

Pastoral Message for Sunday, August 27, 2017
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,

Please enroll your children ages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in **FAITH FORMATION** following all Masses this weekend. All parochial and non-parochial school students who will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation during this coming academic year need to enroll in our Sacrament Preparation program. Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. beginning September 13. Please also plan to attend a very important PARENT MEETING this Sunday, August 27, either at 1:30 p.m. or at 4:30 p.m. for our Spanish-speaking parents in our Center.

Are you thinking of
becoming Catholic?



Prayerfully and gently encourage your non-Catholic relatives, friends, neighbors, and work colleagues to begin learning more about our Catholic faith by inviting them to attend our Information Meeting this Tuesday, August 29, in our Cathedral Basilica Center at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners who are interested in becoming a sponsor to journey with our candidates and catechumens enrolled in our Rite of Christian Initiation program are urged to contact Kay Arrington at 409-553-2924.

I encourage you to enhance your faith by attending our upcoming Catholicism study entitled “Pivotal Players” with Bishop Robert Barron. You may sign up after Mass or on our parish website for our Tuesday morning sessions that begin on September 5 at 10:30 a.m. or for our Thursday evening sessions that begin on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in our Center. Optional study guides will cost \$20 each.

All those who will be celebrating their 25th, 50th, and over 50th sacramental marriage anniversaries this year are asked to contact our parish secretary at 409-833-6433 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to be included in our special diocesan wedding celebration on Sunday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. in our Cathedral Basilica with Bishop Guillory. A special anniversary certificate will be prepared for each anniversary couple. The deadline to register is September 18.

Love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry