

# WARNING! DANGER!

## DO NOT TAKE LITERALLY!!

Jesus foretold the details of the Torah would apply only until "everything comes about". This meant the moment of Jesus' death, when the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom.

The final key to the interpretation of LAW would be the new covenantal relationship between God and humankind brought about by Jesus' death and resurrection and the profound trust and intimacy to which it gives rise.

YES, we are to have respect for law. However, overriding this respect for law was the Lord's insistence (his BUT I SAY TO YOU) on the practical consequences of living the new covenantal relationship with God. Jesus was relentless on the need to live authentically.

In the moral teaching that follow, Jesus illustrated the approach to life characteristic of disciples who had begun to convert and to open themselves to the Kingdom experience. Jesus' purpose was not to command. Nor was it to propose an idealised ethic. These both activate the ego, and are a kind of "try harder", "be holier", approach. Such lead to inevitable failure, and often to denial, cover-up and hypocrisy.

Rather Kingdom morality surrenders to God in trust, and walks with Christ on a journey of transformation empowered by the Holy Spirit. The journey involves the discovery and liberation of the true self, made in the image of God. Insight and growth can be hesitant, and cooperation, sometimes, reluctant. Eventually, the journey leads to the growth of genuine love - the love that cannot be controlled by the ego, and cannot be imagined until lived.

The destination is discovered and shared to the extent that the transformation takes hold... *Bon voyage!*

*Fr. Dan*

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for the sweet soul of Bella Tangredi and her family Sun 9:00am for Presidential prudence, press integrity and protests, if any, to be peaceful. Sun 12:00pm for our parish family.

### TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ 11,895.50

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There is no School of Religion classes next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> due to Walton County Intercession. Classes resume on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.



This Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> is the **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION.**

Seventeen children of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. Please keep the following children in your prayers as they experience God's amazing gift of Forgiveness: Griffin Costantino, Tobie Dean, Kylee Dippel, Talon Goodwin, Veronika Hang, Patrick Hassan, Joel Hernandez, Jackson Herrick, Savannah Jones, Ava McDonald, Griffin Mertzlofft, Ian Miller, Durrell Patman., Rebekah Preston, Leocadio Sanchez, Jake Schay & Emiliano Torres.

### "GOD AND COFFEE" is Today! Adult Faith

Formation presents: "SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES". In this video series



Fr. Robert Barron discusses the Seven Deadly sins and the antidotes to each. THE PARISH HALL

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CATHOLIC FEST**; an event sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta and just for Middle School youth is **SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH** at Notre Dame Academy in Duluth. St. Anna's is planning to take a group of Middle School youth to this event.

Flyers and permission slips were sent home last week with the students in the School of Religion. The cost of Catholic Fest is \$10.00 which includes lunch and a tee shirt. **RESERVATIONS ARE DUE TODAY TO MRS.**

**DEB!** Please contact Mrs. Deb 770-267-7637 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com, if you have questions.

This is an awesome day for the youth!

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

### **VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

St. Anna's is seeking 2 ministers for our Middle School Youth group. No experience is required! Training, all resources, and guidance from the High School youth ministers will be provided. The youth are the future of our faith and we need **YOU** to lead these young people in their faith journey. Interested or have questions? Contact Mrs. Deb at 770-267-0420 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com



Please join us in the Parish Hall next Weekend, Feb 18th & 19th, after each Mass

for a reception to welcome Deacon John and his wife to St. Anna's Parish.

**We are requesting that each family bring a dessert or finger food to share at these gatherings.**

**2017 Annual Appeal**  
Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. Next weekend, we will hear a recorded message from Archbishop Gregory about the Appeal and everyone who has not yet made a gift to the Appeal will have an opportunity during our in-pew process. Please be prepared next week to make a pledge to the 2017 Archbishop Annual Appeal. Our goal this year is \$33,000.



**Stress Proof Your Family!** Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones ....and focus on each other. The next Weekends are scheduled for February 24-26 and April 21-23 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

Why cook if you don't have to?  
**Eat at the YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER** on Sunday, Feb. 26th from 12-2pm  
Come and enjoy a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert.  
**No cooking and no cleaning up!!**



**Wellness Coaching**  
The ACES Group will meet on Friday, Feb. 17th from 1-3pm in the Parish Hall.  
Guest Speaker: Emily Gaines, Health & Wellness Coach.  
Soup will be served, come hungry!  
Contacts: Beverly 770.313.2384 or Aida 770.267.2341

Choir Rehearsal is this Wed. 2/15  
Children 6:30pm  
Adults 7pm  
Be part of making beautiful music for the parishioners of St. Anna's!



We celebrate with the Diocese of Alexandria in Louisiana as the Most Reverend David P. Talley begins his new role as Bishop of Alexandria. Bishop Ron Herzog's resignation was accepted as of Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017. Please continue to keep Bishop Talley in your prayers. May the Lord watch over him and all those entrusted to his pastoral care.



Do you own a home or vacation home that you no longer want or need? Did you know you can donate the property to The Catholic Foundation and designate to an endowment fund and receive a nice tax deduction? We coordinate selling the property and give the proceeds to your parish endowment fund or ministry of your choice. For information, please contact Juliet Greco : 404-497-9440 jgreco@cfnga.org



Did you loose something? Check the Lost and Found basket in the Narthex under the window.



**Did you know...** The church has a few fire rated doors. These doors are designed to hold a fire for a given amount of time, which depends on the doors rating. Our fire doors have a rating label on the hinge side of each door. Since they are fire doors, they should always be closed. All of the School of Religious Ed doors and the two kitchen doors ARE FIRE DOORS. Please close these doors every time you use them...**now you know!**

**Meeting times for the week:**  
OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)  
Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)  
Be My Rock - Tues. 2/14 after mass (PH)  
RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (107/8)  
Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)  
Parish Council - Wed. 2/15 @ 7pm (105)  
Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

**Nursery** Available for Mass  
9:00 Mass Feb. 12 - NEED SOMEONE! Feb. 19 - Marianna Tanner  
12:00 Mass Feb. 12 - Meagan Xydias Feb. 19 - Joyce Stodghill

**WEEKLY VERSES**  
A week's worth of God's Word  
**Feb. 12 thru Feb. 18 Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM**  
**Sunday:** Sir. 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34/1 Cor. 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37.  
**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15.25. / Ps 50(49):1.8.16bc-17.20-21. / Mk 8:11-13.  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8.7:1-5.10. / Ps 29(28):1a.2.3ac-4.3b.9b-10. / Mk 8:14-21.  
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13.20-22. /Ps 116:12-13.14-15.18-19. / Mk 8:22-26.  
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13. / Ps 102(101):16-18.19-21.29.22-23. / Mk 8:27-33.  
**Friday:** Heb. 11:1-7. / Ps 145(144):2-3.4-5.10-11. / Mk 9:2-13.  
**Saturday:** Gn 3:1-8. / Ps 32(31):1-2.5.6.7. / Mk 7:31-37.