

# REJOICE *and be glad*

FOR YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:12



JANUARY 29, 2023  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT

**ST. JOHN THE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

As **Peter Kreeft** said in his commentary on today's **Gospel**: "**Jesus** is not nice. **Jesus** is not comfortable. **Jesus** is not safe. **Jesus** is not boring. **Jesus** turns our world upside down. This is shown most radically in today's **Gospel**, which is the famous "**Beatitudes**," the **eight** blessings, or graces, or gifts, which don't look like blessings at all."

In the **Beatitudes**, we see the values a **Christian** should live by. While they present a great challenge, they also offer great rewards both here and hereafter.

"...The **Beatitudes** are the badges of a true disciple of **Christ**.

They are the marks of a child of **God**.

They make us rich in the sight of **God**.

They open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging.

They give us a whole new set of bearings.

The things the **Beatitudes** stand for are exceptionally beautiful and very precious – things such as **peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity ...**

A person who lives according to the **Beatitudes** is already living in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life."

**Fr. Flor McCarthy**

**Keep smiling, be positive, God loves us!**

**Fr. Andrew**

The **Mass** is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our website: [www.sjitaliana.com](http://www.sjitaliana.com) under **Livestream Mass**.

**Confessions Heard before Mass**  
**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Nick Sciarretti, Valerie Milano
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Andrea Myers, Al Iosue
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 5, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Krissy Ciacchi, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Antonio D'Alberto

## MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

<b>Sunday</b> 1/29	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Leo Santilli</b> by Dr. Linda Records
<b>Monday</b> 1/30	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Danny LaPenna</b> by Linda McCreary & Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/31	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Joe Pishitelli</b> by Patty Weimer
<b>Sunday</b> 2/5	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Rina Tiberi</b> by Leo Silvestri & Family
<b>Monday</b> 2/6	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lucian Susi</b> by Diana DeSantis
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/7	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Phyllis N. Militello</b> by Patricia Weimer

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Father Andrew Kozminski, SAC** – Administrator/Rector

**Father Antonio Kim** – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community

**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant

**Ms. Victoria Scruggs** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor

**Ms. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy

**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

**Sacrament of Penance** - 9:00 a.m.

(before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation**

(by appointment)

**Sacrament of Matrimony** (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by **Deacon or Priest**)

**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian**

**Initiation for Adults** (please make an appointment with **Parish Administrator**)

**Saint John Italian Festival** (please visit our website for more information)

**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall** (scheduled with approval of **Parish Administrator**)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** **Joyce Tisone**

by Carl Tisone

**Blessed Sacrament:** **Robert W. Contino, Jr.**

by Marge Contino

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL  
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

**\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Tony Caradonna.**

**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild Super Bowl pool is sold out. Numbers for all the squares will be drawn after Mass in Sala Hall on Sunday, January 29. Copies of everyone's entry will be available for distribution after Mass each Sunday thereafter until the game is played the evening of Sunday, February 12. Good Luck and thanks to all who entered.

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact **Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com.** Leaders for **January and February** are:

**January 29** Gary Bosco  
**February 5** Albert Iosue  
**February 12** Gary Bosco

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

1/29 Sunday	<b>SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church</b> 12:00 Noon-2:30 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall <b>Le Donne Group Meeting – Marrapese Hall</b> 10:30 a.m. after Mass
1/30 Monday	<b>SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</b> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
1/31 Tuesday	<b>SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:00 a.m. – SJB Church
2/2 Thursday	<b>SH Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski</b> <b>– Italian Cultural Room</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m.
2/3 Friday	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 6:00 p.m. – SJB Church
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall</b>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**  
 January 22, 2023  
 Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 26

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,380.00
Loose:	\$ 317.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,697.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (101.82)
	\$ 1,595.18
Votives	\$ 44.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 544.00</b>

**???? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ?**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/22-6/30/23)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$1,697.00	-\$1,188.00	-41%
FYTD:	\$86,550.00	\$80,783.94	-\$5,766.06	-7%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 30, 2023**  
 Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 6, 2023**  
 Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**Abruzzi Club Carnevale:** Dinner Dance, Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Villa Milano. Entertainment: Ray Massa and the EuroRhythms. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Table of eight may be reserved. For tickets, please contact **Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.** Thank you!

**Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company:** Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple of months. Supply chain issues and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slowdown on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However, the “catchup” would jeopardize long-term delivery. To get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your **February** envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first **Sunday** in **March**. Quarterly supply will restart in **April**. Never in our company’s history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family. **In the meantime, please put your envelope number on a regular envelope and put in the collection. If you don’t know your envelope number, contact the parish office at 614-294-5319. We appreciate your understanding.**  
 The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Management Team

😊 Smile Break 😊

**Q:** If he doesn’t appreciate your fruit jokes.....  
**A:** You need to let that mango.  
*Proverbs 15:15: “For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.”*

**AROUND US**

**The Holy Father’s Intention for the Month of February 2023:** For Parishes: *We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. The special devotion which proposes the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** as the model of virtue of all **Christian households** began in the **17th century**. The **first three and a half weeks of February** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. The remaining days of **February** are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to violet or purple.

*“May the Holy Spirit lead us to welcome the Sacred Scriptures more and more like a lamp that sheds light on the steps of our daily lives.”*  
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**February 2, 2023:** Today, the **Church** celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of **Jesus** and is also known as **Candlemas Day**, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today’s liturgy.

