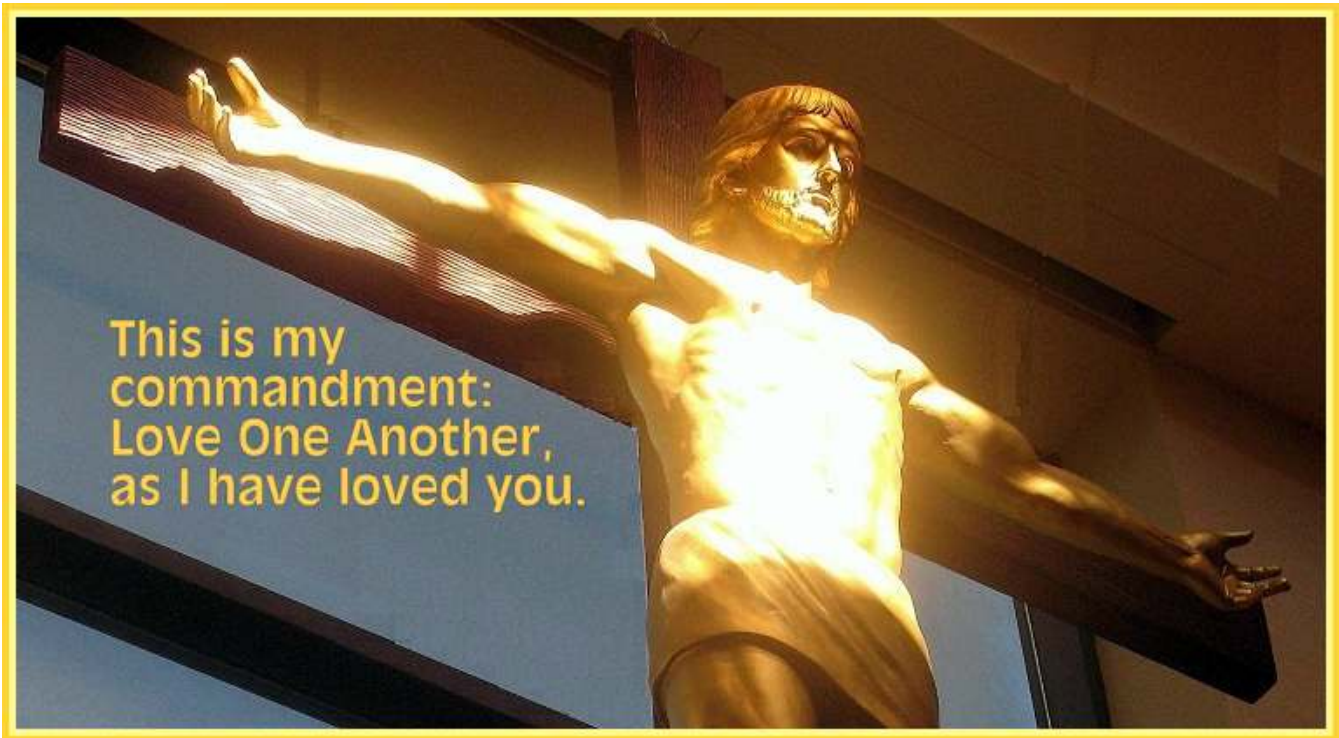


July 1, 2012

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office: 342-1852 • Fax 342-6313
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Rel. Ed. Office: 342-5474, ext. 7 • Fax 380-0325
Preschool Office: 342-2424 • Fax 343-3119
Youth Ministry: 342-1852 • Fax 342-6313

PASTORAL STAFF

Very Rev. James F. Zoghby, V.F., Pastor
Rev. John S. Boudreaux, Associate Pastor
Deacon Arthur W. Robbins, Deacon
Sr. Donna Cooper, R.S.M., Visitation Chaplain
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Joan T. McMullen, School Principal
Mrs. Linda M. Hawkins, Preschool Director
Mrs. Kathleen Q. Jester, Parish Catechetical Leader
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 K through 8.

For info & registration, please call the school office.

