

# Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.



Pope Benedict XVI

## Today's Scripture Themes Explained In the words of: The Catechism of the Catholic Church

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### MAN IN PARADISE

374 The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ.

375 The Church, interpreting the symbolism of biblical language in an authentic way, in the light of the New Testament and Tradition, teaches that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were constituted in an original "state of holiness and justice". This grace of original holiness was "to share in . . .divine life".

376 By the radiance of this grace all dimensions of man's life were confirmed. As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die. The inner harmony of the human person, the harmony between man and woman, and finally the harmony between the first couple and all creation, comprised the state called "original justice".

377 The "mastery" over the world that God offered man from the beginning was realized above all within man himself: mastery of self. The first man was unimpaired and ordered in his whole being because he was free from the triple concupiscence that subjugates him to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason.

378 The sign of man's familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden. There he lives "to till it and keep it". Work is not yet a burden, but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation.

379 This entire harmony of original justice, foreseen for man in God's plan, will be lost by the sin of our first parents.

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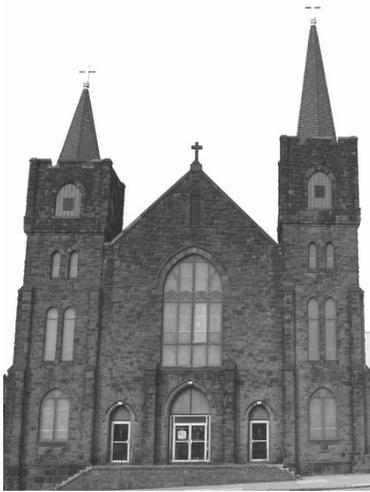
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- Eliminating drug dealing and use.
- Prevent substance abuse among youth

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## **4 Steps to Making Missionary Parishes**

### **Vatican Aide: Evangelization Not a Choice, But a Mandate**

By Gisèle Plantec

ROME, JAN. 30, 2008 (Zenit.org).- If a parish does not evangelize, it is nothing more than a building, said a Vatican official, who offered four practical steps for transforming a parish into a missionary center. Archbishop Malcolm Ranjith, secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, affirmed this today at a conference under way in Rome on "The Parish and the New Evangelization." "Why should a parish be missionary," Archbishop

He explained that God's call of love mandates a missionary character for Christians: "Jesus loved his brothers and sisters to the extent that he was dedicated totally to their salvation -- this is the basis of evangelization."

The archbishop, who led the Diocese of Ratnapura, Sri Lanka, before being named to the Roman Curia, called evangelization a "sign of the maturity of our faith."

"The Church exists only if it evangelizes, and the same is true for the parish. If a parish does not evangelize, it is only a building," he said. "Evangelization is not a matter of free choice. It is an obligation of our faith, the perfect expression of our charity."

Eucharist-centered

Archbishop Ranjith highlighted the importance of the Eucharist for a parish focused on the mission.

He offered the example of an Irish parish that organized "Eucharistic adoration in all the parishes. As a result, there are more vocations now. The Eucharist attracts -- the Lord attracts people."

"The Eucharist is at the center of evangelization," the archbishop affirmed. "The Eucharist must generate faith. In some parishes it is celebrated in such a manner that it does not generate faith." Archbishop Ranjith also contended that parishes should not focus on their community alone, but "make a determined effort to reach the lost ones."

Hints Some "practical steps" for giving parishes a missionary character.

"The parish community must move away from a maintenance model to a missionary model -- if the only thing we do is repair the buildings, this will kill us spiritually," the archbishop said.

Secondly, he continued, parishes need "to move away from a spirit of pessimism to a spirit of optimism." And he noted the danger of becoming the Gospel's example of a "lazy servant."

The third practical step dealt with the role of laypeople. Archbishop Ranjith encouraged priests who still think the "mission is the sole responsibility of clerics," and that "priests

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should decide everything by themselves" to "share with the laity." "Each layperson is a potential missionary," he affirmed.

The fourth step was related to the third. The archbishop encouraged involving as many people as possible: "associations, groups, men, women, youth and even children -- and be courageous to go into uncharted areas, look for new methods and means."

Why not me?

Archbishop Ranjith answered, "It is good to use all the means available and to think that sometimes 'dreams can become reality'" but "the most important thing is to feel strong and trust in God and to pray."

He gave the example of his diocese in Sri Lanka, which has a large non-Christian population. Catholic laypeople go and visit the Muslim or Hindu families, he explained, and "they have tea together and discuss about religion."

He also suggested Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francisco Xavier as models. If St. Francis could go to the other side of the world and proclaim Christ without even knowing the language, "if it was possible for him," he said, "why can't it be possible for me?"

## **STEWARDSHIP PAGE**

### **Time, Talent, and TREASURE**

#### **MONEY MATTERS**

#### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 3)**

252 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F.

Contributing \$3,428.50 of which

\$ 242.00 accounted for "loose" cash \ checks (no envelope)

<b>Envelopes in Circulation</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes used</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Envelopes unused</b>	<b>115</b>

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 11 - 17, 2008**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Ruperta (Braun) Wooden, B. Weakland</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Nathan Stehle &amp; Sheila Buterbaugh, Family</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Steve Risley, Shannon Jones</b>	<i>Cyril, monk &amp; Methodius, bp</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Sally Colledge, Theresa Bernard</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Timothy O'Leary, Elizabeth Shea</b>	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Richard Byrne, Jean Hagan</b>	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>F. Joseph Boslet, Family</b>	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>