

Rome, October 07, 2015

The family is fundamental in giving witness to the love of God and the Synod is "called to interpret this zeal, for today, this zeal and care of the Church."

These were Pope Francis' words today at his weekly General Audience. The Pope begins today a series of catecheses on the relationship between the Church and the family during the Synod of Bishops on the family.

The Pope began by saying that the daily lives of today's men and women show a need for an "injection of family spirit." While civil, economic, juridical, and professional relationships seem rational, they often become dry, even unbearable.

"While wanting to be inclusive in its forms, in reality they abandon to solitude and waste away an always greater number of people," he said.

The Jesuit Pope explained that in today's world, support for the family has been diminished and that the virtues of family life have not been incorporated in modern society.

"The family introduces to this need the bonds of fidelity, sincerity, trust, cooperation, respect; it encourages to project a habitable world and to believe in relations of trust, even in difficult conditions; it teaches to honor the word given, respect of individual persons, the sharing of personal and other limitations."

The Pope went on to say that despite all its advances in science and technology, modern society is unable to translate these virtues into better ways of coexistence.

He then highlighted the Church's mission in this time of the Synod. Recalling Jesus' calling of Peter to be a "fisher of men", the Pope said that "today, families are one of the most important nets for the mission of Peter and of the Church."

"This is not a net that makes us prisoners. On the contrary, it frees from the evil waters of abandonment and indifference, which drown many human beings in the sea of loneliness and indifference. Families know well the dignity of feeling themselves children and not slaves or strangers, or just a number of an identity card," he said.

Concluding his address, Pope Francis called on the faithful to pray that the Synod Fathers may "foster the impetus of a Church that abandons the old nets and returns to fish trusting in the word of her Lord."

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is in Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC) please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church (name & room number), call-St.Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net.

Many hands make easy work for all! We are one parish. Support your parish. We need parishioners from all three Masses working together to **make our Fall Festival/Bazaar successful**. Need someone from each of the Masses to work on the Fall Festival Committee. Call the office if you can join the committee. Also need all to make an effort to get items donated for a silent auction and vendors. If you can, contact the businesses you frequent and request a donation for the silent auction. This is an example of support one can provide. We hope you all plan to attend the Festival and mark off some time on your calendar, **November 7, 2015 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, if you can't support it all day. Let's unite and support our Parish, St Gerard of Aiken!

St. Gerard Catholic Church



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Aiken, SC 29801
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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2015

Mission Statement

Called to be a People for Others

Vision Statement

Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.

Fr. Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator

He was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these since my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and he was filled with love for him, and he said, 'You need to do one thing more. Go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' Mark 10:17-21



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Wisdom 7:7-11(143B)

Responsorial:

Psalms 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

Lectionary Readings for the week of October 11th

Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
Today's Missal

Mass Times: Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM, First Friday Benediction after Mass
Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Confessions: after weekday Masses and by Appointment

Office Hours: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

Bible Study: Fridays 10:00 AM (Insight to the scriptures)

Baptisms, Confirmations and Marriages: By Appointment, Contact the office.

Contact Us: Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net

Facebook @stgerardaiken, **Emergency number for Father** 803 637-2027

Father Don's address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201,
1660 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620. **Call or write him please.**



Pray for our sick:
 Gary Gilbert
 Leonard Saunders
 Shirley Paige
 William and Jackie Cobbs
 Woody Alexander
 Lena Mickens
 Rosa Johnson
 Brenda Ligons
 Meg Schaeffer
 Joe Fulmer
 Patricia Bailey



Stewards appreciate all they have been given. Their response is service. Their reward is the joy of knowing they are disciples building the kingdom of God as part of God's plan.

Mass Intentions 10/10-10/11

4:00 PM, 7:00 AM Mass are said for your own personal intentions.
 11:15 Mass is said for the Soul of Bruce Oatman
 From: Laverne Oatman

Our Song of Praise is	34 M
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	
The Offertory Hymn is	33 M
Beautiful Savior	
The Communion Hymn is CHOIR	622 H
The Summons	
The Gathering Hymn	30 M
Praise to the Lord	





Pastoral Council:
 Wayman Johnson,
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 Anna Marie Key,
 Auditors.
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 Vacant

Sunday Offering October 4th
 Collection \$3,021.00
 Needed \$2,612.00
 Over \$409.00
 Attendance 119

Stewardship a way of life

Lay Ministers

	Saturday October 17 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: Tami Schaeffer E E Minister: Jerry Schaeffer	Sunday October 18 7:00 AM Mass Denise Gelinas Roger Gelinas	Sunday October 18 11:15 AM Mass Janet Menefee Marge Glauser	
	Saturday October 24 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: David Didimamoff E E Ministers: Ellen Heim	Sunday October 25 7:00 AM Mass Mary Kay L'Esperance Gerard L'Esperance	Sunday October 25 11:15 AM Mass Patricia Hayes Wayman Johnson	
	Refreshments October 18 Jackie Cobbs/Rosa Johnson	Counters October 18 Nancy Durden/Anna Marie Key		

GOOD NEWS

It's not too late to come to Bible Study, with Father Emmanuel, this and every Friday at 10 am. Learn and understand the scriptures.

Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a steak dinner and dance on November 7/2015, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus home on 1003 Spaulding Drive in Aiken. The meal will consist of a ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, bread, and dessert. Music will be provided by a local DJ, and a silent auction will also be held at the dinner. The dinner and dance will cost \$20 per person. All money raised will go to the Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation to support the Special Olympics in Aiken. Tickets can be bought from the following Knights: Randall Brown - 803-292-1353, Steve Graft - 803-640-2178, Greg Wright - 803-641-7354, Mark Krajc - 803-507-7521

Fr. Emmanuel is out of the country from the 5th through the 25th of October. Masses, in his absence, will be Fri., Sat. and Sun. at regular times. The only change is no Mass on Tues. and Thurs. Daily Masses will resume October 27th with the Tuesday Mass. And Bible Study will continue in his absence.

Fr. Emmanuel called Thursday and is in Nigeria and is well.

The Salvation Army needs help at the shelter on Park Ave. They are losing older people that have been helping with serving lunch. We already have at least one parishioner helping. Please if you have the time to help call Rose at 641-4149 or call Mary Welsh at 648-2140. Feed God's children.

We want to buy new vestments for servers but I need sizes. Please get with me about the servers sizes.

Volunteer Corner

Thanks to the three men that spend most of their free time at the rectory working to make it livable. And to the any one else that has helped over there. Now we need help painting. Please call Bob or the office if you can help paint.

Tony, Thanks for your help!!
 Thanks Wayman.

It looks like Fr. Anthony has his car part or will have it in the next couple of days. This after dealing with logistic problems in Ghana.

If you know of someone that needs The Blessed Sacrament brought to their home or hospital please call the office.

There has been a resignation from the finance council. We need another member. Please contact us if you are interested.

The next parish council meeting is 3 November at 6:30 PM.

Need a Car? "05" PT Cruiser Call Richardean 803 648-0500

The FY 16 Budget will be presented to the entire Parish in the next couple of weeks.

Black Catholics' Heritage Celebration, "An Advent Gathering of the Faithful" December 12, 2015 Columbia, SC 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2015 Diocese of Charleston Office of Black Catholics' Heritage Celebration. Our guest homilist and keynote speaker at this year's celebration will be the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Other highlights of this special day will include a discussion on Bishop Edward Braxton's document "The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015" led by the Honorable Arthur C. McFarland, a panel discussion on the World Meeting of Families and the papal visit. There will also be a separate youth track. Follow this event and others on the web at sccatholic.org/ethnic-ministries

Have you ever contemplated a devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, The Little Flower, Patroness of Humility, Doctor of the Church?

On Nov. 13-15th, 2015 the Charleston Theresians are sponsoring the USA Theresian National Conference "Faith on Fire" here in Charleston at the Charleston Marriott, 170 Lockwood Boulevard, 29403. Hear wonderful speakers who will, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, fill you with joy and love. Enjoy beautiful music and join us in meaningful prayers and Holy Mass on Sunday. There will also be a Silent Auction. Registration is \$275. Includes Friday Reception, 3 Meals + Banquet and Registration Fee.
 If interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy Dornetto at: Email: kathy3of6k@gmail.com or call 843-696-4912. Deadline for Registration is Oct. 11th.

ATTENTION! Voices needed. Once again Joel Scaper, Director of Choral Activities at USC Aiken, will conduct a mass choir to benefit ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving). This is the third year for the Harvest Home Concert and rehearsals began Monday, September 8. The concert will be held on Sunday, November 15 at St. John's United Methodist Church beginning at 4:00 pm. The overall theme will be praise and thanksgiving. We would like to hear as many voices as possible to be representative of as many churches as possible. Joel will be responsible for preparing the choir and the music. Anyone interested is asked to join the Masterworks Chorale in rehearsal on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Etheredge Center, Room 125. There will be seven rehearsals, plus the performance. Please consider joining in support of this event and if you're not a singer, SAVE THE DATE to come enjoy the performance. Attendees will be asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to ACTS and a love offering will be taken up during the intermission, also to be given to ACTS. THANKS! Carla Cloud ACTS Executive Director 649.3800

Child Loss Mass on Oct 17

The Diocese of Charleston is sponsoring a Remembrance Mass for Early Child Loss on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Charleston, SC. The Mass is open to all who have suffered from the death of a child for any reason such as miscarriage, stillbirth, illness, accident or abortion. Mothers, Fathers, siblings, grandparents, and friends who are seeking God's healing comfort are encouraged to attend. There will be a speaker and reception to follow. For more information, email familylife@catholic-doc.org or call Christy Brown at 803.554.6088.

3rd Marian Eucharistic Conference

Our Featured speakers will focus on seeking to anchor ourselves to the two pillars of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Special Note: The first class relic of Pope St. John Paul II will be displayed.
Featured Speakers: Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life.; Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM, The Fathers of Mercy; Fr. Joseph Wolfe, MFVA, EWTN; Tim Staples, Catholic Answers
General Admission: \$50, Youth: \$25
 All are required to register by Nov. 7 by mail. Saturday and Sunday lunches are included. No registration at the door.
Where: St. Joseph's Catholic School, Greenville, SC 29607

Schedule: Saturday, Nov. 14

Doors open - 7:30 a.m.
 Mass - 8:30 a.m.
 Conference talks, lunch, Confessions
 Meet & Greet the Speakers, Book Signing - 5:40 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Doors open - 7:50 a.m.
 Mass - 8:30 a.m.
 Conference talks, lunch, Confessions
 Meet & Greet the Speakers - 3:40 p.m.

For more information, call (864)354-7160 or go to www.meconferencesc.net

Refreshments

Every body please look at the schedule.

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass. When it continues on 10/27/15

In Harms' Way: Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh, Jacob Hershey, and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.