June 3, 2023

Good Morning!

~Confirmation Mass with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, at 9:00 AM This morning 17 Confirmandi will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them!

~Private Event, Hall 10:00-12:00

~Knights of Columbus Yard Sale at the Jockey Lot 8:00 - 1:00 PM

~Bulletin attached.

1. Today's Readings: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs | USCCB

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: The martyrs inspire us with their love of the Faith and endurance under persecution. Sts. Charles Lwanga and companions stood up to the young king whose morals were corrupt at the cost of their lives.

3. Quotes of the Day: All from saints that have been martyred

~"Nothing can happen to me that God doesn't want. And all that He wants, no matter how bad it may appear to us, is really for the best." *St. Thomas More*

~"I place trust in God, my creator, in all things; I love Him with all my heart." *St. Joan of Arc*

~"You can burn our bodies, but you cannot harm our souls." St. Charles Lwanga

Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Pray for Us! St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions

This is the place where Christ's light shone on your land with a particular splendor. This was the place of darkness, Namugongo, where Christ's light shone bright in the great fire which consumed Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions. May the light of that holocaust never cease to shine in Africa! The heroic sacrifice of the Martyrs helped to draw Uganda and all of Africa to Christ, the true light which enlightens all men (Cf. John 1: 9). Men and women of every race, language, people and nation (Cf. Rev. 5: 9) have answered Christ's call, have followed him and have become members of his Church, like the crowds which come on pilgrimage, year after year, to Namugongo. Today, the Bishop of Rome, the Successor of Saint Peter, has also come on pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Holy Uganda Martyrs. Following in the footsteps of Pope Paul VI, who raised these sons of your land to the glory of the altars and later was the first Pope to visit Africa, I too wish to plant a special kiss of peace on this holy ground. ~Pope John Paul II

Every year, millions of pilgrims from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Nigeria, and other African nations gather at the Namugongo Martyrs' Shrine in Uganda for what has become one of the largest annual gatherings of Catholics in the world. The celebration is held at the site of the martyrdom of Saint Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one young companions on June 3 each year, the day that most of the boys were killed.

In 1879, the White Fathers, a French Roman Catholic society of apostolic life founded in 1868, arrived at the court of King Mutesa I of Buganda, modern-day Uganda, and received permission to establish a mission to teach the Catholic faith. At that time, Catholics, Protestants, and Muslims were all seeking converts in the Kingdom of Buganda. This was not popular among the native pagan priests. However, King Mutesa, who had eighty-seven wives and ninety-eight children, was tolerant of all three faiths. When King Mutesa died in 1884, one of his sons from his tenth wife, Mwanga II, took up the throne at the age of sixteen. Though initially tolerant, Mwanga eventually became convinced that the Christians were a threat to his throne and his sexually perverted way of life. It was common practice for the kings of Buganda to have many young boys in their court, known as "pages," to carry out the daily duties of the king's household. Among the expectations that King Mwanga had of these young boys, some as young as thirteen, was consent to his sexual advances. When some of the boys refused to consent on the grounds that they were Christian and the king's requests were immoral, the king became infuriated and feared that Christians would overtake his kingdom and become a threat to his throne.

On October 29, 1885, Anglican bishop James Harrington and some of his companions were murdered by King Mwanga after being accused of plotting against the kingdom. After their martyrdom, twenty-five-year-old Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe, the head of the king's household, rebuked the king for his actions. Joseph was a Catholic catechist responsible for teaching many of the boys in the king's court the Catholic faith. On November 5, 1885, the king beheaded Joseph and had his Catholic followers arrested. He then appointed the catechumen Charles Lwanga as head of his household. Charles knew he might be next, so he sought and received baptism by the White Fathers that same day, along with many of the boys he had been catechizing.

On May 25, 1886, King Mwanga murdered two more Christian members of his court. Catechist Charles Lwanga, fearing for the eternal salvation of the boys who were still catechumens, baptized the rest of the boys himself. Later that day, the king called all the members of his household together and ordered them all to renounce the Christian faith or face torture and death. Charles courageously professed his faith in Christ, and many of the boys did so with him. The outraged king ordered their execution to take place at Namugongo, the traditional site for public executions.

Namugongo was a two-day journey on foot. As the boys traveled under the cruel direction of the executioners, many of them were beaten as they walked, bound together with ropes. Three boys were killed along the way, one being slain by his own father for refusing to renounce the faith. After reaching the site of execution on May 27, the boys waited seven days as the preparations were made. During that time, they were starved, beaten, and bound hand and foot, awaiting their death. Charles was cruelly and painfully killed first. His executioners lit only a small fire under his feet so he would suffer longer. It is reported that Charles said to his executioners, "You're burning me, but it's like water you're pouring to wash me.

Please repent and become a Christian like me." As the flames consumed him, just before he died, Charles cried out in imitation of our Lord, "My God! My God!" Soon after, the rest of the boys were tortured and killed in the same manner. They died praying aloud the Lord's Prayer. In all, twenty-two young men and boys were martyred and later declared saints in the Roman Catholic Church. Additionally, twenty-three Anglicans were martyred with them.

