

August 16, 2015

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Teaching is a beautiful job, as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care. It is a little like being parents, at least spiritually. It is a great responsibility. Teaching is a serious commitment, that only a mature and balanced person can undertake. A commitment of this type may bring apprehension, but remember that no teacher is ever alone; his or her work is shared with other colleagues and with all the education community to which they belong.

[When reflecting on the commandment to love your neighbor,] "we can ask ourselves: who is a teacher's neighbor? The neighbors are your students! It is with them that a teacher passes the day. The students seek guidance, orientation, answers — and first of all, good questions!"

—Pope Francis, March 16, in an audience with Catholic Union of Teachers

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

6300 McKenna Drive, Mobile, Alabama 36608

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Rel. Ed. Office: 342-5474, ext. 7 • Fax 380-0325
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PASTORAL STAFF

Very Rev. James F. Zoghby, V.F., Pastor
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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. Child Care for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1 for information.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Opening Day of School

Tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 17. Noon dismissal.
All students are expected to be in full uniform, including haircut.

Openings available in some classes. Contact the School Office at 342-5474, ext. 1, or visit www.CorpusChristiParish.com/School.



To Teach as Jesus Taught

Sunday School Registration & Parent Meeting
Next Sunday, Aug. 23, at 10:05 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room
(located on the 1st Floor in the Community Center)

Important Note: 2nd Graders and 9th Graders will need to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

This will be a brief informational meeting, after which all will go to the classrooms to meet the teachers.

Student Registration Forms and **Volunteer Forms** are also available online at

www.CorpusChristiParish.com/Church:

Click the "**Sunday School (CCD)**" tab in the left column on the church homepage.

Info: Diane Stoyka, dianestoyka@yahoo.com.

We extend a special welcome to all who wish to join The Catholic Church

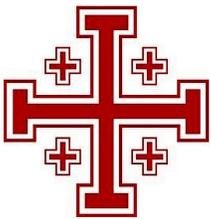
Call, Email or Come

Call 342-1852 and leave your name & phone number.

Email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Come to our class Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Adult Education Room of the Corpus Christi Community Center.

For Catholics too: These classes provide continuing education for Catholic adults and others interested in learning more about the faith.



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

Presented by Fr. James F. Zoghby

Continuing education for Catholic and other adults who would like to learn more about and/or join the Catholic Church. Meetings are in the Adult Ed. Room in the Community Center on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 9: Introductory Class:

Everything you want to know about the Catholic Church. Bring your questions. Ask or drop them in our *Question Box*.

Further Information: Call 342-1852 to speak to one of the priests or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Barbeque Fundraiser

Smoked Ribs, Conecuh Sausage, Whole Chickens

Saturday, August 22

Pick up from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Parish House, 454 Evergreen Rd.

Full Rack Ribs \$20

Conecuh Sausage (regular or spicy) \$8 per pound

Conecuh Sausage Half Pound (regular or spicy) \$5

Whole Chicken \$12 • Half Chicken \$7

Use Order Forms in the Church Vestibule or Download Order Form at <http://www.koc13125.org>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K of C Mtg: 2nd Tues., Sept. 8, 7 p.m., at the Parish House.

Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.

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@gmail.com

Women of Mary

Resumes THIS Wednesday, Aug. 19. 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.

Grief Support Group

A free grief support service provided by Catholic Social Services

Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon

400 Government St.

For more information, call 434-1550.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Tuesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m., the Parish House (except on 2nd Tuesday of the month, meet in the school library)
Dave Burchette, 367-6660.

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Saint John Neumann

1811-1860

First American Male Saint Organized Catholic School System

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. At an early age, he was attracted to the religious life and entered the seminary. Unable to be ordained in Bohemia due to a surplus of priests, John went to the United States where he was ordained in 1836.

The next few years were spent in missionary work, primarily among German-speaking Catholics in upstate New York. In 1840, he joined the newly established branch of the Redemptorists in Pittsburgh and became the first Redemptorist to take his vows in the United States. John continued his missionary work in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and in 1847, he was named superior of the American Redemptorists.

In 1852, John Neumann was consecrated as the 4th bishop of Philadelphia. He now had an opportunity to make great inroads into what had become his passion: the education of poor German, French, Irish, Scottish, African and Native Americans.

