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**Together let us entrust 2023
to Jesus Christ!**



Rest in Peace Pope Benedict XVI

Friends, as you may know, after a life of generous service, incredible teaching and great personal holiness, Pope Benedict XVI passed away on December 31, 2022. In the hours after his death, the Vatican published a personal spiritual testament which Pope Benedict wrote prior to his death. I felt it was important to share his testimony with you, my fellow parishioners. Below is his message. God bless you, Fr. Mark

My spiritual testament

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

Benedictus PP XVI.

Faith in the Family

The practice of writing a special code over the entrance to a home with blessed chalk is a centuries-old traditional blessing that takes place each January. It's a reminder of God's presence in our daily lives, and a dedication of the year and everything that will happen during it, to God. It's also a great witness for our guests, not to mention that it looks pretty cool! Come to Faith in the Family Sunday, January 8 9-9:50am to learn more about this tradition and receive your chalk, blessing and instructions on how to do it.

Fe en la familia

La práctica de escribir un código especial sobre la entrada de una casa con tiza bendita es una bendición tradicional centenaria que se lleva a cabo cada mes de enero. Es un recordatorio de la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida diaria, y una dedicación del año y todo lo que sucederá durante el mismo, a Dios. También es un gran testigo para nuestros invitados, ¡sin mencionar que se ve muy bien! Venga a Faith in the Family el domingo 8 de enero de 9 a 9:50 am para aprender más sobre esta tradición y recibir su tiza, bendición e instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo.

Epiphany of the Lord— January 8, 2023

Descanse en Paz Papa Benedicto XVI

Amigos, como sabrán, después de una vida de servicio generoso, una enseñanza increíble y una gran santidad personal, el Papa Benedicto XVI falleció el 31 de diciembre de 2022. Dejó un testamento espiritual personal, que me pareció importante compartir con ustedes, mis compañeros feligreses. A continuación se muestra su mensaje. Dios les bendiga, P. Marcos

Mi testamento espiritual

Si en esta hora tardía de mi vida miro hacia atrás, hacia las décadas que he vivido, veo en primer lugar cuántas razones tengo para dar gracias. Ante todo, doy gracias a Dios mismo, dador de todo bien, que me ha dado la vida y me ha guiado en diversos momentos de confusión; siempre me ha levantado cuando empezaba a resbalar y siempre me ha devuelto la luz de su semblante. En retrospectiva, veo y comprendo que incluso los tramos oscuros y agotadores de este camino fueron para mi salvación y que fue en ellos donde Él me guió bien.

Doy las gracias a mis padres, que me dieron la vida en una época difícil y que, a costa de grandes sacrificios, con su amor prepararon para mí un magnífico hogar que, como una luz clara, ilumina todos mis días hasta el día de hoy. La clara fe de mi padre nos enseñó a nosotros los hijos a creer, y como señal siempre se ha mantenido firme en medio de todos mis logros científicos; la profunda devoción y la gran bondad de mi madre son un legado que nunca podré agradecerle lo suficiente. Mi hermana me ha asistido durante décadas desinteresadamente y con afectuoso cuidado; mi hermano, con la claridad de su juicio, su vigorosa resolución y la serenidad de su corazón, me ha allanado siempre el camino; sin su constante precederme y acompañarme, no habría podido encontrar la senda correcta.

De corazón doy gracias a Dios por los muchos amigos, hombres y mujeres, que siempre ha puesto a mi lado; por los colaboradores en todas las etapas de mi camino; por los profesores y alumnos que me ha dado. Con gratitud los encomiendo todos a Su bondad. Y quiero dar gracias al Señor por mi hermosa patria en los prealpes bávaros, en la que siempre he visto brillar el esplendor del Creador mismo. Doy las gracias al pueblo de mi patria porque en él he experimentado una y otra vez la belleza de la fe. Rezo para que nuestra tierra siga siendo una tierra de fe y les ruego, queridos compatriotas: no se dejen apartar de la fe. Y, por último, doy gracias a Dios por toda la belleza que he podido experimentar en todas las etapas de mi viaje, pero especialmente en Roma y en Italia, que se ha convertido en mi segunda patria.

A todos aquellos a los que he agraviado de alguna manera, les pido perdón de todo corazón.

Lo que antes dije a mis compatriotas, lo digo ahora a todos los que en la Iglesia han sido confiados a mi servicio: ¡Manténganse firmes en la fe! ¡No se dejen confundir! A menudo parece como si la ciencia - las ciencias naturales, por un lado, y la investigación histórica (especialmente la exégesis de la Sagrada Escritura), por otro- fuera capaz de ofrecer resultados irrefutables en desacuerdo con la fe católica. He vivido las transformaciones de las ciencias naturales desde hace mucho tiempo, y he visto cómo, por el contrario, las aparentes certezas contra la fe se han desvanecido, demostrando no ser ciencia, sino interpretaciones filosóficas que sólo parecen ser competencia de la ciencia.

Desde hace sesenta años acompaño el camino de la teología, especialmente de las ciencias bíblicas, y con la sucesión de las diferentes generaciones, he visto derrumbarse tesis que parecían inamovibles y resultar meras hipótesis: la generación liberal (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), la generación existencialista (Bultmann, etc.), la generación marxista. He visto y veo cómo de la confusión de hipótesis ha surgido y vuelve a surgir lo razonable de la fe. Jesucristo es verdaderamente el camino, la verdad y la vida, y la Iglesia, con todas sus insuficiencias, es verdaderamente su cuerpo.

