



# St. Anne's R.C. Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM (English)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (French Creole)

Thursday: 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (English)

## WEEKENDS:

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English), 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 AM (English), 9:00 AM (Spanish),

11:00 AM (English), 12:30 PM (French Creole),

3:00 PM (Spanish), 5:00 PM (English),

6:00 PM (Spanish)

## HOLY DAYS:

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 Alberto & Alisa Quiroz (Birth.)(Liv.)  
†Eulalia Lina Montañez  
5:00 †Robert Ytuarte  
7:00 (Sp) †Marcos & Paula Torres † Gary Dorothy Mohn †Isabel Hernandez Huerta (26 dias)  
†Jenny Janeth Mamane

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (9, 11 & 12:30 LIVED STREAMED)

7:30 Blessing to Alex & Divine Intervention  
Taylor Chanoine (Healing)(Liv.)  
9:00 (Sp) † Marcos & Paula Torres  
†Genoveva Ripalda †Almas del Purgatorio  
11:00 †Dec. Members of The Haig & Byrne Fam.  
†Josephine Esposito  
12:30 (Kreyol) in action de grace por Hens Celestin de anniv.de naissance (Liv.) In action de Grace Meriamie Lamothe (Birth.)(Liv.) † Beatrice Neree  
3 :00 (Sp) †Fausto Caravallo †Narciso Antonio Garcia  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners (Liv. & Dec.)**  
†William Costa  
6:00 (Sp) †Maria de los Angeles

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:00 †Margaret Calandra  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:00 †Gaetano & Franca Carcone  
5:00 † Freddy Humberto Rojas Garcia (1Month)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 Joseph Acevedo, Jr.  
†Agnes & John Calandra  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners**  
7:00 (Haitian) **St. Anne's Parishioners**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:00 Arturo Cardosa (99<sup>th</sup> Birth.)(Liv.)  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners**  
7:00 (Spanish) †Feliciano & Cristobalina Martinez  
†Irma Gudelia Luis Angeles(1mes)  
†Lidia de Jesus Campos (3 semanas)  
†Angelo Luis Ocasio (3 semanas)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners**  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 † Jorge Martinez  
†Helena Afononso Calisto (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
5:00 †Eltee Sanders  
†George & Marianne Steiner  
7:00 (Spanish) †Gary Dorothy Mohn  
†Isabel Hernandez Huerta (1mes)  
† Domitila Valencia (1mes)  
†Rafael Guillen (2 meses)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 Blessing to Alex & Divine Intervention  
†Lawrence Civelli  
9:00 (Spanish) Kaylee Peraza (15<sup>th</sup> Birth.)(Liv.)  
†Robert Ortiz (Birth.)  
†Michael Toscano  
†Sonia Pino  
11:00 †Michael Toscano  
†Raphaela Mottola  
12:30 (Haitian) Carl Casamir (Liv.)  
Fayden Gregoire (Liv.)  
3 :00 (Spanish) **St. Anne's Parishioners**  
5:00 **St. Anne's Parishioners(Liv.&Dec.)**  
In honor to St Jude  
6:00 (Spanish) **St. Anne's Parishioners**



## First Sunday of Lent.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Looks like winter is holding strong and after few weeks of Ordinary Time, with Ash Wednesday we started the season of Lent. Lent it is a time of preparation for the Easter. It is a time of awakening from the coldness of winter to the warmth and beauty of coming spring. It is a time of awakening from the coldness of our hearts to the reality of Christ's love for us.

In order to correspond to Christ's love, one needs to be humble and realistic about the need to be saved. That need for wholeness, for healing, for love, can be satisfied only by God. Our human brokenness is beyond just human repair, it needs a divine intervention, it needs God's touch. The fulfillment of our happiness and love is found in Christ, who comes down to us and lays down his life for us, so that we can be saved from our brokenness of sin, from the coldness of our hearts. Without Christ, our sins would pile up and make a burden too heavy to carry, and it would bring about our own condemnation and destruction. Christ takes away our burdens and makes our hearts whole again, capable of merciful love for God, for ourselves and for others.

