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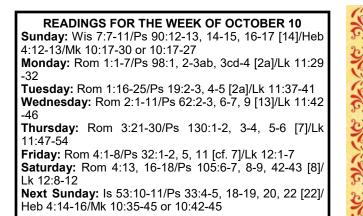
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WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL: Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.

St. James New Mission/Vision Statement Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos

A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres

Pastoral Staff	Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM
PastorFather Oscar Borda, ext. 222	Religious Education/Catecismo: Call office
<i>Emailoborda-rojas@charlestondiocese.org</i> <i>Medical Emergency Number—when you need a priest:</i> 	Infant Baptism: The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Suzanne McDonough, ext. 234.
DeaconTim Papa Executive AssistantPaula Loehr, ext. 221 Director of Evangelization/Religious Education Director	Marriage: By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.
Suzanne McDonough, ext. 234 Director of EvangelizationFelipe Castillo, ext. 229	Ministry to the Sick: Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.
Youth MinisterTaylor Lilly, ext. 235 SecretaryKathy Caughey, ext. 224	Bulletin Articles: Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.
Maintenance Director Earl Videan, ext. 232 Director of Music Gene Borkes Organists Bradley Hardee, Laura Candler-White RCIA Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon	New Parishioners: Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.
<i>Blood Pressure Screening</i> postponed until further notice <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Daily in the Chapel	Altar Flowers \$150: Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.
Check the schedules for an open hour <i>Pro-Life</i> Lori Videan, 843-503-3607 <i>Ladies Guild</i> 3rd Monday, 10:00am (SeptJune) <i>Knights of Columbus4th Degree</i> 4th Monday, 7:00pm	Religious Articles are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.
<i>Knights of Columbus</i> 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm <i>Catholic Charities</i> 1-855-377-1357	Columbarium: Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.
Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services843-853-2130 ext. 209 Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister	Tree of Life: This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.
To email staff members, use first initial, last name@stjamesconway.org	Prayer Chain Request: If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE October 10, 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27



Jesús, mirándolos fijamente, les dijo: "Es imposible para los hombres, mas no para Dios. Para Dios todo es posible". - Mc 10, 27 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD. Leccionario II © 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La presunción puede ser un gran pecado. Podemos convencernos fácilmente de que siempre que hagamos lo mínimo o dominemos lo básico, es suficiente. El amor no opera de esta manera. Si estamos verdaderamente enamorados de Dios, entonces lo básico no será suficiente. Ese amor va a querer expresarse en ir más allá, en dejar lo cómodo y familiar, en estirar y crecer y en seguir una voz distinta a la nuestra. Esto es de lo que se dan cuenta aquellos que verdaderamente buscan la sabiduría. Tal como revela cualquier relación humana que valga la pena lograr, nunca llegamos a un estancamiento al seguir el Evangelio o en crecer en sabiduría y santidad. La sabiduría es el timón que nos guía a través de todas las atracciones y opciones de la vida. Solo ella determina lo que vale la pena perseguir y lo que debe dejarse atrás. Es por eso, que, aquellos que solo están preocupados por marcar las casillas y hacer la menor cantidad posible, a menudo se alejan tristes cuando se les ofrece el regalo de Dios de la vida eterna. No están realmente enamorados. **©LP**