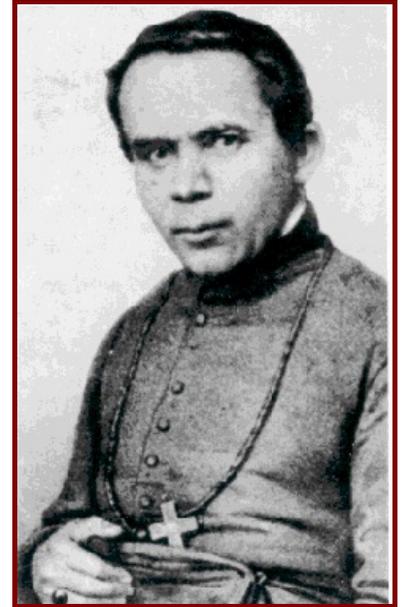
During his 8 years as bishop of Philadelphia, he reorganized the diocese, as well as opened 80 new churches and nearly 100 schools. To staff these schools, John brought in many religious orders of priests and nuns. At the first national council of Catholic bishops, he helped to map out a plan of Catholic education for the whole United States.

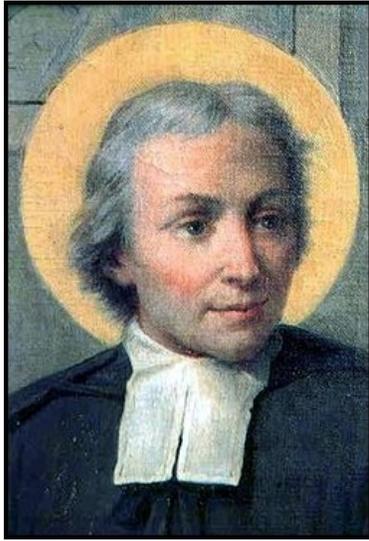
Although active in his support of education and busy with the duties of leading a diocese, John Neumann was never far from his people. By the time he became bishop, he spoke 12 languages and made it a point to address each of his people in their own language. At the time of his death, John was renowned for his holiness, charity, pastoral work, and his preaching.

Despite his holiness, John Neumann had to endure opposition from both within and without the Church. As bishop of Philadelphia, he was never accepted by many wealthy and influential Catholics because of his appearance and “lack of polish.” He was very short and rather homely, had a thick Bohemian accent, and was quiet, not one to charm a crowd. He also had to endure the arrogance of his auxiliary bishop who was a “clerical climber,” apparently well-connected to Rome. Neumann knew of the “conspiracy” against him, but bore it patiently. He even offered to resign as bishop.

He also faced opposition from the “Know-Nothings,” a political group determined to deprive immigrants and Catholics of their civil rights. To achieve their goals, they burned convents and schools.

John Neumann was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, becoming the first American male saint and the first American bishop to be canonized a saint.





St. John Baptist de la Salle

1651-1719

Education Reformer
Founder of the Christian Brothers

St. John Baptist de la Salle is credited for many innovations in education – things that we take for granted today:

- The idea of universal education – education for everyone, not just for the wealthy elite.
- John insisted that teachers presented their lessons in the vernacular – the language of their students (French). Up until then, lessons (primarily for the rich elite) were presented in Latin. As democracy spread throughout the world, so did the use of the vernacular in education.
- John’s teachers taught the children in age-level groups, like the grade levels we have today. Before, students were generally taught one-on-one by a tutor.
- John’s schools also helped their students to learn a trade so they could support themselves and a family after they completed their education.
- John is also credited with opening the first training college for teachers in the history of education.
- His schools included 30 minutes of Christian instruction each day and 90 minutes on Sunday.
- John promoted extensive use of the blackboard!

John was born into a wealthy family in Rheims, France in 1651. He was only eleven when he decided to become a priest. He received the best education and with his family connections, everyone believed that he would become an important person in the Church,

perhaps even a bishop. He was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 27, and was assigned to the cathedral in Rheims.

One day, he met Arian Nyel, a man from another part of France who had opened four schools for poor boys. In those days, only wealthy children could afford an education. Mr. Nyel convinced John that he must establish schools for poor boys in Rheims. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths.

When he became convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position at the cathedral, gave away his fortune (\$500,000) and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life.

Soon he formed a religious community called the “Brothers of the Christian School.” The Order is now called “The Christian Brothers.” The community was the first religious order established to educate the poor and was the first order that didn’t include ordained priests but only religious brothers. To ensure that his order confined itself solely to the work of teaching, he laid down the rule that no brother would become a priest and that no priest could join the order. This rule is still observed today. The community grew and achieved great success in educating boys of poor families.

Yet, even in his success, John did not escape experiencing many trials. His wealthy family opposed his work. And his enterprise met with opposition from Church authorities who resisted his new form of religious life: a community of lay brothers conducting free schools. In 1702, he was deposed for a time as head of the Christian brothers by Cardinal de Noailles.

