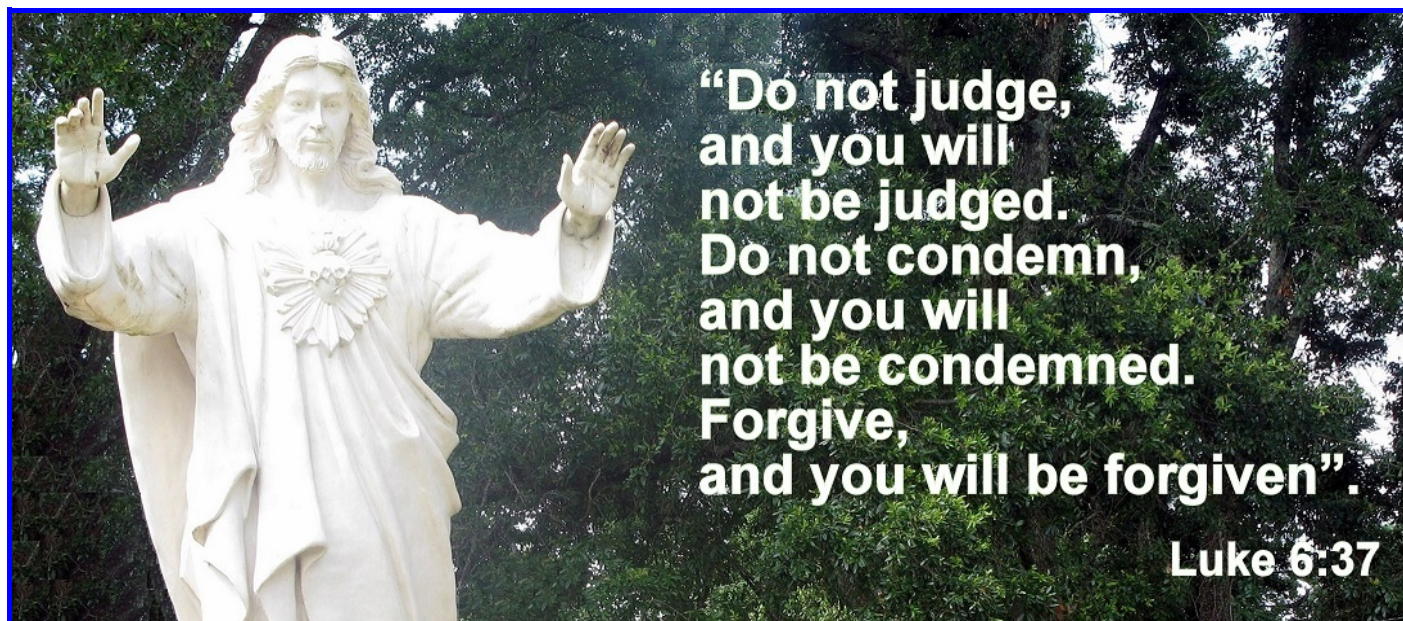


July 20, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sr. Donna Cooper, R.S.M., Visitation Chaplain
Mrs. Linda M. Hawkins, Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Joan T. McMullen, School Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Q. Jester, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, R.C.I.A. Coordinator
Mrs. Colleen DeVoe, Youth Ministry Co-Director
Mrs. Brenda Martens, Youth Ministry Co-Director
Mr. Matthew F. Purvis, Music Director
Mr. Jay H. Henley, Gym Manager

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, *SACS-accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. For info & registration, please call the school office.

CHILD CARE CENTER, for 6-week to 2-yr. olds. For info & registration, please call 342-2424.

Parent Advisory Committee For High School Youth Ministry

Do you have a high school student? Would you like to learn more about our High School Youth Ministry program at Corpus Christi Parish? Our parish Youth Ministers are looking to form a Parent Advisory Committee to help keep our program as strong as it has been over the past four years. Please contact us at the email below if you are interested in attending our meeting set for: Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

Our Youth Ministry program is offered to all high school students from our parish regardless of where they attend high school. Teens from McGill-Toolen, Baker, UMS, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, Murphy, Davidson, Faith Academy have all been active in Corpus Christi Youth Ministry.

