

Dear Fathers & Mothers, and all prospective parents, be attentive to this sermon, which is of great importance to your salvation and that of your children. Learn your duty to educate your children; and know, too, if you do not fulfil it, you shall damn yourselves and them. I speak on the importance to raise children in habits of virtue; and the care to raise children well.

The importance to raise children in habits of virtue

1. A father has two obligations to his children; he is bound to provide for their corporal wants, and to educate them in habits of virtue. Education is the subject of my discourse.
2. It is certain that a child's future good or ill conduct depends on his being raised well or ill. Nature itself teaches every parent to attend to the education of his offspring. He who has given them being ought to endeavor to make life useful to them. God gives children to parents, not that they may assist the family, but that they may be brought up in the fear of God and be directed in the way of eternal salvation: "We have," says St. Chrysostom, "a great deposit in children; let us attend to them with great care." Children have not been given to parents as a present, which they may dispose of as they please, but as a trust, for which, if lost through their negligence, they must render an account to God.

The care to raise children well

5. St. Paul teaches succinctly in what the proper education of children consists: "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and correction of the Lord." (Eph 6:4) Discipline, or the religious regulation of the morals of children, implies an obligation of educating them in habits of virtue by word and example. First, by words: a good father should often assemble his children and instill into them the holy fear of God. It was in this manner that Tobias brought up his little son. The father taught him from his childhood to fear the Lord and to fly from sin: "From his infancy he taught him to fear God and to abstain from sin." (Tob 1:10) A parent ought to instruct his children in the truths of faith, especially the four principal mysteries: 1) that there is but one God, the Creator, and Lord of all things; 2) that this God, in the next life, shall reward the good with the eternal glory of Paradise, and shall punish the wicked with the everlasting torments of hell; 3) the mystery of the holy Trinity that is, that in God there are Three Persons, who are only one God, because they have but one essence; 4) the mystery of the incarnation of the Divine Word, the Son of God, and true God, who became man in the womb of Mary, and suffered and died for our salvation.
6. Religious parents must also teach them the acts to be made every morning after rising: firstly, to thank God for having preserved their life during the night; secondly, to offer to God all the good actions which they will perform, and all the pains which they shall suffer during the day; thirdly, to implore of Jesus Christ and holy Mary to preserve them from all sin during the day. They should teach them to make every evening an exam of conscience and say an act of contrition. They should also teach them to make every day the acts of Faith, Hope, & Charity, to recite the Rosary, and to visit the Blessed Sacrament. Some good fathers of families are careful to get a book of meditations to read, and to have mental prayer in common for half an hour every day. So the Holy Ghost exhorts parents to practice: "Have you children? Instruct them and bow down their neck from their childhood." (Eccl 7:25) Endeavour to train them from their infancy to these religious habits, and when they grow up they will persevere in them. Accustom them also to go to confession and communion every week. Be careful to make them go to confession when they arrive at the age of seven, and to communion at the age of ten.
7. It is also very useful to infuse good maxims into the infant minds of children. Oh! what ruin is brought upon his children by the father who teaches them worldly maxims! "You must," some people say to their children, "seek the esteem and applause of the world. God is merciful; he takes compassion on certain sins." Miserable the young man who sins in obedience to such maxims. Good parents teach very different maxims to their children. Queen Blanche, the mother of St. Louis, King of France, used to say to him: "My son, I would rather see you dead in my arms than in the state of sin." (ref. "On the Education of Children", 1of 2; St Alphonsus)



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7th Sunday after Pentecost

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Baptism: Contact the parish at least three months before birth.
Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding.
Inquiring about the Catholic Faith? Call the office.