At the time of their martyrdoms, twenty-six-year-old Charles Lwanga and his young companions never could have imagined that one day, at the place of their execution, millions of people would gather every year to honor them and to seek their intercession. King Mwanga initially thought he could stamp out Christianity by killing one Christian. That only inspired others to convert. After Mwanga killed dozens more, the flames that burned them turned into flames of faith that inspired countless others. Uganda and many other African countries are Christian countries today, thanks in large part to the witness of faith given by these young men and boys. Romans 8:28 says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. "In the case of the Ugandan Martyrs, their deaths worked for the good. Their burning flesh became a sweet odor that covered that pagan nation, drawing many to faith in Christ.

As we honor these heroic young martyrs, call to mind the truth that God can use every evil and suffering you endure for good when you unite them to the sufferings of Christ. Allow these martyrs, and the aftermath of their deaths, to inspire you and to convince you that all things do work for the good when we love God and embrace His holy will.

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, the flame of faith burned in your hearts, while the flames of your executioners consumed your earthly bodies. The witness you gave through your martyrdoms became the spark that ignited faith in Christ in all of Uganda and across Africa. Please pray for me, that I will have the faith that you had so that God can take each suffering and cross I endure and transform it into good.

Source: mycatholic.life



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<u>Mass Schedule</u> Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. First Saturdays 9:30 a.m. Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. <u>Confessions</u> Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. First Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. First Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

> <u>Religious Education</u> K5 – Confirmation Sunday 9:45 a.m.

<u>Church Hours</u> Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

<u>Office Hours</u> 1303 McLees Rd. Anderson Monday 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday 9:30 a.m. - Noon

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY June 4, 2023

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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MISSION

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We the people of God at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, acknowledge the mission of Holy Mother Church as seeking the salvation of souls by making disciples of all nations – teaching them all that Jesus Christ has commanded. (Mt. 28:19-20)

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Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Scott Alan Belanger, Former Parishioner Patricia Hackett Lemon, Parishioner May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AmenMay the faithful departed be aided by our prayers. Frank Lavoy, Debbie Lollis, Mary Beth McCarty, John M & Family, Suellen Pometto, Chris Roll, Denise Wa Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich.		

WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SAT	JUN 03	 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Confirmation Mass, 9:00 AM Private Event, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Hall Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	JUN 04	 Mass, 8:30 AM Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Hall Mass, 11:00 AM First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00-3:00 PM, Church Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church
MON	JUN 05	Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall
TUE	JUN 06	 Mary's Prayer Cenacle Rosary, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Church Hilltoppers, 11:30-1:00 PM, Hall VBS Planning Meeting, 1:00-2:00 PM, Office Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:00-7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 PM, Hall
WED	JUN 07	 Mass, 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Church Choir, 7:00 PM, Church
THU	JUN 08	 Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:00-7:00 PM
FRI	JUN 09	 Mass, 5:30 PM Bible Study, 10:30 AM, Office
SAT	JUN 10	 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Lay Carmelites, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Hall Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	JUN 11	 Mass, 8:30 AM Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Hall Mass, 11:00 AM Corpus Christi Simple Procession and Adoration, following Mass, Church Divise Chevels (Device tid Devices 2:00 DM, Chevels)

• Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church

See our Calendar at <u>www.sjccs.net</u> for a full schedule of weekly and monthly events.

Pray the Rosary Everyday! ~ *Fr. Gillespie*

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PASTOR'S CORNER



ORIGEN AD 185-254

On Purgatory

"If a man departs this life with lighter faults, he is condemned to fire which burns away the lighter materials, and prepares the soul for the kingdom of God, where nothing defiled may enter. For if on the foundation of Christ you have built not only gold and silver and precious stones but also wood and hay and stubble, what do you expect when the soul shall be separated from the body? Would you enter into heaven with your wood and hay

and stubble and thus defile the kingdom of God; or on account of these hindrances would you remain without and receive no reward for your gold and silver and precious stones? Neither is this just. It remains then that you be committed to the fire which will burn the light materials; for our God to those who can comprehend heavenly things is called a cleansing fire. But this fire consumes not the creature, but what the creature has himself built, wood, and hay and stubble. It is manifest that the fire destroys the wood of our transgressions and then returns to us the reward of our great works. (*Patres Groeci.* XIII, col. 445, 448 [A.D. 185-232]).

On baptizing infants

"For this reason, moreover, the Church received from the apostles the tradition of baptizing infants too." Homily on Romans, V:9

Intercession of saints:

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"But not the high priest [Christ] alone prays for those who pray sincerely, but also the angels... as also the souls of the saints who have already fallen asleep (*On Prayer II*)

GREECE

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For more information, contact Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, at 803-929-0858 or bcerkez@familyhonor.org Or go to : https://www.catholicheritagetours.com/fhbcgr2023

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HILLTOPPERS 50+

You are cordially invited to attend the Hilltoppers next meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 11:30 AM in the Hall. The main course will be hot chicken salad. Side dishes, salads, and desserts are welcomed. (but not required)

If you don't wish to come alone, bring a friend (non-parishioners and non-Catholics are most welcome). You will meet interesting people and hopefully form new friendships within our community.