Por último, pido humildemente: recen por mí, para que el Señor, a pesar de todos mis pecados y defectos, me reciba en la morada eterna. A todos los que me han sido confiados, van mis oraciones de todo corazón, día a día.

Benedictus PP XVI.

Monthly Rosary

Our Monthly Rosary will be next Thursday, January 19 at 5:30pm. Please consider starting the new year off by coming and praying the rosary for about a half hour.

Also, afterwards, at 6:00pm we will be having our monthly Adult Ed/Faith Formation meeting in the chapel.

Rosario Mensual

Nuestro Rosario Mensual será el próximo jueves 19 de enero a las 5:30pm. Considere comenzar el nuevo año viniendo y rezando el rosario durante aproximadamente media hora. Además, después, a las 6:00 p. m. tendremos nuestra reunión mensual de Educación para adultos/Formación en la fe en la capilla.



Pray for Damar

We witnessed on Monday night football a very traumatic event. To us, watching it on TV was bad enough, but for our team, the Buffalo Bills and the Cincinnati Bengals it had to be horrifying for them to stand there and watch the medical team working on Damar. So let us keep Damar, Tee, their families, the Bills and the Bengals in our prayers. It was a reminder to all of us that those men we watch on TV, playing a game we love to watch, are as human as all of us. They have families and lives just like we all do. Let us keep all of them in our prayers.

“If you get a chance to show some love today do it! It won’t cost you nothing”-Damar Hamlin

Epiphany of the Lord –January 8, 2023

Weekly Masses

Saturday, January 7-
5:00 p.m. Timothy Kulig by Maria & John Kuschel
Sunday, January 8-
8:00 a.m. Joanne LaPone by Saranne Karalus
10:00 a.m. Theresa Waterman by Len & Dorothy Schrantz & Family
11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass: Parishioners of SEAS
Monday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord
7:00 a.m. Stanley Figiel by Leo & Sandy Bain
Tuesday, January 10-
7:00 a.m. Theresa Waterman by Family
1:40 p.m. NCCS Mass
Wednesday, January 11
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday, January 12-
7:00 a.m. Robert Skrzniarz by Leo & Sandy Bain
Friday, January 13- St Hilary
7:00 a.m. Jim Arnold by Mary Jakubowski
10:30am Mass at the County Home
Saturday, January 14-
5:00 p.m. Tim Sagurney by Frederick Mackowiak
Sunday, January 15-
8:00 a.m. Chester Ball Jr by Norm & MaryAnn Begier
10:00 a.m. Guillerno Rivera (Ann) by Sons & Daughters
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

Weekdays before Mass: 6:30 AM to 6:55 AM (with Rosary)
Tuesdays: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
First Fridays: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Please remember to pray for the infirmed:

Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

Please call or email Chris at the Rectory Office to have names added or removed from the sick list. Only immediate family members may request names be added.

Memorials

Phyllis Siracuse by Nancy Renckens
Nancy Woloszyn by Nancy Renckens
Charles Perry by Nancy Renckens
Thomas Wlodarek by Nancy Renckens

January 10

On Tuesday, January 10, the rectory office will be closed for a day of cleaning. With the new year, we are cleaning out the old and bringing in the new. Also, the rectory office will be closed the following Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King Day Holiday.



Weekend of December 31 & January 1

Fin de semana del 31 de diciembre y 1 de enero

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa:

5:00 PM –55	Collection/Collecta:
8:00 AM –55	\$3,433.75
10:00 AM –82	Initial Offering:
<u>11:30AM: 68</u>	\$278.00
Total 260	Solemnity of Mary:
	\$755.00

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 10-

Rectory closed for Office Cleaning Day

Wednesday, January 11

3PM-Food Pantry

Friday, January 13-

10:30AM-Mass at County Home

Saturday, January 14

5:00PM-Mass

Sunday, January 15-

8:00AM-Mass

9:00AM-Faith Formation Classes

10:00AM-Mass

10:30AM-RCIA English in rectory meeting room

11:30AM-Spanish Mass

12:30PM-RCIA Spanish in Church

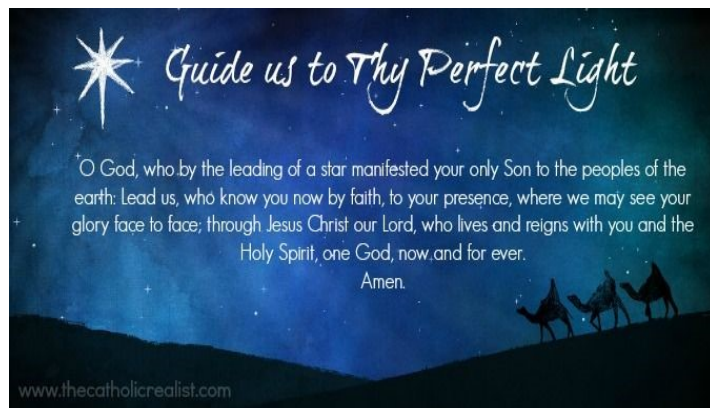
Upcoming:

January 16-Martin Luther King Day-Rectory Closed

January 17-Parish Council Meeting

January 19-Rosary in church & Adult Ed/Faith Formation Meeting afterwards

January 26-Hispanic Ministry Meeting



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Monday, Weds., Thurs. & Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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