Pastor’s 2 Cents: From Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Six-word homily: Nothing to fear, but fear itself.

We all have a certain understanding of Galileo’s problems with the hierarchy. His crime was not that he believed in the heliocentric structure of the planets but that he taught it. The very pope who condemned him believed the earth orbited around the sun, but he was not ready to deal with the philosophical implications. If the earth is not the center of the universe what about all the other structures they believed in like divine right of kings and the hierarchical structure of the church? They tried to put a cork in it until they could come up with a new rational for their concept of world order. They are still trying.

As an aside to take an X-files point of view, that’s the main concern around UFO’s. If they exist what is their relationship with God? Did Jesus have to die on their planet too? Oh! Oh! the men in black just pulled up. What was I talking about?

We are living the Chinese curse - interesting times. We have a political party, which like Pope Urban VIII, doesn’t want us to teach the truth. Why? Because they would have to answer the question: Why haven’t they done more to protect minorities of all kinds? So, they ban certain classes being taught, which informs us of our past mistakes, and ban books which tell of these mistakes and/or give a positive picture of people different from themselves. One hopes that such a cowardly and outrageous attempt to control the narrative will blow up on them.

Of course, along with banning education and books is the attempt to create an atmosphere of fear. You know: Minority groups are trying to take away your jobs, your rights, your GUNS. LGBTQ+ are infecting your children and turning them gay or transgender or non-binary or what not. To listen to them you would think a mass army is coming to get them. It’s hard to get exact statistics but a high end of 1.5% of the population might be transgender and most are not militant. Of course, then there is the curse of drag queens who are influencing our youth to God knows what ends. Even the church has got into the fray, which takes a lot of guts from a group of people who love to dress up on the weekends.

We are facing quite a year and it’s up to us, to the best of our ability, to educate ourselves and not give into the fear mongering. Jesus said, “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known…And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”

Remember, be WOKE: Wise, Open, Kind to Everyone!

Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:
5pm Saturday & 7:45am Sunday in the Church
9am & 11am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses will resume on September 10 at 9am & 11am in the Church
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Scripture Readings:
Sun, June 25: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33
Mon, June 26: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
Tue, June 27: Genesis 13:2-5,18; Matthew 7:6,12-14
Wed, June 28: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Matthew 7:15-20
Fri, June 30: Genesis 17:1,9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4
Sat, July 1: Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17
Sun, July 2: 2 Kings 4:8-11a, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Matt 10:37-42

Gluten-free Communion is available upon request. Please see any of the Sunday sacristans in the gym before Mass.

Enhanced Hearing Devices are available in the church and gym. They are located in the back of the church and the welcome center.

SignUpGenius for Eucharistic Ministers is available online. It is simple, user friendly and a reminder is sent 3 days before your scheduled volunteer day. FFI contact Marcia at mkurtz@stjoan.com.

Looking Ahead...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Gym Masses
July 2: Fr. Jim Cassidy.
A 4th of July Reflection on Patriotism and Nationalism in readings, images and music
July 9: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
July 16: Fr. Jim Cassidy
July 30: Fr. Jim Cassidy

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church
July 1: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
July 8: Fr. Peter Nosbush
July 15: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
July 22: Fr. Peter Nosbush

The 5pm Saturday Mass is Recorded and Available on our YouTube Channel Sunday afternoon.

Our Parish Center Summer Hours (June - August) are:
Monday 9am - 4:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 8pm, Friday, 9am - 3pm, Saturday, closed, Sunday, 8am - 12:30pm.

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:


Prayer Corner Requests: To keep prayer requests current, names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks and then removed.
To add a name or to renew your request, please call Nancy Becker the Parish Center at 612.823.8205.
Choir: Our SJA adult choir season is over for the summer and will start up again on Thursday, September 14. Do you love music and want to be part of a joy filled singing community? Contact Anna Vagle avagle@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext 235. See you in September!