We currently meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month during the school year. Our program, modeled after the USCCB's document, "Renewing the Vision," is a comprehensive approach to youth ministry, utilizing the eight components identified in "Renewing the Vision" as a framework: advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice & service, leadership development, pastoral care, and prayer & worship. CCHSYM offers students religious education, opportunities for leadership, service and prayer. Our 3rd-Sunday-of-the-Month 5:30 p.m. parish Mass offers the teens not only an opportunity to worship together, but to serve as members of the parish in roles as lectors, altar servers, and in the youth choir. We build community through our social events and through our collaboration with youth groups throughout the archdiocese. Information regarding our meetings and events can be found on the parish website, the Corpus Christi High School Youth Ministry Facebook page (please "Like" the page), or by emailing CorpusChristiHSyouth@yahoo.com.

High School Youth

Attention High School Students!

It has become tradition that we gather during the summer for a **Bowling Night**. All High School students are welcome – including our new freshmen class and our graduated seniors before they leave for college – and any friends you would like to bring along!

Bowling Night

Wednesday, July 30, 9-11pm

Skyline Lanes - 4120 Government Street

Cost is \$11.

Please bring permission slip & money to the lanes with you.

Permission slips are available via email at

CorpusChristiHSyouth@yahoo.com

and available on our Facebook page.

We will have a few extra at the lanes if needed. Please "Like" our Facebook page for the most up-to-date info on our activities.

Our Church Bulletins are Online.

Please note the instructive insert pages in our Sunday bulletins. More than 3 years' worth of previous bulletins are available for viewing and/or printing at www.CorpusChristiParish.com: (click the "Sunday Bulletin" tab on the left side of the Church home page.

Bulletin Announcements

Send bulletin announcements to

Bulletin@CorpusChristiParish.com

Please support the advertisers on the back of the bulletin

Their ads enable us to have our bulletins printed by Diocesan Publications at no cost to the parish. Ads are purchased from Diocesan Publications: 1-800-292-9111 or www.diocesan.com.

Corpus Christi Booster Club



Fall 2014 CYO Sports Registration

Extended until Friday, July 25th.

Registration forms, concussion awareness forms and uniform order forms can be found on the Booster Club website:

www.corpuschristiparish.com/church/boosterclub.

Deadline for registration is July 25. Go Cougars!

Also

Corpus Christi Football uniform jersey and pant fitting

July 22 & 23, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Gym Activity Room

(Only if you need a new jersey or orange pants)

If you have any football pants you want to donate as practice pants for others, please bring them. Late football registration will also be opened at this time. Email Bill Hamilton, Football Director at bill@hambo.net for further information.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of July

July 29, 30, 31: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Starting August 4 through August 12

Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Family Dinner: Thurs., Aug. 7, 6 p.m. in Community Center.

Drop Off Books & Supplies: Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon K3-8.

School resumes: Wednesday, Aug. 13, with a noon dismissal.

All students are expected to be in full uniform, including haircut.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish House

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Damian Bell, 639-2522 or 367-4486 or Damian@rockbwm.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@yahoo.com

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Room 3 (2nd Floor of the Community Center)

All women are welcome to meet

for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society. **"In-Need" Drop Box** next to the food pantry box in the vestibule. Fill out a card, and deposit it in the locked drop box. Your info will be held in strict confidence and a member of our society will contact you. **Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting.**
Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)
To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: 2nd Tues., Aug. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Parish House.
Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.

Used Textbook Drive

Help the Tuesday Night Bible Study Group to raise funds for Adult Religious Education, including a new TV for the Parish House and the next Book Program by selling **current** used textbooks online. Please place used **current** textbooks (Grade School, High School, College, Exam Prep, Video Games w/Case) in the designated box located under the table in the vestibule. Thanks you! For more information, please call Mary Ann Payne, 251-554-4211.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Hearing Assistance Available in Vestibule

Two types of receivers: one fits in the ear and one is simply worn around the neck of a person who wears a hearing aid.

Welcome, New Parishioners

Jamie & April Carabin and their sons, **Tyler** and **Aaron**

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Andrew James Deckard

(son of Gregory Lawrence Deckard & Zoila Regina Alcocer Deckard)

Brooke Teagan Ryan

daughter of Michael Jonathan Ryan & Belinda Ellen Boros Ryan)

Flowers

The flowers before the altar this weekend are placed in memory of

Armand Manning

on the 3rd anniversary of his death.