The purpose of Lent is to resubmit our lives to Christ again in humble surrender, looking to find ways in which we would be more and more free from selfishness of sin, free from brokenness and hurts that we accumulate along the path of life. It is a high goal, to consider ourselves to be the ambassadors of Christ, as St Paul called us to be in the 2nd letter to Corinthians that we read on Ash Wednesday. That is the goal, that you and I should arrive at; to be so transformed as to become similar to Christ, as to resemble Him to others. That is the purpose of Lent. We want to welcome life, we need to become friends with God, we need to fall in love with God, with others, with ourselves. That is the fullness of life Christ wants to bring to our lives. The way of becoming those ambassadors of Christ, leads through reconciliation with Christ, with others and with ourselves.

Jesus lesson about prayer, penance and almsgiving is a sure way of acquiring what we are looking for. It is in the secret of one's heart, that all that process happens. Joy of life, love and peace are the treasure of one's heart. If you already found them, you have arrived at where the Lord wants you to be, so continue to flourish. But if you don't feel like you arrived yet, then keep walking the path laid down by Christ himself, and you shall find it. The Lord will not delay in coming your way seeing your honest search for him. By prayer we search for God, by penance we search our own heart, by almsgiving we search for others. Let's be on our way to explore this invitation by our Lord this Lent, so that we may experience the fullness of life that Christ offers us at Easter.

God continues to renew his promises of salvation and offers it to every generation. Jesus takes upon himself the burden of our sins, he goes to the desert to be subjected to temptation, he walks with us through the trials of life. He brings to us the gift of salvation and asks us to trust him and believe in the good news of salvation. He surrendered his life for you and for me, so that we would surrender our lives to him this Lent and always.

Remember the weekly Way of the Cross, in Spanish at 6:30pm on Thursdays, in English on Fridays at 5:30 after the evening Mass, and 7:00pm on Fridays of Lent in Creole.

God bless everyone always !!!  
Fr. Stan

**1st. Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 \* 2nd. Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 \* Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**



## Primer Domingo de Cuaresma



Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos,

Parece que el invierno se mantiene fuerte y después de algunas semanas de Tiempo Ordinario, con el Miércoles de Ceniza comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de preparación para la Pascua. Es una época para despertar del frío del invierno a la calidez y la belleza de la próxima primavera. Es un momento de despertar de la frialdad de nuestro corazón a la realidad del amor de Cristo por nosotros.

Para corresponder al amor de Cristo, es necesario ser humilde y realista sobre la necesidad de ser salvo. Esa necesidad de plenitud, de curación, de amor, solo puede ser satisfecha por Dios. Nuestros quebrantamientos humanos están más allá de la reparación humana, necesitan una intervención divina, necesitan el toque de Dios. La plenitud de nuestra felicidad y amor se encuentra en Cristo, que desciende a nosotros y da su vida por nosotros, para que podamos ser salvados de nuestro quebrantamiento del pecado, de la frialdad de nuestro corazón. Sin Cristo nuestros pecados se acumularían y harían una carga demasiado pesada de llevar, y provocaría nuestra propia condenación y destrucción, Cristo quita nuestras cargas y hace que nuestros corazones vuelven a estar completos, capaces de amor misericordioso por Dios, por nosotros mismos y por los demás.

El propósito de la Cuaresma es volver a entregar nuestras vidas a Cristo en humilde entrega, buscando formas en las que estemos cada vez más libres del egoísmo del pecado, libres del quebrantamiento y las heridas que acumulamos a lo largo del camino de la vida. Es una meta alta, considerarnos lo embajadores de Cristo, como nos llama San Pablo en la 2ª carta a los Corintios que leímos el Miércoles de Ceniza. Ese es el objetivo al que tu y yo deberíamos llegar; ser transformado de tal modo que se vuelva similar a Cristo, que se parezca a El ante los demás. Ese es el propósito de la Cuaresma. Queremos dar la bienvenida a la vida, necesitamos hacernos amigos de Dios, necesitamos enamorarnos de Dios, de los demás, de nosotros mismos. Esa es la plenitud de vida que Cristo quiere traer a nuestras vidas. La forma de convertirnos en esos embajadores de Cristo pasa por la reconciliación con Cristo, con los demás y con nosotros mismos.