Daily Mass Times
Mon.-Thurs.: 6:30 am & 8 am.
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Exposition & Benediction).
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.
Sunday Mass Times
8:00 am low; 10:30 am sung & 1:00 pm Low Masses.
Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours
Mon.-Thurs.: 5:30 am -7 pm
Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm
Sat.: 6:30 am-7 pm
Sun.: 7 am -7 pm
Office Hours
Mon.: - Fri.: 8 am -4 pm.
Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 07-27	7th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 07-28	Ss Nazarius & Celsus <i>Martyrs et al</i>	3/R	St Felix, Simplicius, Faustinus & Beatrice
Tues 07-29	St Martha, <i>Virgin</i>	3/W	
Wed 07-30	Ss Abdon & Sennen, <i>Martyrs</i>	4/R	Holy Machabees
Thu 07-31	St Ignatius Loyola, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	Ss Alphonsus Liguori & Stephen I
Fri 08-01	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	
Sat 08-02	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W	
Sun 08-03	8th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 07-27	(8 am) Fr Austin's intention (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (1 pm) Cathy Frazier	rb C Wallace
Mon 07-28	(6:30 am) Alyssa Fender (8 am) Andrea & Carlos Flores	rb L Hagerty rb G Manglitz
Tues 07-29	(6:30 am) Dennis Glowacki+ (8 am) Cathy Frazier	rb M Glowacki rb C Wallace
Wed 07-30	(6:30 am) Lawrence Corbon (8 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory	rb C Corban rb M Glowacki
Thu 07-31	(6:30 am) Michael Tario family (8 am) Alyssa Fender	rb M Tario rb E Tate
Fri 08-01	(6:30 am) Timothy Manglitz (7 pm) Alyssa Fender	rb G Manglitz rb K Fender
Sat 08-02	(7 am) Fr Robert Dow (9 am) Alexander Drop	rb S J Davila rb I Lavelle
Sun 08-03	(8 am) Fr Austin's intention (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (1 pm) <i>nada</i>	

Today, after the 10:30 am Mass, St Francis de Sales formally welcomes her new pastor, Fr Hathaway, at a potluck in the social hall. All are welcome!

Today, after the Creed at the 10:30 am Mass, St Stephen's Guild will have its traditional investiture ceremony.

Last week's collection: cash \$4,743.00; online \$5,043; total: \$9,786.00
Attendance: 8 am- 235 souls; 10:30 am-271 souls; 1 pm-185 souls; total 691 souls.

Fr Favole is looking for a desk. Please let the office know if you have a desk wanting to go to a good home.

FYI. Beginning in August, St Francis de Sales parish will move the Mass time from 8 am to 9 am on Mondays &, Wednesdays and from 8 am to 12 noon on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Take an August calendar from the vestibule to help you remember.

This week, Tuesday, staff meeting (10 am); Thursday, Adoration (5:30 pm - 8 pm), Confessions (6:30-7:30 pm); First Friday, 6:30 am Mass & devotions, 7 pm Mass, devotions with Holy Hour; First Saturday, 7 am Mass & devotions, 8:30 Blessing of Sacramentals, 9 am Mass & devotions.

SFds is tightening its security. Please know the door from the church to the office spaces will be locked at all times. During Mass, if you need to use a bathroom, use the one in the vestibule or the one near the social hall. Thank you for your patience and cooperation

Marriage Banns announcement- Anna M. Teresa Summer (past member of SFds) plans to marry Brennan J Clanton at St Thomas More Church in Sanford, FL, on August 23, 2025, **and** William "Max" Caylor plans to marry Sophia Merka at SFds on August 8, 2025. If you know of an impediment to either of these two unions, please let the office know.

St Francis de Sales Parish is looking for a choir director familiar with Gregorian chant. If interested, call the office to arrange an appointment with one of the priests.

SFds parish is making improvements in its security measures. The rectory is currently undergoing an analysis of its water issues in the basement. Also, as you are likely aware, **the parking lot** needs some attention. This is also being investigated. We will keep you posted.

Please pray for: Firoz Hirji, Michael Kinsella, Claire & Paul Ciarciello, Alyssa Fender (7/27); & Sonja A. (7/20).

The office is running short of Mass intentions! Now is your opportunity!

On the back of this bulletin is the first of a two-part *adaptation of St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost; "On the Education of Children."*

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Keep yourself faithfully in the presence of God; avoid hurry and anxiety, for there is no greater obstacle to our progress in perfection.