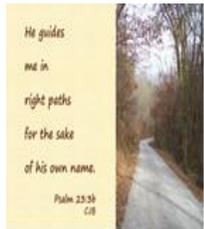


St. John the Baptist Catholic Community 2022 Lenten Reflection Series

Join us each Friday during Lent for a Zoom presentation.
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Each night begins at 7:00 p.m. with a presentation followed by opportunities for dialogue and sharing. Our theme this year is: *"Open Wide Your Hearts - The Enduring Call to Love"* Our goal is to help participants identify ways to:

- recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God with unique gifts and talents
- genuinely welcome those who are different from ourselves
- move towards a new vision of what our community could be
- actively listen and respond to the challenges Jesus presents us each day

3/4 Deacon Ed McCormack: *Jesus' Ministry of Inclusion and our Culture of Exclusion*

During Jesus' ministry he invited all people to share in the kingdom of God. He welcomed and healed the blind and lame, lepers, and he walked with women, rich Pharisees, and outcasts of all sorts even Zacchaeus! Today, he asks every local Christian community to be a place that welcomes all people and practices hospitality. We will explore Jesus inclusive outreach and the cultural system that undermines inclusion in the United States.

3/11 Bill Dinges, PhD: *"The ADW Laudato Si' Action Plan: Prospects and Opportunities"*

In conjunction with the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, the Archdiocese of Washington has launched a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan. This presentation describes key elements of the *Laudato Si'* Action Plan, suggests strategies for parish funding grants, and invites everyone to work for the Plan's fulfillment in our personal and parish life.

3/18 Ann Jelen: *"Love Goodness: How are you responding to Jesus's command of love?"*

Ann Jelen will help us explore some of the challenges presented in the Bishops' Pastoral letter on racism: "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love." We will be challenged to examine how love compels each of us to resist racism and how we can be part of the change in policies

3/25 Charlene Katra: *Every Family is Unique: Some Have Greater Needs*

Charleen Katra, the Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), will share with us ways we can be a bridge for families with greater needs who seek the same sense of belonging that you enjoy at Church! Every family, like every parish, is not created equal. By our baptism we are all called to be Christ to others.

4/1 Cynthia Norris: *"Solidarity in Action: An Update on the Sister Parish Project"*

SJB Director of Social Concerns **Cynthia Norris** will provide an update including pictures of the progress that has been made since August of 2021. Join us as we explore the resilience of our brothers and sisters in Baradères and how our solidarity with them brought hope.

4/8 Johnny Zokovitch: *"Continuing Peter's Denial: The Incompatibility of Racism and Authentic Discipleship"*

Johnny Zokovitch is the Executive Director of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace and justice movement. As we approach Palm Sunday and hear again the story of Peter's denial of Jesus, we will use Peter's denial as a lens to examine how racism continues to undermine the Church's commitment to discipleship and how walking humbly with our God means committing to the work of racial justice.

For more information, contact Cynthia Norris at socialconcerns@sjbssparish.org.