La lección de Jesús sobre la oración, la penitencia y la limosna es una forma segura de adquirir lo que buscamos. Es en el secreto del corazón de uno, que ocurre todo ese proceso. La alegría de la vida, el amor y la paz son el tesoro del corazón. Si ya los encontró, ha llegado a donde el Señor quiere que este, así que continúe floreciendo. Pero si todavía no siente que ha llegado, siga caminando por el camino trazado por el mismo Cristo y lo encontrará. El Señor no tardará en llegar a tu camino viendo tu honesta búsqueda de él. Con la oración buscamos a Dios, con la penitencia escudriñamos nuestro corazón, con la limosna buscamos a los demás. Vayamos a explorar esta invitación de nuestro Señor en esta Cuaresma, para que podamos experimentar la plenitud de vida que Cristo nos ofrece en la Pascua. Dios continúa renovando sus promesas de salvación y las ofrece a cada generación. Jesús toma sobre sí la carga de nuestros pecados, va al desierto para ser sometido a la tentación, camina con nosotros a través de las pruebas de la vida. Nos trae el regalo de la salvación y nos pide que confiemos en él y creamos en las buenas nuevas de salvación. Él entregó su vida por ti y por mí, para que nosotros le entregáramos nuestras vidas en esta Cuaresma y siempre.

Recuerde el Vía Crucis semanal, en Español a las 6:30 pm el Jueves, en Inglés el Viernes a las 5:30 pm después de la misa vespertina y a las 7:00pm el Viernes de Cuaresma en Creoles.

Dios les bendiga a todos siempre!!!

P. Stan

**Primera Lectura: Genesis 9, 8-15 \* Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 3, 18-22 \* Evangelio: Marcos 1, 12-15**

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Santa Misa

Jueves y Sábado 7:00 p.m. Domingo 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00p.m.

Confesiones

Sábado 4-4:45 p.m.

Domingo 8:30-9/10:30-11 a.m.

Unción de los Enfermos y Exposición Eucarística

Primer jueves del mes

Cenáculo Eucarístico (Divina Misericordia)

Cuarto sábado del mes

Bautismo de niños menores de cinco años

1º, 2º y 3er. sábados del mes

(Para Bautismo, Matrimonio, 15 años, etc. es necesario pedir una Cita con Sacerdote/Diacono en la Oficina parroquial, más información puede encontrar en la sección en inglés—

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ST. ANNE'S PARISH

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Hermanad de Emaús

Martes 7:30 p.m.

Capilla (Marco Zavala (631-327-1581)

Renovación Carismática

Miércoles 7:30 p.m.

Templo (Reina Rodríguez: 516-939-7048)

Comdad. Neocatecumenal

Jueves 7:30 p.m.

Capilla (Lola Correa 631-384-7661)

Cursillos de Cristiandad

Jueves 7:30 p.m.

Bjo. Rectoría (Miguel Alfaro, Vocal (631-943-1056)

Gpo. J. A. (RENACER)

Viernes 7:30 p.m.

Bjo. Templo (Pamela Cueto: 631-482-0792)

Legión de María

Dom. desp. de la Misa de 9:00 a.m. (Hilda González: 516-818-3294)

S. Miguel Arcángel

2º Domingo de mes a las 2:00 p.m. (Alida Moreno: 631-398-5213)

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2º y 4º domingos a 2:00 p.m. (Carmen Elibo: 631-897-3151)

L. Fams. y G. Acólitos

Ultimo viernes de mes 6:00 p.m. (Zulma Contreras 639-5868– Alicia Guzman 398-8779)

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## El tiempo de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma es preparar la Pascua. O mejor todavía: la Cuaresma es la primera parte del tiempo de Pascua, un tiempo que tiene su centro en los días santos de la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús, y que tiene su segunda parte en la Cincuentena, es decir, los cincuenta días de fiesta en honor del Señor resucitado que acaban con el día de Pentecostés.

