

*Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord.  
For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7*

**32ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
SATURDAY  
5:00PM

SUNDAY  
7:30AM, 9:30\*, 11:30 & 5:00PM

\*ASL Interpreted & Livestream

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
7:00AM & NOON\*

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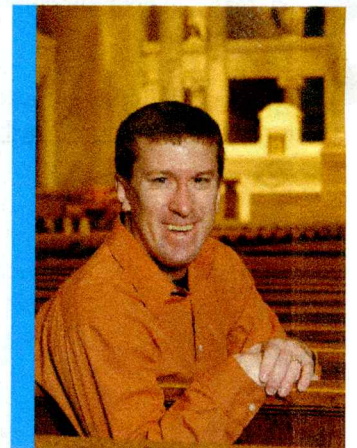


## REALITIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN IDEAS

"Realities are more important than ideas." I have been confronted with this line from Pope Francis a few times lately. The first time I encountered it was several years ago when I read the Pope's letter *The Joy of the Gospel* with the parish staff I was with at the time. I recall that many of us struggled initially with exactly what Pope Francis was talking about.

More recently, it popped up in one of the writings our Basilica small faith community is using on Tuesday evenings, Fr. Daniel mentioned it in a staff meeting, and I mentioned it again at The Basilica Young Adult fall retreat a few weeks ago. Most recently, I had just finished a wedding rehearsal and was starting to prepare for another one when a gentleman came in and started looking around. Eventually, he came to me and started asking questions about our beautiful Basilica. His first question was about our Baptism font, and early in our conversation he mentioned he had no faith background at all but was drawn by the beauty of the space, as many are. We ended up walking around for a while and I tried to point out some of the many highlights around the church, trying to explain who Jesus was, who Mary was, why Jesus died on a cross, who the apostles are around our sanctuary, etc. It's never easy trying to crystalize the great Mysteries of our faith in just a few sentences!

Eventually, he had to go check out another local landmark, the Mall of America. I invited him to join us for Mass that weekend before he had to travel back home to California, but he would not be able to come back. In reflecting on this time spent with him, I realized a few things. First, my admiration for our staff and volunteer docents who know so much about our lovely space was reaffirmed; I know just enough to usually refer people to our wonderful self-guided tour booklets. Second was a growth in my understanding about what Pope Francis meant in saying that realities are more important than ideas. I was able to point out some facts to him about our Basilica and the many ways it teaches us our Catholic faith, and for where he is at in his spiritual



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## STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is committed to the future growth of our parish. The *Our Parish Our Future* plan outlines the three strategic areas of focus for the next five years. This plan builds upon the parish's strong vision, mission, and values.

### The Arts

Move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

### Inclusivity

Build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

### Homelessness

Respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants.

The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at [mary.org/ourfuture](http://mary.org/ourfuture).

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journey, it may have been helpful. However, if those *ideas* never become *realities* for him, if he only knows *about* Jesus Christ but never recognizes the experience of having an encounter with Jesus, he will always at best be stuck with an idea. Now, it's a pretty great idea, but it's nothing like the *reality of knowing Jesus Christ*.

This encounter led me to have a powerful examination of my own conscience. How much do I really seek the kind of experiential encounter that Pope Francis is referencing? Am I more comfortable with the idea of God, rather than seeking an actual encounter with God through prayer, participation in our sacraments, and/or encounters of service that lead me to those who are on the margins of our society? The Saints we honor in our icons throughout our sanctuary this month lived out the truth that realities are more important than ideas; perhaps we can all learn from them and follow their example.



## FAITH, JUSTICE AND HEALING SERIES

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Join us for this fall series. Registrations at [mary.org](http://mary.org).

## MINISTERING ON THE MARGINS: A CONVERSATION WITH MONSIGNOR CHAD GION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 11:00AM

Monsignor Gion serves as the pastor of the Catholic Indian Mission in Sioux County, North Dakota. Monsignor Gion organized a contingent of boarding school survivors from North Dakota to attend the Papal visit in Canada during his visit July 2022.

## A PLACE AT THE TABLE: AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD FILM SCREENING WITH MESSAGE FROM FILMMAKER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1:00PM

Come together to learn the important contributions our African-American brothers and sisters have contributed to our faith.

## HERE I AM, LORD: JOURNEYING TOWARDS HEALING THROUGH LISTENING AND TRUTH-TELLING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:00AM

Join together as a parish community, rooted in respect and love, to learn, reflect, and begin healing from the racial injustice in our midst.

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