Given by his wife and family.

Next Weekend: The **Little Sisters of the Poor** will make their annual visit to us for donations to support their work for the aged. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for them: Checks for them should be made payable to the **Little Sisters**. Also, the loose cash in next weekend's 2nd collection will go to them.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.
SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Corpus Christi Building Fund.
PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION & ONLINE FINAL: \$1,833.35
MISSIONARY CO-OP ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$5,817.45
JULY 13TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$2,923.00
JULY 13TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$27,516.67

Called to **LOVE**

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into what we do."
 - Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

Catholic Women's Conference
Mobile, Alabama

Saturday, October 4, 2014

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

8:15 AM Mass with Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi



Archbishop Rodi



Kelly Pease



Sr. Miriam James, SOLT



Teresa Tomeo

\$35 Registration Fee - Register by September 4
 Light Breakfast & Lunch Provided

For more information go to

www.calledtolovemobile.com



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Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all who tithe and contribute to support God's work here at Corpus Christi, and those who make a special bequest in their will for Corpus Christi Church. For info, or to transfer shares of stock to Corpus Christi Church, contact your stockbroker, or call Steve Setterstrom at Citigroup Global Mkts. at 470-1060.



Offering Envelopes

If you wish to use Offering Envelopes, just notify the parish office (342-1852). An initial set will be sent to you right away, and then, every two months, you will receive a two-month's supply of envelopes.



Online Giving

With Online Giving you can either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from a checking or saving or credit card account. You can use a computer, tablet or smartphone to go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the side left of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to the tithing or building fund or special collections. **For assistance**, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.

New Improvements Coming! Online Giving is getting an update Wed., July 23, with improvements, including an easier-to-use interface, reminders about expired credit cards, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds.



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Where’s the fire and brimstone?

A commentator wrote: “It has become fashionable in some Christian circles to deny the existence of Hell, or the presence of anyone there, but Matthew’s Jesus has no such compunctions. He thrice comments on the presence of angels at the judgment (12:41-42, 49-50; 25:31), and the transporting of some of the judged to punishment that is fiery (13:42) and eternal (25:46).”

But Jesus also has no compunctions in affirming that unless we hate and turn our backs on our families, we cannot be a follower of Jesus. “If anyone comes to me without (turning his back on) hating his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, indeed his very self, he cannot be my follower.” Luke 14:26-27

Jesus also has no compunctions about saying that it’s practically impossible for the wealthy to enter heaven. “How hard it will be for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.” Lk18:24-25. If that’s the case, we should pray very hard for wealthy people, and we should avoid getting rich ourselves: “Woe to you rich, for your consolation is now. Woe to you who are full, you shall go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, you shall weep in your grief.” Luke 6:24-25

And Jesus says: “If your hand is your difficulty, cut it off! Better for you to enter life maimed than to keep both hands and enter Gehenna with its unquenchable fire. If your foot is your undoing, cut it off! Better for you to enter life crippled than to be thrown into Gehenna with both feet. If your eye is your downfall, tear it out! Better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to be thrown with both eyes into Gehenna.” Lk 9:43-48

And “Whenever you give a reception or dinner, do not invite your friends or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. No, when you have a reception, invite beggars, the crippled, the lame, the blind. You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just.” Luke 14:12-14

As we see in the above quotes, Jesus often used hyperbole, exaggeration, in his teaching. With regard to Jesus’ use of parables, the *Jerome Biblical Commentary* explains: “In a parable, the important thing is the lesson of the whole story; details only serve to bring out the main point.”

Because the purpose of a parable is to teach one point, the focus is meant to be on that one point, and the details simply “finish out” the story to make that one point. **If we sometimes focus on the detail about the “fiery furnace,” for example, we miss the lesson, the point which the parable is meant to make.**

The point of the parable of the weeds and the wheat is in this: “Do you want us to pull up the weeds?” “No!” Don’t you judge. Don’t you condemn.

The point of the parable about the Last Judgment is: “Lord, when did we see you and feed, welcome, visit you?” “When you did it for the least ones, you did it for me.” The one thing that matters is our love for others, especially those considered to be least important, and all who love others, especially the least ones, are the ones who love God.