Una buena manera de mirar este tiempo es verlo como la primera parte del ciclo pascual. Con el **Miércoles de Ceniza** hemos comenzado un camino que nos llevará a vivir y celebrar con gozo, largamente, la vida nueva de Jesús, que es nuestra propia vida, mejor aún, vida resucitada de la muerte. De ahí, la pregunta que hay que hacerse a la hora de pensar en la Cuaresma es: ¿cómo procuraré yo, y como procuraremos en mi comunidad, que la celebración de la Pascua de este año sea verdadera? Seguro que, si la pregunta nos la hacemos así, el resultado será muy serio. Nos daremos cuenta de que vivir la Pascua de manera verdadera comporta cambios en la propia vida y cambios en la vida de la comunidad. Pero cambios que vayan a las raíces; cambios que, en definitiva, hagan que nuestra vida se acerque más a la vida de Jesús.

Con conciencia de que el camino es un camino que siempre vuelve a comenzar, porque somos débiles y pecadores, pero con conciencia de que lo hacemos por Jesús y acompañados de Jesús: el objetivo no es un empeño ascético de mejora personal, ni es “quedar bien” con Dios a base de sacrificios; el objetivo es unirnos a Jesucristo renovando nuestra adhesión a él con la fe reafirmada, con una renovada participación en sus sacramentos, y con una vida de amor que intente parecerse a la suya. Sin embargo, las prácticas del ayuno, la oración y la caridad, siempre serán un buen inicio. Hemos comenzado la Cuaresma.

Pè: John Victor, OMI **Telefòn #:** (631) 273-8113  
**LÈ BIWO:** Lendi: 9:00AM – 12PM, Mèkredi – Jedi: 9:00AM – 12:00PM, 1:00 PM – 5:00PM  
**SÈVIS:** Mèkredi: 7:30 PM ak Dimanch : 12:30PM

**SÈVIS PASTORAL NAN KOMINOTE AYISYEN**

• <b>Group Lapriyè Karismatik/ Devosyon a Manman Mari</b>	Chak Lendi, 7PM ( <i>nan legliz la</i> )
• <b>Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman</b>	Chak premye Vandredi di mwa
• <b>Swen Pastoral moun ki malad</b>	Vizit malad lakay oubyen lopital, espesyalman malad ki bezwen konfesyon, sou randevou Mèkredi ak Vandredi.
• <b>Aktivite jèn yo (HAYMSA)</b>	Chak premye Samdi di mwa, 2PM -4:00PM anba legliz la.
• <b>Konfesyon</b>	Sou randevou epi anvan lames Mèkredi yo
• <b>Maryaj</b>	Pran randevou avèk pè ya pou fè ankèt maryaj la. Sonje Dyosèz la mande pou koup yo anrejistre uit (8) mwa anvan dat Maryaj la. Sa ape de yo prepare davans san kè sote. Kou Pre-Cana obligatwa
• <b>Batèm</b>	Wè avèk Pè John Victor, OMI
• <b>Repetisyon koral</b>	Pou adil chak Vandredi 8PM ( <i>anba legliz, nan chanm jòn la</i> )
• <b>Selebrasyon Kiltirèl</b>	Premye Dimanch nan chak mwa aprè lames la.
• <b>Reyinyon Komite</b>	Wè avèk Pè John Victor, OMI
• <b>Komite Litijik</b>	Dezyèm Vandredi nan mwa a, 8PM ( <i>nan biwo ayisyen an</i> )
• <b>Group Priyè Confrerie St Michel</b>	Chak Samdi 7PM -9PM nan chapèl la

**« Les temps sont accomplis : le règne de Dieu est tout proche. Convertissez-vous et croyez à la Bonne Nouvelle ».**

Un peu sur le Temp de Carême

On appelle « carême » la période de quarante jours (quadragesima) réservée à la préparation de Pâques, et marquée par l'ultime préparation des catéchumènes qui doivent recevoir le baptême le jour de Pâques. Depuis le IVème siècle, on commence à le constituer comme temps de pénitence et de renouvellement pour toute l'Eglise, avec la pratique du jeûne et de l'abstinence. Conservée avec vigueur dans les églises d'Orient, la pratique pénitentielle du Carême s'est assouplie en Occident, mais on continue à y observer un esprit de pénitence et de conversion. C'est comme une retraite collective de quarante jours pendant lesquels l'Eglise propose à ses fidèles l'exemple du Christ pendant sa période au désert, se prépare à la célébration des solennités pascales, dans la purification du cœur, la pratique parfaite de la vie chrétienne et une attitude de pénitence.