PRESCHOOL, *State-licensed* for 6-week to 4-yr. olds.

For info & registration, please call the preschool office

4th of July Mass for Independence Day

Join us for this special Mass on July 4 at 8:15 a.m.

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

Weekday Masses & Daily Prayers: At Corpus Christi special prayers and meditations are being included at our 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses, along with prayer cards and special articles produced by the USCCB and the Rosary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, July 1, Holy Hour: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the chapel, our Holy Hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture readings and prayer, followed by an extended period of silent adoration, and concluding with Rosary and Benediction.

Wednesday, July 4: 8:15 a.m. Our special 4th of July Mass for Independence Day will conclude the Fortnight for Freedom.

All are invited to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to send a message of support of religious liberty and conscience rights.

SCHOOL NEWS

Office Hours: July 18, 25 & 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
To call the school office during these hours, call 342-5474, ext. 1.

Men of St. Joseph

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

Also Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., starting July 11

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

Info: Jim Donaghey, jbd@orthomobile.com or www.MenOfStJoseph.com

For info on the 6:30 p.m. Wed. Evening sessions contact

Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@yahoo.com

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Family Room

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

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 316-3960.

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

To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

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.

The Women's Club

All women are invited. Please join us for this event.

Next Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m.: ICE CREAM SOCIAL for the children at St. Mary's Home. Meet at St. Mary's Home 4350 Moffett Rd. (344-7733), and bring an ice-cream topping.
Info: Barbara Collette, 767-1638, or Marianne Testen, 344-4111.

Knights of Columbus

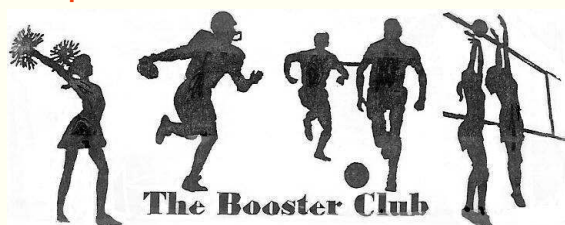
Meeting: 2nd Tues., July 10, 7 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

Contact: Grand Knight, Bob Wheat, 490-9350.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Corpus Christi Booster Club



Fall 2012 CYO Sports Registration

Registration forms for fall sports (football, soccer, volleyball, cross country) are now available on our website at www.corpuschristiparish.com/church/boosterclub. Some forms also are in the church vestibule. **Deadline is July 15.**

Soccer Camp

Hosted by Coach Mo of Mobile Soccer Club

July 23-25

Corpus Christi Sports Field

For ages 5 to 9 and ages 10-14

For more information call Gina Dalton (490-0626).



CORPUS CHRISTI BOOSTER CLUB

22nd Annual Cougar Classic

Golf Tournament

Friday, August 24

Save the Date! Details To Follow.

Corpus Christi Field Closed for Repair

Through July 22

Please refrain from using the main field during this time.

Cub Scout News — **June 30:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Geocaching & Frisbee Golf at Medal of Honor Park. **July 24:** 6-8 p.m. Swim Party, West Mobile Swim Club. **Info:** Walter Bracewell, 633-2027, or Mike Martin, 633-5218.

Welcome, New Parishioners

Tommy & Deniese Burns + Seth & Tammy Strauss

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Alessandra Lina Collette

(daughter of Joseph Matthew Collette & Adriana Mariko Murayama Collette)

MARRIED IN CHRIST

James Michael Nolan & Dianne Michelle Roggy

REST IN PEACE

Marie Leibert Ankersen (mother of Shelia Andrews)
Henrietta Fields Cooper (mother of Evelyn Allen)

Around the Archdiocese: Catholic Singles Convention:

