are 6 novices at the moment. It is a two year program consisting of spiritual and religious formation. Here they are basically trained on the life and the

mission of the Congregation. They are here for the full two years, and all their expenses are fully met by the Congregation. Since it is formation program specifically for those interested in joining the Congregation, the Congregation assumes the expenses for education, boarding and lodging met the congregation. An expected 12 would join in May of 2018, and 5 from this group will join the seminary for further studies in September.

The Average cost of education would be US \$154 (Rs 10000) per year.

The cost of caring for a student's food, clothing, travel expenses, and personal needs for a month is US \$60 (Rs:4000).

On the occasion of Mission Sunday I proposed the establishment of a **MISSION SOCIETY** here at St. Jean's. I extend an invitation to all our parishioners to partner with the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in India. We have vibrant communities there and many vocations. Our greatest challenge there is the support of our seminarians. Believe it or not, we sometimes have to turn young men away because we cannot cover the costs for their theological education.

The purpose of the **MISSION SOCIETY** would be, first of all, to learn about the work of the Order and its particular mission to India. Secondly, the Society would have the task to stimulate giving throughout the year for the specific purpose of supporting the seminarians' education. Society and the parish at large.

A number of parishioners have already joined this missionary effort. If you are moved to become one of the founding members of the **MISSION SOCIETY** please leave your name and telephone number at the rectory.

Father Jegaraj, Provincial Superior of the Indian Province, has sent us pictures of the Novices and Seminarians and an explanation of the expenses incurred for their formation.

This can be an important mission for our parish community. It will also be a blessing for the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in India. Thank you for your interest and support.

Fr. John.

PARISH STAFF

John A. Kamas, SSS Pastor
Bernard Camiré, SSS, Parish Associate
Hashendra Perera, SSS, Chaplain at Lenox Hill Hospital
Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries
Lennix Lewis, Business Manager
Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education
Angelica Contreras, Parish Secretary
Antonio Boccia, Director of the Community Center
Pauline Reenock, Director of the Toddler Program
Ayesha Bulchandani, Trustee
Michael Lorch, Trustee

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Michael Perez, SSS, *Novice Master*

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