**“It is not that the Gospel has changed;
it is that we have begun to understand it better.” — St. John XXIII**

Pope Benedict XVI said: “While Catholics believe the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it is true, one cannot take individual biblical quotes or passages and say each one is literally true. It is possible to understand the sacred Scriptures as the word of God only by looking at the Bible as a whole. It is not possible to apply the criterion of inspiration or of absolute truth in a mechanical way, extrapolating a single phrase or expression.”

We can ask: But doesn't scripture clearly say that the wicked will end up in a fiery hell?

St. John Paul II said: “The concept of hellfire, the fiery furnace and the unquenchable fire of Gehenna need to be interpreted as symbolic language,” and “We are not granted the knowledge of which human beings, or if any human beings at all, are effectively involved in eternal damnation. The thought of hell and the improper use of biblical images must not create anxiety or despair.”

St. John Paul II also said: “Can God, who loves man so much, permit the man who rejects him to be condemned to eternal torment? Even when Jesus says of Judas, the traitor, ‘It would be better for that man if he had never been born,’ (Mt. 26:24) his words do not allude for certain to eternal damnation.”

The Church has never declared that any particular person is in hell, or that anybody is in hell.

When Clare Boothe Luce hesitated at becoming a Catholic because she doubted the compatibility of eternal punishment with God's infinite, merciful love, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen persuaded her that there very well might be no one in hell, and he received her into the Church. (Fr. Kenneth Ryan, *Catholic Digest*)

**“God loves us all with an unconditional and everlasting love.”
— Pope John Paul II**

“God is not a relentless sovereign who condemns the guilty, but a loving father whom we must love not out of fear of punishment, but because of his goodness. The Lord is a God who is just, but always ready to reveal himself as merciful and compassionate. “God's closeness is not one of judgment that incites terror, but one of support and liberation. God is always with us. Even in the darkest nights of our lives, he does not abandon us. Even at the most difficult times of our lives, he is present. Therefore, we can trust that we are never alone. The goodness of God never abandons us. **Pope Benedict XVI**

God is loving toward human beings, quick to pardon but slow to punish. Therefore, no persons should ever despair of their own salvation. **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

It is not because I have been preserved from serious sin that I lift up my heart to God in trust and love. I am certain that even if I had on my conscience every imaginable sin, I should lose nothing of my confidence, but would throw myself, my heart broken with sorrow, into the arms of my Savior. **St. Therese of Lisieux**

I trust Jesus so completely that even if I were to see hell open up before me, and find myself on the brink of the abyss, I should not lose confidence. I should not despair but continue to trust Him. Such is the extent to which His meekness inspires me. **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

“I do not fear Satan half as much as I fear those who fear him.” **St. Theresa of Avila**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He does not deal with us according to our sins. He does not punish us according to our crimes, but has compassion as a father having compassion on his children. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion. Psalm 103

I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

**“Be compassionate, as your heavenly Father is compassionate.
Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.” Luke 6:36-37**

Eternal damnation may remain a possibility, but we are not granted the knowledge of which human beings, or if any human beings at all, are involved in eternal damnation. Can God, who loves man so much, permit the man who rejects him to be condemned to eternal torment? Even when Jesus says of Judas, the traitor, “It would be better for that man if he had never been born” (Mt. 26:24), his words do not allude for certain to eternal damnation. There is no one who cannot discover and find a place in God’s love. There exists no one so bad, so brought down, so broken down, that he cannot find a place in that love.

St. John Paul II

The Council of Trent taught that “all should place the firmest hope in God’s love.” Saints such as St. Francis de Sales and St. Catherine of Genoa dwell on God’s great mercy in granting final perseverance, even in the case of notorious sinners, suffusing them with an extraordinary light, showing His own infinite beauty.

The Catholic Encyclopedia

God’s love for Israel is compared to a father’s love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother’s for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities, and will extend to his most precious gift: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (219)

The Church prays that no one shall be lost: “Lord, let me never be parted from you.” If it is true that no one can save himself, it is also true that God “desires all men to be saved” (1Tim 2:4), and that for him “all things are possible” (Mt 19:26).

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1058)

God loves us in a way that we might call “obstinate” and enfolds us in his inexhaustible tenderness. The anger and mercy of the Lord alternate in a dramatic sequence, but love triumphs in the end, for God is love.