John was also opposed by the “Jansenists,” clergy whose moral rigidity and pessimism about the human condition he resisted vehemently all his life. The Jansenists taught that only the very pious could hope to get to heaven, that most people in the Church were not worthy of the sacraments and were not in a state of grace and therefore should not go to Communion. But John taught: “We take communion not because we are holy, but in order to become so. Union with Jesus in communion makes us able to share in his holiness.”

The educational establishment resented his insistence on education for all, including those who could not pay. In those days, France had only two classes of people: the very poor and the very rich. Education was for the rich and noble, and primarily for males, and quite beyond the dreams of the great mass of people. As a result, John's schools were raided by authorities and shut down; law-suits were brought against him, and for a time he was forbidden to open schools in the Paris area.

In spite of many difficulties the schools spread and flourished. At one point, when the Christian Brothers were opposed and suppressed, their order was reduced to 20 active members. However, when the ban was lifted by Napoleon I in 1799, the community sprang back to life. During the 1800s, there was another setback: 1,285 establishments were closed by legislative decree in France. However, the Brothers had established themselves in many other countries in Europe and North and South America. Their first school in the United States was founded in 1846. Currently, about 6,000 Brothers and 75,000 lay and religious colleagues serve as teachers and counselors to 900,000 students in over 1,000 educational institutions in 84 countries.

John Baptist de la Salle died in 1719 on Good Friday, only weeks before his 68th birthday. Six years after his death, the Christian Brothers' community was officially recognized by Pope Benedict XIII, and its rule was approved. He was canonized in 1900. He was proclaimed Patron Saint of Teachers by Pope Pius XII.

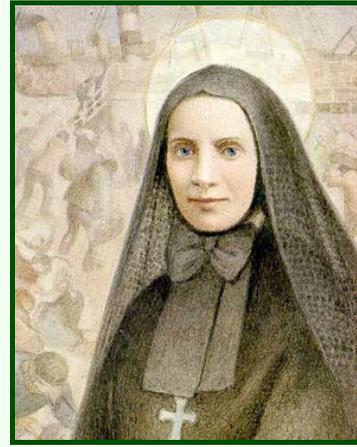
You should learn to recognize Jesus beneath the rags of the poor children you have to teach. Adore Him in their person.

It is your duty to teach an awareness of social justice to your students.

If you are a true lover of Christ you will take every possible means to instill His love in the hearts of your students whom you train to be His disciples.

Because you are called to serve in a world that prefers to be served, do not be surprised when you are not esteemed, but know that God counts on you.

—St. John Baptist de la Salle



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

1850-1917

Patroness of Immigrants

First U.S. Citizen To Be Canonized a Saint

In childhood in Italy, Frances Cabrini desired to be a missionary, and fantasized about going to China. When she was 19, both of her parents died, and she began charitable work at the Providence Orphanage. In 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit.

Despite her dream to be a missionary in China, Frances, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants there.

When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available, and the archbishop told her to return to Italy. But, instead, she became all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she succeeded.

She eventually became a U.S. citizen, and in 35 years she founded 67 institutions, traveling all over the United States (from New York to New Orleans), South America, Europe – caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, the sick. Seeing a great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

As a child, she was always frightened of water and was unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite those fears, she traveled across the Atlantic more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago on December 22, 1917 and was canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946. Her body lies in the chapel of Cabrini Memorial High School in upper Manhattan.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1774-1821

Wife & Mother

Foundress of the First American Religious Community

Foundress of the Catholic School System

First American-Born Saint

This wife, mother, and foundress of a religious congregation was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley in New York City, on August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence was signed. She might truly be called a daughter of the American Revolution.

Elizabeth was the daughter of an eminent physician and professor at what is now Columbia University. Her mother, and later, her stepmother, were staunch Episcopalians who instilled in her an appreciation of prayer and the Scriptures. From an early age, she manifested an unusual concern for the poor.

In 1794 Elizabeth married William Seton, with whom she had five children. In the first years of her marriage, Elizabeth plunged into social work, and, in 1797, helped to found the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children. Just a few years later, in 1803, her husband's business failed, and William contracted tuberculosis. He and Elizabeth went to Italy and stayed with Catholic friends at Livorno, Italy. They hoped to find medical help for William, but he died shortly after they arrived. When Elizabeth returned to New York City some six months later, she was already a convinced Catholic. She met with stern opposition from her Episcopalian friends, but became a Catholic on March 4, 1805.

Abandoned by her friends and relatives, Elizabeth and a Catholic couple tried to open a school for boys in the suburbs of New York, but a rumor was started that they were trying to convert the boys to Catholicism, and the school was forced to close.

In 1806, Elizabeth's youngest sister-in-law Cecilia Seton became very ill and insisted on seeing her ostracized family member. Elizabeth was summoned and became a constant visitor. Cecilia told her that she, too, desired to become a Catholic. When Cecilia's decision was made known, threats were made to have Elizabeth expelled from the state by the legislature. When Cecilia recovered from her illness, she fled to Elizabeth for refuge and was received into the Church.

