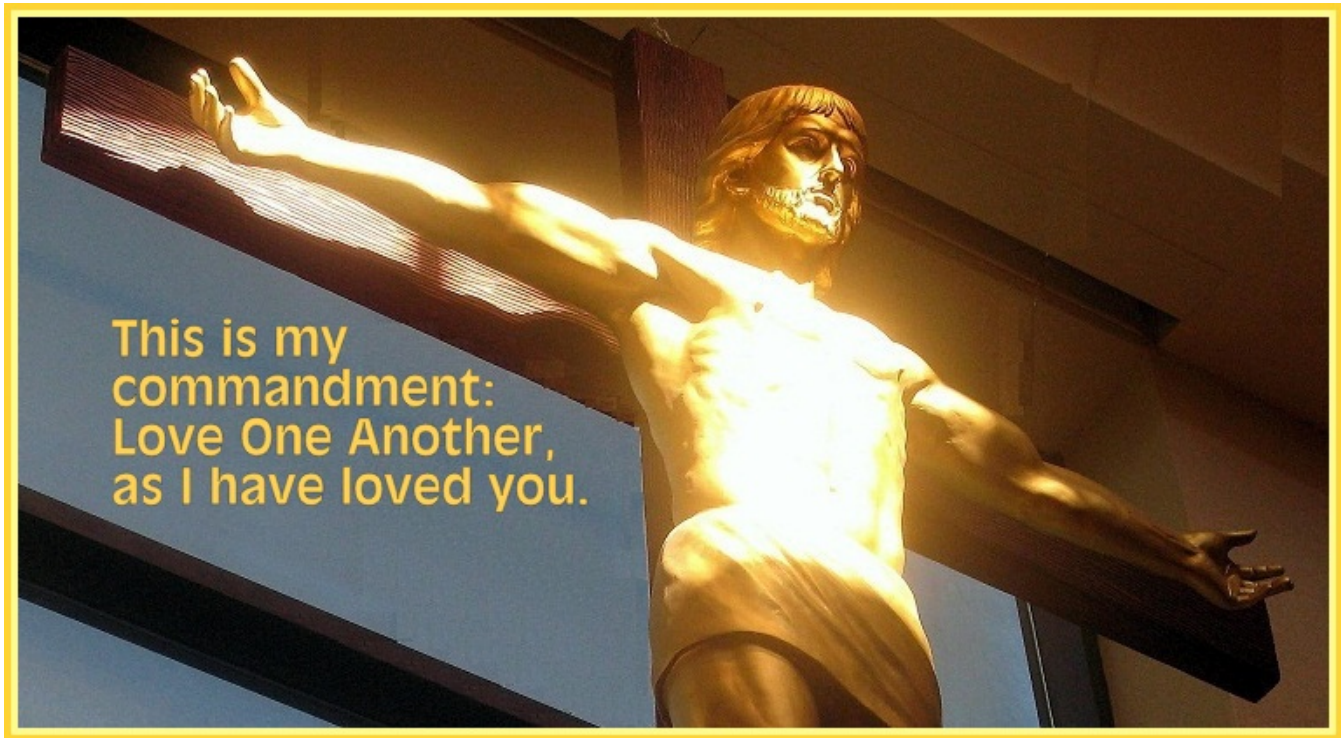


October 7, 2018

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

6300 McKenna Drive, Mobile, Alabama 36608

Email: Church@CorpusChristiParish.com • Website: www.CorpusChristiParish.com

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 342-1852 • Fax 342-6313
School Office: 342-5474, ext. 1 • Fax 380-0325
Rel. Ed. Office: 342-5474, ext. 7 • Fax 380-0325
Full-Day Care: 342-2424 • Fax 343-3119
Youth Ministry: 342-1852 • Fax 342-6313

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Very Reverend James F. Zoghby, V.F.
Reverend John S. Boudreaux
Deacon Arthur W. Robbins
Mrs. Kristy F. Martin, School Principal
Mrs. Diane M. Stoyka, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, R.C.I.A. Coordinator
Mr. Peter J. Stoyka, Youth Ministry Director

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) for 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 PreK3 through 8. To register, or for information, please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1, or send an email to kmartin@CorpusChristiParish.com.