Pope Benedict XVI

Christ obtained, once and for all, the salvation of man – of each and of all men, of those whom no one shall snatch from the Father’s hand.... (John 10:29). Who can change the fact that we are redeemed – a fact that is as powerful and fundamental as creation itself. We became again the property of the Father thanks to that love which does not recoil from the shame of the cross to be able to guarantee salvation to all men. The Church announces today the certitude of the resurrection, the certitude of salvation.

St. John Paul II

The phrase “fear of the Lord” should be understood in terms of awe, rather than dread. In contemplation of the Almighty, the Christian does not experience servile fear, but a sincere and serious respect that prompts genuine and active adherence.

Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus was more severe toward those who condemned the sinners than toward the sinners themselves. From the evidence in the Bible, being merciful appears to be an essential aspect of being in the image and likeness of God. Mercy is the form God’s love takes in relation to sinners. After we have experienced it, we must demonstrate it to our brothers and sisters, both on the level of the Church community as well as on a personal level.

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Papal Preacher

By forgiving his executioners, Jesus showed he is not the accuser of the guilty but rather their advocate and intercessor. Jesus’ words of forgiveness – “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” – were spoken in circumstances of the greatest hatred and cruelty. Jesus forgives His adversaries immediately, even as their hostility continues. Jesus is the defender, not the accuser of the guilty, because He knows that many can be less guilty than it appears, or one thinks. For this reason, he taught his followers not to judge others. The mercy Jesus asked for His executioners is extended to all humanity.

St. John Paul II

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Paul explains that Christ came to forgive sin and that his love is greater than any sin, stronger than all my personal sins or those of anyone else. This is the faith of the Church. This is the Good News of God’s love that the Church proclaims and that I proclaim to you today: God loves you with an everlasting love.

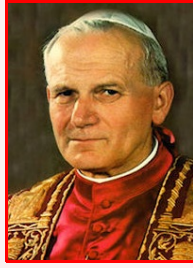
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Romans 8:38-39

**God’s justice is HIS MERCY
His mercy endures
forever!**

There is no one who cannot discover and find a place in God's love. From it flows our Christian hope. There exists no one so bad, so brought down, so broken down, that he cannot find a place in that love.

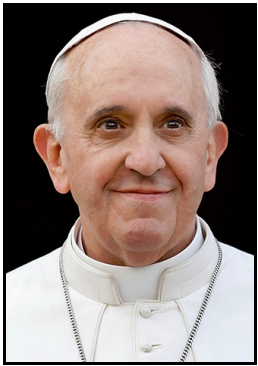


God loves us not because we have merited it or are worthy of it; rather, God's love for us is freely given and unearned, surpassing all we could ever hope for or imagine.

The relationship between God and those who believe in him is one of warmth and love, not cold formality. The relationship is not cold like that between an emperor and his subjects, but is one of deep affection like that which develops between two friends, between spouses, between parents and children.

God's faithful love will never lessen and will never abandon us to ourselves, or to the darkness of nonsense, blind fate, emptiness or death.

— St. John Paul II



“The Holy Spirit tells our hearts: God is love. He's always waiting for us. He is a father who loves us like a real dad.”

— Pope Francis

“Listen to the Holy Spirit because he is giving people the good news that God loves them and can renew, purify and transform their lives.

“Living as children of God lets people see others as brothers and sisters to respect and love. If people were to listen to the Holy Spirit, they would hear him say, “God loves you.”

“Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit, allow him to speak to our hearts, and he will tell us this: that God is love, he's always waiting for us, he is a father who loves us like a real dad, and only the Holy Spirit can tell our hearts this. “We have to listen to the Holy Spirit who is inside us! What does he tell us? That God is good, that God is a father, that he loves us and always forgives us.”

— Pope Francis

**God, our Father,
in our ignorance we have wrongly
imagined you to be our enemy;
we have wrongly thought that
you take pleasure in punishing us
for our sins; and we have foolishly
conceived you to be a tyrant over
human life.**

**But since Jesus came among us,
he has shown that you are loving,
and that our fear of you was
groundless.**

— St. Augustine



“We have a Father who is very close to us, who embraces us.”

— Pope Francis