**Réflexion Dominicale**

La première lecture est la scène finale du récit du déluge. L'histoire de Noé et du déluge est l'un de ces récits bibliques que nous connaissons si bien que nous pensons saisir toute l'histoire. L'interprétation la plus courante est celle d'une histoire pour enfants d'animaux et d'arcs-en-ciel de beau temps. Dans la deuxième interprétation courante, Dieu est tellement irrité par la rébellion humaine qu'il inonde la terre entière, anéantissant presque tout dans un accès de rage divine. Une interprétation plus vraie est probablement que Dieu a une myriade de façons de nous rappeler à ce qu'il souhaite pour nous. Dieu souffre de la corruption des êtres qu'il a créés. Le déluge est en fait le moyen de recréation. Dieu lave la terre. Ainsi, toute la création reçoit un nouveau départ, une nouvelle opportunité de vivre dans l'harmonie voulue par Dieu.

Les eaux du baptême sont un moyen de participer au Royaume que Jésus a inauguré. Est-ce vraiment ce que nous croyons être le baptême ? Est-ce ce qui se passe au baptême, à savoir que le pécheur en nous est emporté ? Pierre décrit les implications des vœux de baptême. En s'inspirant de l'histoire de Noé, Pierre veut assurer à ses lecteurs qu'ils sont bien l'Eglise, une nouvelle arche qui monte et descend avec les eaux de l'adversité, tout en progressant vers le jour de la paix où le chaos autour d'eux disparaîtrait. Et ce jour viendrait. Jésus a racheté nos péchés, dit Pierre, une fois pour toutes.

Dans l'Evangile, Jésus s'est retiré au désert après son baptême. Qu'est-ce qui s'est passé là-bas dans le désert ? Marc n'y consacre que deux versets. Nous connaissons les trois tentations que le diable soumet à Jésus dans Matthieu et Luc, mais la version de Marc reste frappante par sa brièveté et son mystère. Le désert c'est le temps du détachement, de la dépossession la plus radicale. C'est le lieu de rencontre de Dieu. Jésus fait l'expérience au désert que le salut passe par le chemin d'une humanité assumée jusqu'au bout et d'un renoncement à toute forme de puissance. Ne disons-nous pas dans le Notre Père : « ne nous laisse pas enter en tentation », ce qui est très différent de « ne nous donne pas de tentations ». C'est au désert que Jésus s'engage résolument sur la voie qui nous libère tous, une fois pour toutes comme l'écrit Pierre. Jésus a la force d'être fragile.

**! Faites le temps de carême votre unique Carême !**

## **“If you wish, you can make me clean.”**

If I had to guess, I'd say that more and more people are doing less and less when it comes to work around the house. When I was younger it seemed that almost everybody I knew took care of their own places. We cut our own lawns and shoveled our own snow and put down our own fertilizer on the grass. We painted our own houses and changed our own oil in the car and fixed our own plumbing problems. We prepared all our own meals and did our own taxes and weeded our own gardens. That's just the way things were.

But now, things seem to be a little different. Many of the people I know have outside people do almost all of those things. Now, I'm not talking about everybody, of course. If money is pretty tight (as it is for some of us), we sometimes are forced to do these things ourselves. But if we have a few extra bucks in our pocket, and if our lives are relatively busy (as many of ours are), we seem to pass these chores on to others --- choosing to pay to have someone else do the things we used to do ourselves. And I get it. I truly do. And I pass no judgment on it. In reality, it keeps a lot of people employed.

And one area that has really grown a lot is in the area of home-cleaning. We used to all clean our own houses (with the exception of the rich). But now we often get people to do it for us. I know this because I hear people mention it all the time --- often sprinkling conversations with the words, “I have the cleaning lady coming tomorrow.” Don't you hear that a lot? I do. (Yes, I know that is not a gender-neutral comment, but it is my understanding that this profession is still almost exclusively staffed by women. I'm not saying that's the way it should be.) And the really interesting thing (and really humorous thing) that almost always follows those words is the statement, “So I have to go home and clean up before they come.”