Elizabeth was invited by the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore to found a school for girls in that city. The school prospered, and eventually the bishop permitted Elizabeth and two other young women to make religious profession and to wear a religious habit. Provisions were made for Elizabeth to continue raising her children.

In 1809, Elizabeth moved her young community to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she adopted as a rule of life an adaptation of the rule observed by the Daughters of Charity, founded by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. The new community was called the Sisters of Charity. By 1818, in addition to their first school, the sisters had established two orphanages and another school.

Although she did not neglect the ministry to the poor, and especially to African-Americans, she actually laid the foundation for what became the American parochial school system. She trained teachers and prepared textbooks for use in the schools. She also opened orphanages in Philadelphia and New York City.

She died at Emmitsburg on January 4, 1821, at age 46. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII in 1963, and was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1975.



Corpus Christi Choir is looking for a few good people

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in Room 4 (2nd floor of the community center). If you can commit to rehearse and sing September through Christmas, let Clint Doolittle (377-8675) or any choir member know. We welcome familiar and new faces!

High School Confirmation Schedules

Senior Class of 2017

Aug. 16, 2015: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spirit Day with Sponsor.

Aug. 30, 2015: 4-6 p.m. Confirmation interview.

Sept. 13, 2015: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Confirmation practice.

[Note date change!](#) **Tues., Sept. 15, 2015 : 6 p.m. Confirmation Mass.**

Senior Class of 2018

Aug. 23, 2015: Turn in a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Senior Class of 2019

Aug. 25, 2015: 6:30 p.m. Parent Meeting.

Oct. 11, 2015: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Welcome Mass, Lesson 1.

ONE FAITH Love is Our Mission ONE FAMILY

Aug. 21, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mobile Convention Center

Online reservations at www.onefaithonefamilymobile.org

Individual: \$40 • Family: \$65

Musician Matt Maher, Speakers: Dr. Brant Pitre, Damon Owens & Cari Donaldson. Aug. 22, 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with Archbishop Rodi.
Info: parensberg@mobilearchdiocese.org or 434-1530, Sean & Cynthia Wentworth, 343-5366 or spw98@yahoo.com or cynwen@yahoo.com.

Be Prepared Apologetics Series

Presented by Patrick J. Arensberg

Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education

Starting Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Corpus Christi Community Center, Conference Room (2nd Floor)

This series is open to any interested adult in the archdiocese.

Catechists are encouraged to come with their families and friends.

For more info including dates and topics, please visit:

<http://mobilefaithformation.org/be-prepared-dates>.

Used Back-Packs Needed

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to have your old back-packs. If the back-packs are in good condition, please wash them and place them at the SVDP table in the vestibule. *Thank you.*

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.

AA — Alanon — OA — CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.

Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Welcome New Parishioners

Kevin & Ashley DeAndrade and their children, Michael and Margaret
Johnathan Poynor
Kathy White

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Oliver Charles Johnson

(son of Richard Shane Johnson & Sara Elisabeth Orescan Johnson)

Joseph Henry Manas

(son of Michael John Manas & Elaine Dominguez Manas)

Landon James Walsh

(son of Brian Hamilton Walsh & Lauren Anne Intellini Walsh)

Flowers

The flowers before the altar this weekend
have been placed in memory of

Richard Messmer

on the 80th anniversary of his birth.

Given by his family.

Around the Archdiocese: Fall Quarterly Meeting of the Mobile Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), Wed., Aug. 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1621 Boykin Blvd., Registration 9:00-9:45 a.m., followed by Mass & Luncheon. \$12 cost for lunch. Make reservations by Aug. 20: Beth Cain, 232-8862, bethrcain@bellsouth.net or Margie Bunch, 661-6827, mbunch0719@yahoo.com.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: Tithing Offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Home Missions.

THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION FINAL: \$1,446.82

AUG. 9TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,565.77

AUG. 9TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$22,313.71

Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all who tithe and contribute to support God's work here, 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 Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley at 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

Reports of Contributions

You can always receive a report of your contributions any time by mail, email, fax. Also: You can receive a detailed report, showing each individual amount given, with date, check number or "EFT" or "Cash" or "Stock." Just notify the parish office 342-8152 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com to have it mailed or emailed to you, or to have it available for pick-up at the parish office.



To set up Online Giving: Please go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring withdrawal from a checking, saving or credit card account to tithing or building fund, school annual fund or other special collection. **For assistance,** call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.



To receive Offering Envelopes: Please notify the parish office at 342-1852 or email the parish office at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