Catholic Alumni Club International invites Catholic singles to their annual convention in Charleston, SC July 22-28. Info: http://caci.org/conv_natl.php or contact Don at donlubbering@fuse.net. **French Exchange Students coming to Mobile** July 6-26 to learn about American life and to practice their English. Good host family homes needed (preferably with teens of the same age & gender) for two girls (ages 14 & almost 16) and two boys (15 and just turned 17). ORCA Mobile French Exchange Program. Contact Cheryl Hall at madamecherylhall@gmail.com for an application and/or more info. **Our Savior Preschool & Mother's Day Out** have openings in the fall in their 4 year old Preschool program both 3 and 5 days a week. Also there are openings in the Mother's Day Out program for children 6 months through 4 years. MDO is offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays. Preschool and MDO hours are 8:30-12:30. Please contact Rita Langan, Director at 251-633-3017 or director@oursaviorpreschool.com. **The Mobile County Sheriff's Office** invites businesses to participate in the work release program. Info: Lee Pope at the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, 574-2334.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.
SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Holy Father (Peter's Pence).

SEMINARIANS COLLECTION FINAL: \$2,623.75
JUN 24TH BLDG FUND ONLINE & DONATIONS: \$13,933.73
JUN 24TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$19,192.78

Thank You and God Bless You

for your tithes, contributions & bequests to Corpus Christi Church. To make a direct donation of stock, ask your stockbroker, or call Steve Setterstrom at Citigroup Global Mkts. at 470-1060. *Receive a detail listing of your contributions by mail, email or fax:* Call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com



Online Giving

With Online Giving you can either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings or credit card account: Go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon, and follow the instructions to contribute to the tithing or building fund or special collections.

For assistance, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or parish office, 342-1852.

High School YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Bowling Night

Wednesday, July 18, 9:30 to 11:45 p.m. at Skyline Lanes

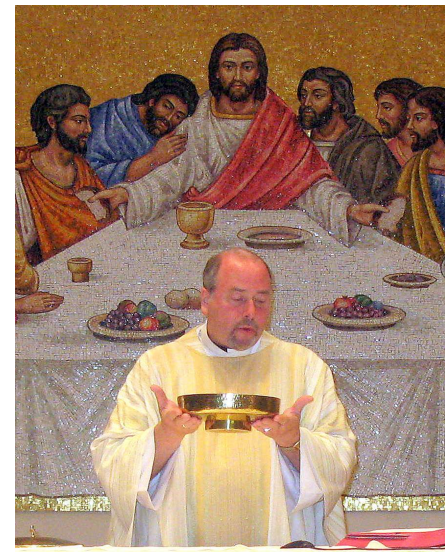
Come join us. Last year we had over 35 teens.

Pick up a permission form (with more details) in church vestibule or parish office or email us at CorpusChristiYouth@yahoo.com to have a permission form emailed to you. Cost is \$11. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the Lanes. Please have permission forms turned in by Monday, July 16, so we can reserve the right number of lanes.

Notice from the Chancery Archdiocese of Mobile

To: All Clergy, Religious and Laity. **From:** Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. Martin, V.G.

We have received notice from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that the National Right to Life Committee has planned an event involving the distribution of voter guide cards in Catholic Churches on June 24, 2012 and/or July 1, 2012. We have been advised that these cards will highlight the positions of the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates in such a narrow way as to potentially violate the prohibition of churches being involved in political activities as per the section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. These cards have the potential of distracting from the Fortnight for Freedom sponsored by the USCCB by giving the impression that what is to be a campaign of prayer, education and witness in support of religious freedom has become a partisan political effort. **Therefore, the NRLC cards are not to be distributed or placed in any Catholic parishes or institutions of the Archdiocese of Mobile.** The Fortnight for Freedom is not about the presidential election but rather about supporting and defending our constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of religion. For more information about the Fortnight for Freedom, please go to www.mobilearchdiocese.org and click on the icon on the lower left that reads Archdiocese of Mobile Fortnight for Freedom. Many thanks for your cooperation in the matter and for your witness to our freedom of religion in the United States.



Newly-ordained **Father Buddy Noel**, who often joined us for Masses at Corpus Christi, was ordained for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, June 2, 2012. We were happy and grateful to have him celebrate one of his "First Masses" with us at last weekend's 5:30 Vigil Mass.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided the following intentions which may be prayed during the Fortnight of Freedom.