Doesn't that sound crazy? We're paying people to come clean our houses, and yet we feel the need to make it somewhat clean before they get there. And the main reason for that seems relatively obvious . . . . We don't want others to see our dirt.

That's it, right? We're kind of embarrassed to have them see the mess we normally live with, embarrassed to have them see clothes on the floor or dishes in the sink or an unmade bed. In the end, it comes down to appearances. We're ok with having someone clean --- but we don't want her to think that we really have that much dirt, that much clutter, that much disorder, that much mess. We want to paint a much different picture.

And, of course, we do it in so many areas of our lives, not just when it comes to house-cleaning. We strive to make sure that people see an idolized version of ourselves, a kind of false version that leads them to believe things that might not be true. We do our best to hide the dirt, anyway we can --- hoping others don't ever find it, don't ever see it, don't ever stumble on it and change their opinion of us.

We hide our prejudices, watching what we say to whom.

We hide our pettiness, choosing to sulk in private instead.

We hide our dishonesty, careful not to let others see some of our questionable practices.

We hide our grudges, and find ways to get back at people without anyone knowing.

We hide our immorality, expressing fake outrage at the failings of others.

We hide our fears and our doubts, choosing instead to pretend to “have it all together”.

We hide our fallibility, refusing to admit our mistakes.

Yes, we hide the dirt of all sorts of things. Heaven forbid others should see the real us.

But we sure do like the dirt of others, don't we? It's funny how that works. So often while we are trying to have others see only the best in us (even if completely false), we have no problem making sure the dirt of others is out there for all to see. We gossip. We put down. We tease --- not in a kind, playful way, but in a way that truly hurts. We belittle. We mock. We judge. And our faults remain.

“If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Can we echo the words of the leper in today's Gospel passage? And can we really mean what we say, truly understand that a better world starts with a better me and a better you, not with the sins or faults or failings of others? I'm unclean. That's where I need to start. And only God can take that dirt away, only God can make me whole, only God can help me be the beautiful person he created me to be.

I guess what I'm saying is that cleaning house is neither something we do on our own, nor is it something we pay someone else to do. Rather, it's both --- a two-person job. God and each of us.

Oh, and by the way --- it's already paid for.

Deacon Jay

2/14/2021





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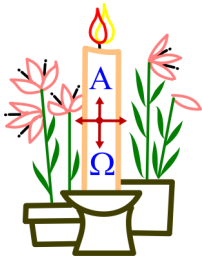
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# The Youth Corner

## Men's Novena

Tony Bellizzi, our parish youth minister has prepared a Youtube video series.

### “Manpower”

It is 10 episodes of spirituality for men of all ages. Each video includes lively conversation, a short inspirational talk, prayer, action tips, questions for reflection and discussion, and a special focus on St. Joseph as a special role model for men.

*The video series can be experienced as a preparation for consecration to St. Joseph.*

On Youtube enter: “Manpower” then episode # and name (and Tony Bellizzi if needed) Please enjoy and spread the word so that all the men of the parish may grow in faith and in closeness to St Joseph forever.

The first episode is an introduction, and the following 9 focus on the roles in a man's life as connected to and modeled by St. Joseph.

- 1 Man of God
- 2 Man of Courage
- 3 Husband
- 4 Father
- 5 Worker
- 6 Protector/Defender
- 7 Teacher of Virtue
- 8 Terror of Demons
- 9 Advocate/Leader

## Life Begins At Conception

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's a fetus."

That would be like saying, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." These are category fallacies.

The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a *human* fetus, a *human* infant, and a *human* adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because nothing is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, the unborn are human beings.

By Pro-Life Articles Author



## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

“My Jesus, I believe you are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Never let me drift away from you. Amen.

## ORACION DE COMUNION ESPIRITUAL

Creo, Dios mío, que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar; te amo, te adoro y deseo recibirte; mas, no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven por lo menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.  
Como si hubieses venido, yo me abrazo y uno a ti:  
No permitas que jamás me separe de Ti.  
Así sea.



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This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission.

If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org).

## The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville

### Celebrate Irish Night

This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

1. A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
2. A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are \$10 each.
3. An event ticket for \$40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: [www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021](http://www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021)

Sláinte!