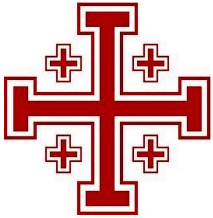
Once a month

3rd Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass

Celebrated by Fr. Mark Mossa, S.J.

Director of Campus Ministry at Spring Hill College

During the school year (Sept. to April), we have an extra Sunday Mass the 3rd Sunday of each month. High School students serve.



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

Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

THE BIBLE: How to select a Bible: The difference between Catholic & Protestant Bibles; English translations; various editions. How to understand the Bible. An examination of specific scriptural passages, illustrating the use of commentaries, footnotes, cross references and introductions to the biblical books in various editions of the Bible in order to obtain a more enlightened understanding.

Further Information: Call 342-1852 to speak to one of the priests or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.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 classes Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mon. of the month, at 6:30 p.m., The Parish House. Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations and "In-Need" Drop Box at the SVDP table in the vestibule. **To seek help, call 251-366-6443.**

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. For information about placing an ad, contact them at 1-800-292-9111 or www.diocesan.com.

The Corpus Christi Women's Club

The CCWC will meet **tomorrow night**, Monday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at The Parish House. All ladies are invited! Contact for more information: Lois Gafford, 251-209-2163.

Next Sunday, October 14



Jazz Brunch
in the Banquet Hall



With Jazz Musicians Performing Live!

2nd Sunday of the Month

(Every month except June, July, August)

Buffet Served from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

\$15 for Adults • \$7 for Children (Age 12 & under)

◇ Menu ◇

Fresh Fruit Display ◇ Muffins and Pastries
Scrambled Eggs ◇ Breakfast Potatoes
Southern Grits ◇ Bacon and Sausage
Fire-Braised Turkey Breast with Cranberry Orange Relish
Fried Fish and Hushpuppies

◇

Omelet Station:

Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Mushrooms
Spinach, Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes, Bacon, Ham

◇

Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice
Cucumber and Mint Infused Water

◇

Mimosas with Orange Slice
(available for a donation)

October Mass Counts

Each year, during the month of October, all parishes throughout the archdiocese will be counting the number of people at each Mass, including infants! Ushers will be walking the aisle and making the count. After the last Sunday of October, the counts will be sent to the archdiocesan chancery office.

Please complete one of the Surveys at your table!

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall

\$8 for Adults • \$4 for Children (Age 12 & under)

Oct. 10: Classic Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Veal Parmesan, Roasted Zucchini and Yellow Squash, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Cherry Cobbler. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee.

Must RSVP no later than MONDAY EVENING
Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com

Thursday Women's Bible Study

9:15-10:45 a.m., Com Ctr Conference Rm. Info: Joanne Donaghey, 251-554-6753 or joannekd@alo.com. Nursery is available.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.



Sing with the Choir at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass

Practice in the church on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Next practice, **Wed., Oct. 10.**
Instrumentalist? Check with director, Stephanie Callan.

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Room 3 (2nd Floor, Community Center)
All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Lead by Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting: 4th Mon., Oct. 28, 7 p.m., The Parish House.
www.kofc.org Click on **Join Us**. Corpus Christi Council 13125
Info: Chad Pugh, Grand Knight, 232-0648 or chad.pugh34@gmail.com.

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.

2018-2019 Sacramental Dates for 2nd Graders

Mon Dec 3: First Reconciliation Service, 7 pm, Church.
Mon, Feb 18, 2019: 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg, 6:30pm Adult Ed Rm.
Sun, Feb 24, 2019: 1st Euch Enrollment Mass, 9am & 10am-12pm.
Sat, May 4, 2019: First Eucharist Practice, 10 am, Church.
Sun, May 5, 2019: First Eucharist Mass, 1 pm.

2018-2019 Sacramental Dates for H.S. Confirmation

2020 Class: Jan. 20, Luncheon, 12-2pm.
2020 Class: Jan. 20, Practice 2-3pm
2020 Class: Jan. 22, Confirmation Mass, 6pm.
2021 Class: Nov 18, Spirit Day, 2-6:30pm
2021 Class: Jan 26, Visitation Monastery Retreat, 10am-5pm, Lessons 2/3.4
2022 Class: Oct 14, Spirit Day, 2-6:30 pm, Lesson 1.
2022 Class: Feb 17, 2019, Spirit Day, 2-6:30pm, Lessons 5 & 7.
Info: DianeStoyka@yahoo.com or 342-5474, ext 7

Bulletin Deadline:

12 Noon Friday before the next weekend.
Send announcements to Church@CorpusChristiParish.com

Our Church Bulletins are also Online:

Visit DiscoverMass.com or CorpusChristiParish.com/Church

40 Days for Life

Novena of Masses for Life: Through Oct. 9

Our two remaining Masses of the novena are at 8:15 a.m., Oct. 8 and 9. The particular intention for this Novena of Masses is for the closure of the two abortion centers in our archdiocese and the conversion of their staff.