During this “Fortnight of Freedom,” we pray for civil authorities and all those who enact and uphold laws: for God’s wisdom to guide their decisions to protect religious freedom and conscience rights for all, we pray to the Lord.

For people of faith, who fight to preserve religious liberty: during this “Fortnight for Freedom,” may the Lord strengthen their resolve to hold firm in their witness, we pray to the Lord.

During this “Fortnight for Freedom,” we pray for religious institutions serving the common good and witnessing to the Gospel, that religious liberty may be upheld to preserve their right to function in service to the Church and society, we pray to the Lord.

For our nation, that during this “Fortnight for Freedom,” all may be encouraged to stand firm on the principal upheld by our founding fathers, “liberty and justice for all,” we pray to the Lord.

For all peoples of the world, that this “Fortnight for Freedom” may inspire and encourage all governments to advance and protect religious liberty for all their people, we pray to the Lord.

That we may be effective advocates for religious liberty for Christians, Jews, Muslims and all who seek to practice their faith, we pray to the Lord.

Almighty eternal God, in whom we find true freedom and lasting peace, look with favor, we pray, on our needs and, seeing the faith that inspires us to pray to you, grant what we truly need, especially the freedom to serve you in love. Amen.

O God Our Creator,

from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness.

You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you,
the only true God,
and your son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith
in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the
Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance
for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms
when they are threatened.

Give us courage in making our voices heard on
behalf of the rights of your Church and the
freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and
daughters gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our
nation, so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome – for the sake of
our children, our grandchildren, and all who
come after us – this great land will always be
“one nation, under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





Prayers from the Mass for Independence Day

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the nations. For what has been achieved we give you thanks. For the work that still remains we ask your help.

All-powerful Father, we rededicate ourselves to your service, and to the works of justice and freedom for all.

As you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, help us to give witness in our lives, and in our life as a nation, to the rich diversity of your gifts. Grant that under your providence our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Loving Father, your son Jesus spoke to people a message of peace, and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow.

We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.

A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to your law we may show forth your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow your trust to fail.

Thomas Jefferson

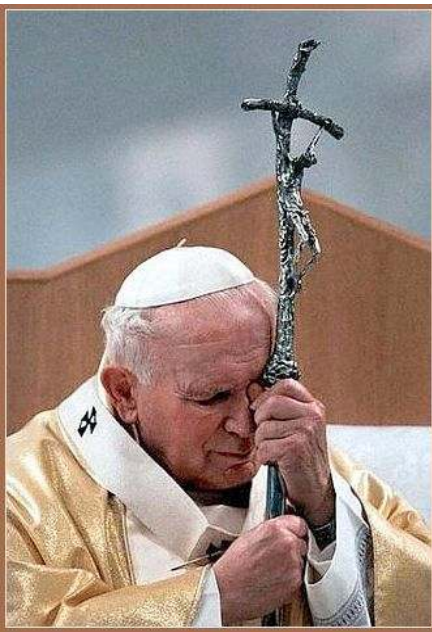
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Excerpt from the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the wording of the Declaration was approved by Congress.

*Oh, who cannot recognize the goodness of the American soul?
We must make it grow as great as its continent -
greater! - and closer to the love of Christ!*

Saint Frances Cabrini

Apologies By Pope John Paul II



Many religious groups have issued statements of repentance over the past decade.

The Southern Baptist Convention repented of their past support for slavery and racial segregation. They asked African-Americans for forgiveness of the denomination's past actions and for any residual racism left today.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America apologized for the viciously anti-Jewish statements made by Martin Luther, the main leader of the Protestant Reformation.

The United Methodist Church apologized for the brutal massacre of Native Americans during the Civil War.

Pope John Paul II reigned as pope for almost 27 years. During his long pontificate, he made about 100 public apologies for the wrongdoings of church members.