AIAIA Summer Fundraiser -- Less than 50 tickets remain for one of the summer season highlights: Arm in Arm in Africa's Together We Can fundraiser, Monday July 17. Doors open at Sociable Cider Werks at 5:00 p.m., followed by our program at 6 p.m., and dinner at 6:45. Festivities wrap up at 9 p.m. Angela David of Minnesota Public Radio will emcee, Zini Jacobs, an amazing success story, will be our guest speaker from Gugulethu. Nunnabov will perform and Bongi of the Minnesota United will join us. Tickets are $75 for a table seat and $65 for a standing room table top and cover all food and drink. On-site parking is free. Great online auction prizes and raffle prizes will be awarded. Less than 50 tickets remain so don't delay. For complete program and ticket information, visit aiaia.org.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities: Needs washcloths, unopened travel size shampoo - no conditioner - lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes & paper bags, as well as family size soap and toothpaste. We also need crew socks for girls/boys, socks for toddlers, and individual packages of wet wipes. Please place your donations in the collection hamper in the Parish Center.

Food Shelf Donations Needed: We continue to accept non-perishable food items for Sabathani Community Center. Most needed items are cereal, water & sports drinks, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Items can be dropped off in the bins in the Parish Center on Sundays, or Monday thru Friday, during regular hours. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

Sunday Suppers: Swing Into Summer with live music and more, Sunday afternoons at Diamond Lake Lutheran, 5760 Portland Ave. Activities start at 4pm, supper, 5 - 6pm. Join the fun today, June 25, July 23 and August 27. Sponsored by TRUST Inc and Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.

Parishioner Registration: If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us! Registration forms are found in the Parish Center office or at the Church entrance. If you have any questions, staff at the front desk can assist or you can email/call Diane at dhaugesag@stjoan.com; 612.823.8205, x238.

Where Does My Coffee Cup Go? We strive to be a zero-waste campus and your help is needed making sure that coffee cups are disposed of properly on Sunday mornings. Here’s the info you need:
1. All hot cups brought in from outside SJA are TRASH (not recyclable), unless marked "Certified Compostable"
2. Cold plastic beverage cups and lids are RECYCLABLE. Straws are not.
3. All cups from within SJA are COMPOSTABLE - organic, made from corn.

Thank you for your help!

June is Pride Month! SJA is Celebrating & All Are Welcome!
- We Celebrate Together! Drop by the Downtown Churches booth at the Pride Festival in Loring Park, June 24-25. SJA shares booth space with Westminster Presbyterian, Central Lutheran, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist, the Basilica of St. Mary, and other congregations.

Parish Council Invitation: Are you known for giving good advice? If so, you should consider being a candidate for the SJA Parish Council. The Council's primary role is serving as advisory to the Pastor, especially in the area of parish ministries, so it is helpful if a candidate has been active in one of our many parish ministries. Applications can be found at the Parish Council table in the Welcome Center and in the Parish office. I have just completed serving two terms on the Council. My advice? Consider helping our parish and our Pastor by applying for a position on the Parish Council. -Dick Brozic

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver hot meals and warm smiles to elderly or disabled homebound people. Drivers are always needed to help with this valuable program. Time commitment is approximately one hour during the noon hour when called to help. FFI call 612.822.6040.

Recycle: Please use the labeled receptacles for compost, paper, glass, plastic, cans, waste and cups. By doing so we will be ecologically responsible and a big help to our maintenance staff as well. Thank you.

Wills: Every adult should have a will, whatever the size of the estate. In addition to being a legal document, a will is an ethical document that conveys your values and priorities from which organizations and causes important to you may benefit. We hope that in preparing your will you consider including St. Joan of Arc as a beneficiary. If you already have, please let us know so we can thank you. Our legal title is Church of Saint Joan of Arc, Minneapolis.

Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year. Includes Plate, Envelopes and Sustaining Member payments.