Info: www.40daysforlife.com/mobile or contact Steve Pierre, ahoalton322@gmail.com or Mae Rehm, maemouse@aol.com.

Opportunities to Volunteer Time & Talent

Contact the Parish Office at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com or at 342-1852 for further info on any of the following opportunities:

Serve as an Altar Server, a Lector, a Visitation Minister to Shut-ins
Sing in the Choir
Sign up for Sunday(s) to present Children's Liturgy of the Word.
Help provide hospitality for R.C.I.A. attendees.
Join the Altar Society • Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Join the Women's Club • Join the Knights of Columbus
Join the Men of St. Joseph • Join the Women of Mary
Join one of the Bible Study Groups • Join the Booster Club
Volunteer as a Sunday School teacher or assistant
Volunteer with PTO fundraising events
Volunteer to help with Youth Ministry
Help with church decoration for Christmas and Easter

Welcome New Parishioners

Lynn Dennis
Terri Gibbons
Steven & Heather Grimes and their daughter, Zoey
Valerie Heidel
Shaun & Sarah Small and their daughter, Olivia
Justin & Jourdan Tillman and their children, Lily and Luke

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Lily Alana Tillman and Luke Randall Tillman
(children of Justin Randall Tillman & Jourdan Alana Smith Tillman)

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: Tithing Offerings.
SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Corpus Christi Building Fund.

SEPT. 23RD BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,355.36
SEPT. 23RD TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$19,283.82

Thank You and God Bless You

Receive a detail listing of your contributions
by mail, email or fax at any time:

Call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com
God bless all for tithing, contributions, bequests, remembrances
in wills in support of God's work here at Corpus Christi Parish.
To make a donation of stock, ask your financial manager, or call
Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley at 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

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

To set up Online Giving, please go to the church website,
www.CorpusChristiParish.com/Church, click the green Online Giving
icon on the left side of the homepage, and follow the instructions For
help, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 1, or the parish office, 342-1852.

We are called to receive and to pass on the truths of the faith in a spirit of harmony — to live our love for each other and for everyone, sharing joys and sufferings, and learning to seek and to grant forgiveness. We have been given the task of building parish communities that are more and more like families, and to evangelize not only by word, but by radiating love.

— *Pope Benedict XVI*

St. Francis of Assisi invited his friends to accompany him to a town in order to proclaim the Gospel there. As they walked along, Francis joyfully greeted everyone he met. One of the brothers asked, “When are we going to begin preaching to these people?” Francis answered, “We already have!”

“Christians should treat all people lovingly as members of God’s one family. The Christian community is open to everyone, as all people are capable of knowing the truth of God’s love.



Christianity is a living faith open to everyone, and gives witness to God’s love for all people. Therefore, Christians are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising graciousness toward everyone.

— *Pope Benedict XVI*

“If you keep the supreme law of scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.”

James 2:8

In rejecting proselytism,

Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI are not saying that we should not seek to bring other people to share in our Catholic Faith — but that each of us is to live our faith authentically and joyfully. And this joyful witness to Christ will attract other people to the Church.



“Reject proselytism & competition” — *Pope Francis*

In the quest for Christian unity, Pope Francis said that the way ahead is for various denominations to reject “proselytism and competition” among themselves. He said that Christians should not be “self-enclosed” and “exclusive,” but should focus instead on spreading the Gospel.

“Our shared commitment to proclaiming the Gospel enables us to overcome proselytism and competition in all their forms. All of us are in the service of the one Gospel!”

Although Pope Francis has repeatedly called on Christians to invite others to the faith, he has also condemned “proselytism” on multiple occasions, by which he means coercive or aggressive missionary techniques. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a similar message: “The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by attraction... by radiating love.”