Some of the apologies offered were for:

- + The conquest of Mesoamerica by Spain in the name of the Church
- + The legal process against the Italian scientist and philosopher Galileo Galilei, who maintained that the Earth is not the center of the universe
- + Catholics' involvement with the African slave trade
- + The Church Hierarchy's role in burnings at the stake and the religious wars that followed the Protestant Reformation
- + The wrongs committed by Catholics against Orthodox Christians, especially the Crusader attack on Constantinople in 1204
- + Sins against the Muslims during the Crusades
- + The injustices perpetrated by Catholic missionaries against the indigenous peoples of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands
- + The injustices committed against women, the violation of women's rights and for the historical denigration of women
- + The inactivity and silence of many Catholics during the Holocaust, and for the hatred, acts of persecution and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews by Christians at any time and in any place.
- + The sins of Catholics throughout the ages for violating the rights of ethnic groups and peoples, and for showing contempt for their cultures and religious traditions

Many cardinals and leaders in the Vatican Curia, opposed Pope John Paul's apologies, being concerned that a confession of past errors might cause many Roman Catholics to wonder whether the Church is currently engaged in sinful behavior that will require some future pope to apologize for present-day sins.

Their concern was prophetic. Most of the apologies (and expressed opposition to them) were issued before the child abuse scandal began fewer than 10 years ago. And, indeed, both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have expressed sorrow and issued apologies for the abusive behavior of many priests.

One Catholic historian described Pope John Paul's apologies as "bogus," and he said that "there is something repellent, as well as profoundly unhistorical about judging the past by the standards and prejudices of another age." But Pope John Paul said, "An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie, for an excuse is a lie guarded (*protected*)."

Pope John Paul believed that repentance for past sins would transform the Church and enable it to lead the world into a "new springtime of Christianity."

The Church Is Human

Although by the power of the Holy Spirit the Church has remained the faithful spouse of her Lord and has never ceased to be the sign of salvation on earth, still she is very well aware that among her members, both clerical and lay, some have been unfaithful to the Spirit of God during the course of many centuries. In the present age, too, it does not escape the Church how great a distance lies between the message she offers and the human failings to whom the Gospel is entrusted.

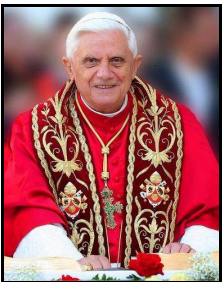
The Church Today, The Second Vatican Council

Before the tribunal of God's mercy we, the shepherds, should make ourselves responsible for all the evils now burdening the flock of Christ. We should take upon ourselves the sins of all, not in generosity but in justice; because the truth is that we are in great part the cause of these evils, and therefore we should implore the divine mercy through Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Pole, the pope's representative at the Council of Trent, convened in response to the Protestant Reformation in the 1500's

We are not baptized into the hierarchy; do not receive the cardinals sacramentally; will not spend an eternity in the beatific vision of the pope. Christ is the point. I, myself, admire the present pope (John Paul II), but even if I criticized him as harshly as some do, even if his successor proved to be as bad as some of those who have gone before, even if I find the Church, as I have to live with it, a pain in the neck, I should still say that nothing a pope (or a priest) could do or say would make me wish to leave the Church, although I might well wish that they would leave.

Frank Sheed



The fact that the Lord knows how to work and to act even with inadequate instruments comforts me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers.

The one who holds the office of the ministry of Peter must be aware that he is a frail and weak human being – just as his own powers are frail and weak – and is constantly in need of purification and conversion.

The pope isn't an absolute sovereign, whose thoughts and desires are law. On the contrary, the ministry of the pope is the guarantor of the obedience toward Christ and his word.

The pope is not a prophet. He is infallible in very rare circumstances, as we all know.

Pope Benedict XVI

Christ, holy, innocent, and undefiled, knew nothing of sin, but came only to expiate the sins of the people. The Church, however, clasping sinners to her bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal. All members of the Church, including her ministers, must always acknowledge that they are sinners. In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #827

Let us love the Church of weakness... We are not ashamed of her because there are so many shameful things about her.... We must cherish the Church as Christ does. We must fill her with warm love.... And behold, precisely through this love, the transformation of the Church from weakness to power, from crippled ugliness to immortal beauty, is taking place, silently and irresistibly until the end of time.

Hugo Rahner, *The Church*