**Week of June 12 – June 18, 2023**
- Actual $58,875 Budget $40,833
- Prior Year Actual $42,120

**Year to Date (July 1, 2022 – June 18, 2023)**
- Actual $2,239,647 Budget $2,299,167
- Prior Year Actual $2,159,515

THANK YOU for your continued generosity!
Pastoral Ministries

FFI on Pastoral Ministries contact JP Fitzgibbons at 612.823.8205 ext. 231.

Caregivers: Do you have a story that you think might work well in a play? Wanderlust Productions is looking to hear from you: nurses, family caregivers, educators, 1st responders... anyone who provides care to others. FFI go to wlproductions.org or call 651.212.5075.

Our Mental Health Ministry can be of benefit to all of us here at SJA. From our relationship with Mental Health Connect and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to the resources available to everyone in our own Parish Resource Library, our ministry offers tools to help alleviate some of the struggles that every one of us deals with as we travel on our journey. FFI, contact JP at jfitzgibbons@stjoan.com.

Did You Know that 1 in 5 adults have a diagnosable mental health disorder? Fortunately, recovery is possible! Visit the Mental Health Ministry table after the Mass to learn about resources available for you and your loved ones facing mental health challenges.

Mental Health Connect (MHC) provides free community-based resources, support and education, to improve access to mental health services and to connect individuals and families with the services they need. FFI contact a MHC navigator at 612.642.1220 or navigator@mhconnect.org.

Grief Support: Please join us for grief support on Saturday mornings at St. Mark’s Episcopal, 519 Oak Grove St, Minneapolis, 55403. The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support holds weekly Saturday meetings that are free and open to the public, regardless of religious affiliation. The meetings provide a safe, understanding environment for grief education, comfort and recovery. Registration begins at 9:30am, followed by the speaker at 10am. From 10:30 - 11:30am we break for small group discussions, each led by experienced facilitators trained in: spouse or partner loss, family or friend loss, and child loss. This Saturday, July 1 the speaker will be James Sewell who will speak on ‘Good Morning Dance Suite’.

FFI on Peace & Justice programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext. 228 or jmadden@stjoan.com.

SJA Antiracism Ministry: We will host our next monthly discussion today, June 25 at 1pm on Zoom, and all are invited. We share resources, actions, and connections with one another as we continue to move toward being an antiracist church. Our monthly gatherings are a great way to keep this journey in our individual and collective consciousness, and we hope you will join us! Contact Julie Madden for the Zoom link.

Join us for An Immigration Experience at Centro Guadalupano: This Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30pm, our Welcome the Stranger ministry invites you to a tour of the historic Holy Rosary Church and its outreach ministry - Centro Guadalupano. A longtime partner of SJA, Centro has been a place of welcome and worship, resources and friendship, to immigrants from all over the world. Centro Guadalupano is an incredible source of hospitality, and we hope you will join us! FFI to register, contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

SJA Outreach Fund News: Thank you to all who recently celebrated the work of our SJA Outreach Fund here - we were joined by representatives from 25 funded projects and organizations, and it was a fantastic morning, full of hope and energy and spirit! And we have even more good news... Our Justice Grant Committee met recently, and we have awarded 13 grants, totaling $72,700 to the following organizations:
- Sankofa Village
- The Lift Garage
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic
- Alliance Housing
- Dignity Twin Cities "Wonderfully Made"
- Centro Guadalupano
- Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- Mano a Mano Int'l Partners
- Temple Israel Immigration Task Force
- Conversations with Friends
- Golden Valley Pride Festival
- Cooper High School "Catch Up and Succeed" Program
- MN Interfaith Coalition on Immigration

Thank you to these partners, to the parishioners who wrote letters of support for these applications, to the Justice Grant Committee for their discernment, and to our Outreach Fund donors for making this happen! Please pick up more info after mass in the Welcome Center.

SJA Housing Ministry: If you are a parishioner living in Shakopee and are interested in affordable housing in your community, our partners at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative need to talk to you right now! Please contact Julie Madden at the parish center to be connected to Beacon’s work in Shakopee.