Our guest speaker is Valarie Baronkin, Executive Director of St. Clare's Home for crisis pregnancies.

Please join us for the fun!

Save the date! Diocese of Charleston EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

April 6, 2024

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Columbia South Carolina

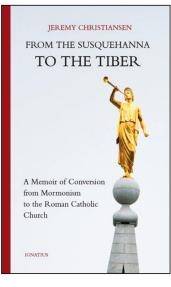


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6 de abril de 2024

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Columbia, Carolina del Sur

Catholic Book Discussion Group—<u>Come join us</u>!



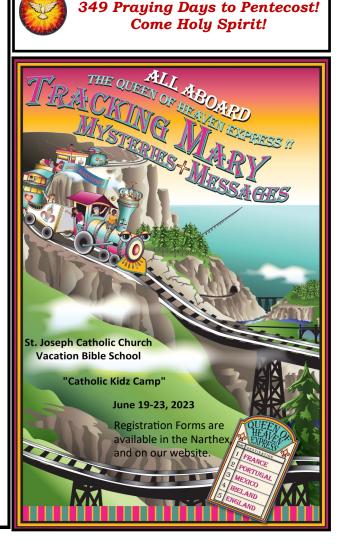
Our July 6th selection

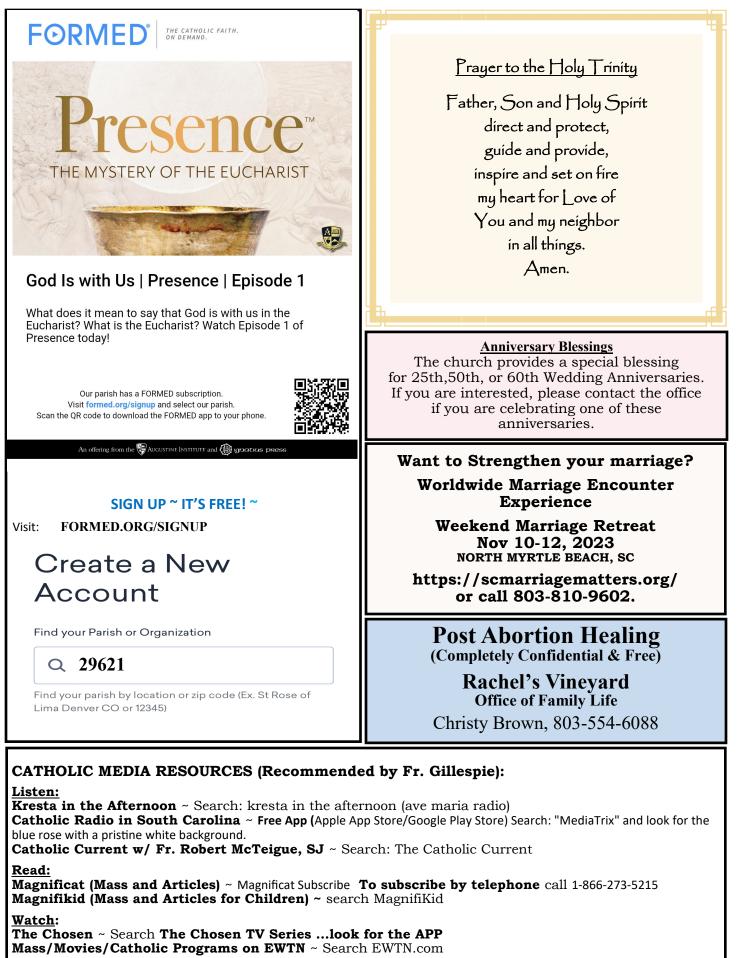
Come to either group: Thursday, July 6 3:00 pm Thursday, July 6 6:30 pm

Where: Shook Center (office) conference room

Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information. *All are welcome to join in our book discussion whenever you are interested.*

Jeremy Christiansen offers an intimate account of life as a faithful sometimes stumbling—member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Growing up in a small Mormon town, he served as a Mormon missionary for two years in Argentina, raised a young family in the Mormon Church, and served in Mormon leadership positions. But as he grew older, he became unsettled about the principles of his faith, setting him on a long search for God and for truth that would ultimately lead to the Roman Catholic Church









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maintenance. Any donations

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<u>Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston.</u> Please contact the parish office or school for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse go to http://www.sccatholic.org and click on "Child and Youth Protection" at the bottom left of the homepage.

<u>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator</u>: Denise Thompson, (864) 225-5341 or dthompson@charlestondiocese.org <u>School Safe Environment Coordinator:</u> Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestondiocese.org <u>Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:</u> (843) 853-2130x 209; <u>Diocesan Victim Assistance:</u> (800) 921-8122.



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