

PRAYER FOR HEALING

First Saturday of the Month

9 AM

St. John the Baptist Church

Have you recently been diagnosed with a psychological or physical condition that will require medical care?

Are you struggling with acceptance of some limitation of your life due to illness or age?

Do you wonder where God is in the midst of your suffering?

Are you feeling worn down spiritually because of the demands of medication or ongoing therapy?

Are you angry with God because of your present condition?

Are you facing a decision about your own care or the care of someone you love that confuses and frightens you?

Does some particular hurt or pain from the past continue to burden you?

Is there some failure in your life that you are unable to forgive yourself or someone else?

Do you find yourself in some form of loss of hope or despair about your life or future?

Are you in the midst of a rough patch in life or a moodiness that doesn't seem to dissipate?

Have you stopped praying or coming to Church because you are not sure it is

worth it or makes a difference?

If any of these questions or similar ones find a resonance in your mind and heart, then perhaps you could benefit from participating in a time of prayer for healing. We know that being sick means to suffer bodily pain and psychological depression. It means to be cut off from participating fully in the life of our family, profession and community. We become preoccupied with ourselves and are tempted to discouragement and despair. We find it difficult to pray and to say yes to the call of God in our life and sickness.

As a community that follows Jesus in the struggle with sickness and the mystery of his life, death and resurrection, we would like to offer you a sign of God's care and our accompaniment during this time in your life. It does not matter how we describe this struggle: temporary or ongoing; major or minor. Every time we face the struggles of body, mind and spirit, we are in need of God's grace.

Each month on the first Saturday at 9:00 A.M. in the Church we will join with others to pray for healing and our acceptance of God's call in our lives. We will do what Jesus told us to do in face of the mysteries of life. We will gather together to tell his story of his Life, Death and Resurrection, to calm our fears and anxieties and to hold our hope on high.

We conceive of these gatherings both as a beginning and a continuing prayer. As you know we celebrate Jesus' gift of healing at the Sunday Eucharist, the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Penance. For those entering into a prayer for healing, we recommend the ongoing celebration of these Sacraments. For those who are celebrating these Sacraments, we recommend continuing this particular prayer as needed. Either way, a member of the Parish Staff would be happy to speak with you individually to assist in discerning God's call in your life and preparing for these Sacraments.

There is no need to call ahead and you are welcome to come as often as you find this prayer helpful. Please communicate this invitation to your family, friends, neighbors and anyone anywhere who might find this gathering to be of assistance. In addition, we would be most welcoming to our fellow Christians from other Churches.

After each of our gatherings we will have some aids for your continuing reflection and prayer available as well as a listing of opportunities in our area for other avenues of seeking healing such as individual counseling and support groups.

The dates for these celebrations are as follows:

October 1
November 5
December 3
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

Interested?

We will advertise in the Sunday Parish Bulletin

Want to be individually contacted?

Sign-up on the St. John the Baptist Parish E-mail Address Book for announcements of upcoming dates.

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