Democracy Talks Book Discussion: Join us this Wednesday, June 28 at 1:30pm at the Parish Center for a discussion of Adrift: America in 100 Charts by Scott Galloway. Even if you haven’t read the book, come for our discussion of its themes of rising economic inequality, political divisions and social alienation - and what we can do together to reverse these trends.

We Celebrate SJA ISAIAH! ISAIAH is a coalition of faith communities, including SJA, and other organizations collaborating for economic and racial justice. Stop by our table in the Welcome Center after mass for more info on the work of our ISAIAH core team during this historic legislative session and how our state moved to enhance the lives of all Minnesotans, as well as broaden our democracy and protect our climate! Also, ISAIAH has been receiving great national attention and we’d love to share that with you, too.
Faith Formation and Adult Learning

We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.

Baptism: To have your child baptized at St. Joan’s you must be a registered member and participate in a 90-minute Baptism preparation class. FFI and to register call JP at the Parish Center.


RCIA Candidates Baptized in April: Shelly Anderson-Lind, Amelia Boulware, Monica Sherman.

Grade School/Family Mass: FFI (Grades K-5) contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229. Family Mass contact Gabrielle Dane at gdane@stjoan.com.

Registration for 2023/24 Elementary Ed Classes: Plan Ahead! You may register your elementary school children for our K-5 classes on Sunday mornings for the 2023-2024 program year now at https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/families-children. Click on the registration form.

Youth Ministry: FFI (Grades 6 - 12) contact Chris Sonnek at 612.823.8205 ext. 241 or csonnek@stjoan.com.

Registration for 2023/24 Youth Ministry is Now Open! Go to https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/youth-ministry to register.

Adult Learning: FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or cmanns@stjoan.com.

SAGES Presents Last Tuesday Seminar on June 27 at 4pm via Zoom. Mark Scannell will lead the Seminar and the theme is: Loneliness & the Power of WE. To receive the link, contact Mark at gasscann@bitstream.net

Centering Prayer: Join us Sundays in the Lady Slipper Room (lower level in the Parish Center) 10:15 - 10:45am, for an in-person meditation. We will also simultaneously Zoom it online. FFI contact Ray Spack at raymondspack@gmail.com.

Parish Book Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 - 8pm. FFI and a list of future dates and books, check the SJA website under Ministries, Parish Life and click on the Parish Book Club button.

Reading the Bible from the Margins: How might “reading from the margins” open up scripture to discussions on transgender and nonbinary identities? Join Fr. Shannon TL Kearns at Cabrini Catholic Community on Thursday, June 29 at 7pm.

Catholic Social Teaching:
The Foundation of Our Faith and Our Shared Future. The principles of CST offer us a powerful lens through which to see and love the world as God does. They are a blueprint for us in overwhelming times:

- **Human Dignity:** Every one of us is created in the image and likeness of God.
- **Common Good:** We realize our human dignity in relationship and community.
- **Option for the Poor:** The moral test of our society is how we treat our most vulnerable.
- **Rights and Responsibilities:** We all have a fundamental right to what is needed to live in dignity - life, food, shelter, health care, education, employment. We also have a responsibility to participate in our public life together.
- **Role of Government:** The state has a positive moral function to promote human dignity, protect human rights and build the common good.
- **Economic Justice:** All workers have the right to decent and fair wages and safe working conditions. No one is allowed to amass excessive wealth while others lack the basic necessities of life.
- **Stewardship of God’s Creation:** We are called to live in right relationship with the earth.
- **Promotion of Peace and Disarmament:** Peace is not just the absence of war. Peace is the fruit of justice.
- **Global Solidarity:** We are called to work together globally in an interdependent world.

SJA Mission Statement

Saint Joan of Arc is a joyful Christian community which celebrates the loving word of God in worship and action. We transcend traditional boundaries and draw those who seek spiritual growth and social justice. We welcome diverse ideas and encourage reflection on the message of the Gospel. We are committed to the equality of all our members and strive to ensure their full participation through liturgy, education and service. By these means we seek to empower all who come to grow in wisdom and bring to reality the promise of Christ.
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