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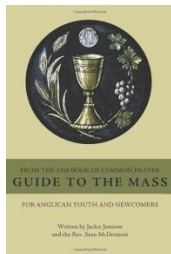
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“Why are you an Anglican Catholic?”... I’m asked this question a lot, especially living in an Evangelical-heavy county in Florida. There are a number of reasons I can give, but the primary reason (and the one that connects the best) is the ability we have to read Scripture for all its substantial worth. Protestantism and its proponents truncate Scripture either to match private interpretations or force the Scriptures to fit into a particular paradigm created at the Reformation. Evangelical Protestants use Bible passages to prove text “once saved, always saved,” the alleged pre-tribulation rapture and other doctrines which were unknown within the Church until the 19th and early 20th centuries. Reformation Protestants defend their tradition’s paradigm like Calvin’s double-predestination or Luther’s hard distinction between Law and Gospel. What these have in common is a need to “solve God.” As Anglican Catholics we recognize there are paradoxes and mysteries that will not be solved on this side of heaven. And that’s okay! God is God. His thoughts are higher than ours. We’re not called to solve God, but to have faith in Him. Anglicanism is often called the “Via media” (middle way). If it is, it’s more so the middle way between Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy than between Catholic and Protestant. As the Church Fathers did with the Seven Ecumenical Councils, Anglican Catholicism sets firm “guardrails” in place and then allows the faithful to operate freely (and faithfully) within them. This is the only way to be faithful to “Every word of Scripture...” (2 Timothy 3:16) and read it for all its substantial worth. The Lord Jesus wants Christians, not clones. –Fr. Beutell

2024-25 Wednesday Bible Study...The 2024-25 Wednesday Bible study season begins September 4. This season we will move the weekday mass to 10:30 a.m. and study afterwards from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Over the 34 sessions we will be studying the Book of Revelation. The aim of this study is to take out the confusion and fear that has often been injected into this book. The study guide we will be using is Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation by Michael Barber (published by Emmaus Road). A recommended reference book is The Apocalypse Code by Hank Hanegraaff (published by Thomas Nelson). Parishioners attending the study are welcome to invite interested guests.

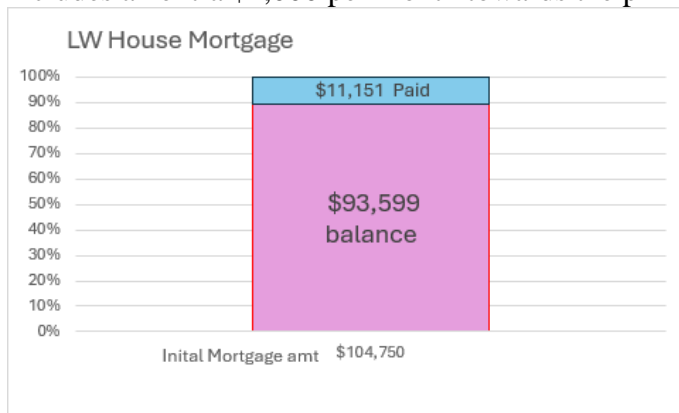
Sunday Catechesis...The first session of our Sunday catechesis will be Sunday, September 8. We will meet after mass from Noon to 12:45 pm to discuss the book Guide to the Mass (From the 1928 Book of Common Prayer) by Jackie Jamison with Fr. Sean McDermott. The book is available on Amazon for \$12.49 plus shipping. Whether you are new to Anglo-Catholicism or a seasoned parishioner, this book is helpful for understanding the “what’s, where’s and why’s” of our liturgy.



Google Business Listing, Facebook and Website...Zack Houghton continues to a great job updating our parish Website, Facebook page and Google Business listing. If someone asks you about the parish, you can direct them to the website for accurate information. If you are on Facebook please follow our page and like and share the posts. Please also leave a review on our Google Business listing. Each of these helps the algorithms and increases who sees our listings, posts and information. If you have any questions on how to do these, contact Zack. Thank you to those who have already liked, shared or left a review!

Our Society of Mary Ward... will have a special meeting on Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. On that day we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham (transferred), from which our ward derives its patronage. After the mass and rosary, a blessing will be given to all with water from the well at Walsingham and new members will be formally received. We will have lunch after the worship and prayer. All members of the ward are asked to attend this meeting and anyone who is interested in learning about the SoM and seeing what a meeting is like are welcome too.

The Vestry met on August 18 and discussed... Improving the “curb appeal” of our property with a new street sign (which was damaged by the storm that recently came through), consistent lawn care and maintenance of the grounds and building. A “Sign Committee” was formed and maintenance schedules are being created. Over the previous six weeks, the weekly tithing average has been \$1,150.00. The monthly tithing average for the previous three months has been \$6,041.00. Expenses the past three months have averaged \$7,552.00 (this includes an extra \$1,000 per month towards the principle on the Lagdon-White House mortgage).

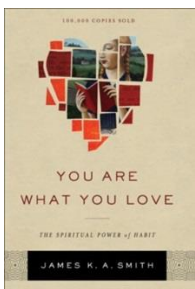


If you would like to contribute towards paying down the Lagdon-White Mortgage, please write a separate check from your tithing and mark “Lagdon-White” on the memo line. Thank you.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels... is on a Sunday this year (September 29)! After the mass we will have a pot-luck lunch to celebrate our patronal feast day.

October Parish Workday and BBQ... Please circle Saturday, October 19 on your calendar. That will be the date for our Fall Parish Workday and Barbeque. We’ll start working at 9:00 a.m. and then eat lunch and fellowship around Noon. More information will be forthcoming.

Theology on Tap... Our second theology on tap will be Sunday, October 27 from 5-7 pm. The venue is TBD. The book we will be discussing is You Are What You Love by James K.A. Smith. New copies of the book cost about \$15.00 and good used copies cost about \$6.00. Happy Reading!



A Signup Sheet for Altar Flower Donations... for the remainder of the year has been placed on the bulletin board in the parish hall.