Christian unity, Pope Francis said, won’t be achieved by theoretical discussions in which each party tries to convince the other of the soundness of their opinions. “To understand one another, and to grow in charity and truth, we need to pause, to accept and listen to one another. In this way, we already begin to experience unity.”

“You can attract more flies with a teaspoon of honey than with a whole barrel of vinegar.”

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

“Radiate Love!” — *Pope Benedict XVI*

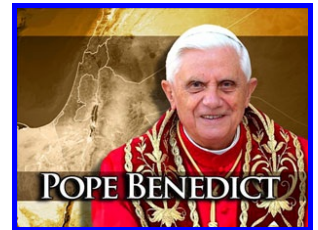
Evangelization (from the Greek word, *euaggelion*, meaning “good news”) is sharing, in love, the Good News of Jesus with others. To evangelize is to proclaim the good news of the love and mercy of God.

Proselytism (or proselytizing) is aggressively attempting to convert others to one’s religion.



Pope Francis: “Proselytism is solemn nonsense. Our Lord preached love of others. Not proselytizing. Love! Love for one’s neighbor.”

Pope Benedict XVI: “The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by attraction, accomplishing her works in spiritual and practical imitation of the love of her Lord.”



“Those who practice charity in the Church’s name will never seek to impose the Church’s faith upon others. They realize that a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love.”

“A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. The Christian knows God is love, and that God’s presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do is to love.”

— *Pope Benedict XVI*

“We are supposed to preach without preaching.”

“Not by words, but by our example, by our actions. All works of love are works of peace. The same loving hand that has created you has created me. If he is your Father, he must be my Father also. We all belong to the same family. Hindus, Muslims and all people are our brothers and sisters. They too are the children of God.”

“Our work among the Hindus proclaims that God loves them. God has created them – they are my brothers and sisters. Naturally, I would like to give them the joy of what I believe, but that I cannot do; only God can. Faith is a gift of God, but God does not force himself.”

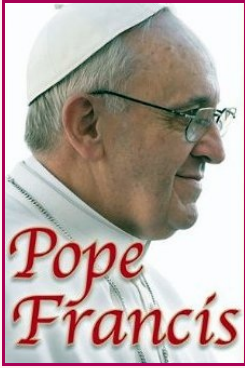
“Christians, Muslims, Hindus, believers & nonbelievers, have the same opportunity with us to do works of love, have the same opportunity to share the joy of loving and come to realize God’s presence. Hindus become better Hindus. Catholics become better Catholics. Muslims become better Muslims.”

— *St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta*



“Everywhere, on every continent, to whatever people one belongs, every human being is a child of that same Father who is in heaven, and is a brother or sister of everyone else.”

— *Pope Benedict XVI*



Pope Francis: All have been redeemed!

*John said to Jesus:
“Teacher, we saw a man
using your name to expel
demons and we tried to stop
him because he is not of our*

*company.” Jesus said in reply, “Do not try to
stop him. No one can perform a miracle in my
name and at the same time speak ill of me.
Anyone who is not against us is with us.”*

Mark 9:38-40

In preaching on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis said: “In this Gospel, the disciples complain, because they say: ‘If he is not one of us, he cannot do good. If he is not of our party, he cannot do good.’ And Jesus corrects them: “Do not hinder him, let him do good.”

“The disciples were a little intolerant, closed off by the idea of possessing the truth, convinced that those who do not have the truth, cannot do good. This was wrong – Jesus broadens the horizon.

“The Lord created us in his image and likeness, and all of us have this commandment at heart: do good and do not do evil. All of us. ‘But, Father, he is not Catholic! He cannot do good!’ Yes, he can. Not can: must! Because he has this commandment within him.

“This ‘closing off’ imagines that those outside cannot do good; it’s a wall that leads to war and to what some people throughout history have conceived of: killing in the name of God. To say that we can kill in the name of God is simply blasphemy.

“The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! ‘Father, even the atheists?’ Yes, even the atheists. Everyone!

“We are children of God! We are created children in the likeness of God. And we all have a duty to do good. This commandment for everyone to do good is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, each doing our own part, do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter. We need that so much. We must meet one another doing good. ‘But I don’t believe, Father, I am an atheist!’ But do good. We will meet one another there.

“Doing good is a principal that unites all humanity, beyond the diversity of ideologies and religions.”

Pope Benedict XVI: If it’s good, it’s from God!



Pope Benedict preached on the same passage. He said that Catholics should be delighted whenever non-Catholics do what is good or embrace what is true: “Members of the Church should not feel jealousy, but should rejoice if someone from outside the community does good.”

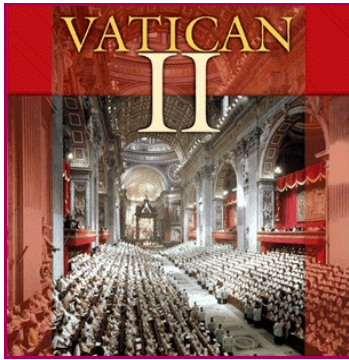
Pope Benedict quoted St. Augustine: “Just as one can find that which is not Catholic in the Catholic Church, one can also find something that may be Catholic outside of the Catholic Church.

“This is what Jesus wishes to point out, that good and even miraculous things can happen outside their circle when others “cooperate with the Reign of God” even in small gestures such as offering a simple glass of water to someone.

“The tendency toward jealousy can exist within the Church when Catholics resent holiness and goodness being attained by non-Catholics. Instead we should all be able to always appreciate and respect each other, praising the Lord when he acts in the Church and in the world.”

Who Can Be Saved?

*This question is addressed in the Second Vatican Council's
Dogmatic Constitution On The Church*



“The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptized who are honored by the name of Christian, but who do not however profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the

successor of Peter. For there are many who hold sacred scripture in honor as a rule of faith and of life who have a sincere religious zeal, who lovingly believe in God the Father Almighty and in Christ, the Son of God and the Savior, who are sealed by baptism which unites them to Christ, and who indeed recognize and receive other sacraments in their own Churches or ecclesiastical communities. Many of them possess the episcopate, celebrate the holy Eucharist and cultivate devotion of the Virgin Mother of God. There is furthermore a sharing in prayers and spiritual benefits; these Christians are indeed in some real way joined to us in the Holy Spirit for, by his gifts and graces, his sanctifying power is also active in them and he has strengthened some of them even to the shedding of their blood. And so the Spirit stirs up desires and actions in all of Christ's disciples in order that all may be peaceably united, as Christ ordained, in one flock under one shepherd. Mother Church never ceases to pray, hope and work that this may be achieved, and she exhorts her children to purification and renewal so that the sign of Christ may shine more brightly over the face of the church. Those who have not yet received the Gospel are related to the Church in various ways.

[The Faithful People of Judaism]

“First, there are God's People of the Covenant to whom the covenants and promises were made, and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh (cf. Rom. 9:4-5): In view of the divine choice, they are a people most dear, for the gifts of God are without repentance (Rom. 11:29).

[Muslims]

“The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place among whom are the Muslims who profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and with us they adore the one, merciful God.

[Other Non-Christians]

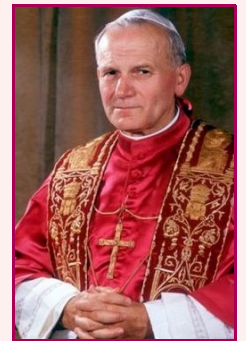
“Nor is God remote from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, since he gives to all men life and breath and all things (Acts 17:25-28), and since the Savior wills all men to be saved (Tim 2:4).

“Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation.

[Atheists & Agnostics/Non-Religious]

“Nor shall divine providence deny the assistance necessary for salvation to those who, without any fault of theirs, have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God, and who, not without grace, strive to lead a good life. Whatever good or truth is found among them is considered by the Church to be a preparation for the Gospel and given by him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life.”

The universality of salvation means that it is granted not only to those who explicitly believe in Christ and have entered the Church. Since salvation is offered to all, it must be made concretely available to all. But it is clear that today, as in the past, many people do not have an



opportunity to come to know or accept the Gospel revelation or enter the Church. The social and cultural conditions in which they live do not permit this, and frequently they have been brought up in other religious traditions. For such people salvation in Christ is accessible by virtue of a grace, which, while having a mysterious relationship to the Church, does not make them formally part of the Church but enlightens them in a way which is accommodated to their spiritual and material situation. This grace comes from Christ; it is the result of his Sacrifice and is communicated by the Holy Spirit. It enables each person to attain salvation through his or her free cooperation.

— **St. John Paul II**