*Light Shines in the Darkness*

JOHN 15



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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**Columbus Catholic Women's Conference**

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 Cost: \$45.00



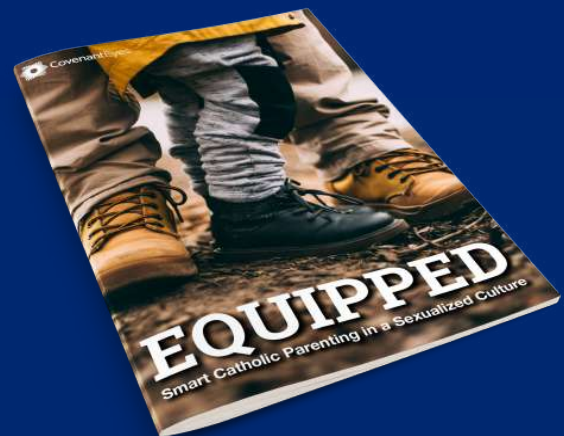
# Make Your Home a Safe Haven

## Celebrate **Safe Haven Sunday**

Join parishes across the diocese in equipping families to live porn-free.

In a constantly-connected digital world, Safe Haven Sunday helps you start the conversation of online purity or continue it.

Most teens and young adults believe that not recycling is more immoral than viewing pornography. **Fight back against today's culture that normalizes inappropriate images with the free ebook *Equipped*.** This resource will show you the four walls of protection and how to implement them in your home today!



**Safe Haven Sunday** is an annual initiative sponsored by Covenant Eyes that gives parents guidance on raising and protecting their children. Scan the code to get your copy of **Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture:**





# Get Equipped!

## Find Out How to Protect Your Home From the **Digital Onslaught**

Statistics show 22% of young people ages 18-24 consider porn to be good for society, and 8% believe it's "very good for society."

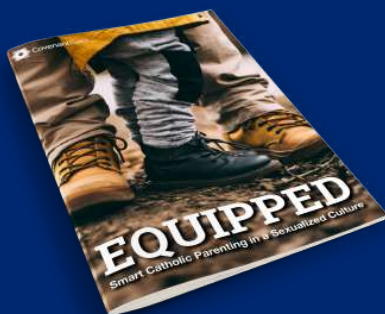
### How did we get here?

Unequipped parents produce unequipped kids.

### You'll learn:

- The State of Today's Pornified Culture
- The Four Walls of Protection
- Building a Solid Foundation
- Many More Resources

Secure your copy of **Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture** today!



**Catholic Men's Luncheon Honoring 2023 Catholic Man of the Year, Dr. Eric Yang – Friday, February 3, 2023.** Please join us **Friday, February 3** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon with **Bishop Fernandes** to award and honor the **2023 Catholic Man of the Year, Dr. Eric Yang of St. Peter Parish – Columbus.** The **Catholic Man of the Year** luncheon is sponsored by **AM 820 St. Gabriel Radio** (<https://stgabrielradio.com/>). **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Bishop Fernandes'** presentation of **Dr. Yang as the 2023 Catholic Man of the Year.** No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is March 3, 2023, and will feature a talk by Douglas H. Stein, Vice President for Advancement from the Pontifical College Josephinum.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE SAINTS:** The 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on February 25, 2023.

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** is this year's complementary theme, as we dedicate this Conference to the **Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Holy Family.** Through their intercession – and our consecration to them – we can experience a love and strength like no other and walk with confidence on the path to **Sainthood. Blessed Mother, pray for us!**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:** (Schedule will be updated with Speaker times and details and more information as Conference draws nearer.) *All times are tentative and subject to change.*  
**6:00-7:30 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (Mezzanine Chapel)**  
**7:00-8:00 a.m. – Registration**  
**7:00 a.m. – Breakfast Opens**  
**7:30 a.m. – Faith Organization Tables Open**  
**8:00 a.m. – Conference Begins**  
**11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Lunch and Reconciliation**  
**2:00 p.m. – Holy Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes**  
**3:00 p.m. – Conference Ends**

**The Mission of the 72:** There will be a **Hands-On Workshop Friday, February 3, 2023, at 8:15-11:00 a.m. Presented by Deacon Carl Calcara and Disciples of St. John Neumann.** Open to all in the **Diocese of Columbus.**

Can you imagine being in heaven without family and friends? We have a mission to bring them back to **Mass.** This half-day event will provide tools to invite your loved ones and inactive parishioners to return to the church.

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Begins with **Continental Breakfast at 8:15 a.m. St. John Neuman Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury, Ohio.** Visit our website for more and to **RSVP, [Saintjohnsunbury.org](http://Saintjohnsunbury.org).** **Questions? Call 740-965-1358.**

**Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children.** The family home is to be a **Safe Haven.** But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. This weekend, **The Columbus Catholic Diocese** is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating **Safe Haven Sunday.** This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, see flyer in bulletin and use the **QR code.**

**St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner and Catholic Schools Week Activities:** **St. Charles** will host its annual **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 5, from 1:00-6:30 p.m.,** in the school's **Walter Student Commons.** Dinner will be prepared by the **Susi Family** and its staff from **Berwick Manor** and entertainment will be provided by the **SC Concert & Jazz Band,** which will perform at **2:15 and 4:00 p.m.** Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. **\$13.00** for an **Adults; \$10.00** for **Senior Citizens; \$7.00** for **Children 4-12** (3 and under are free). There is also a **\$55.00 Family rate** (dine-in, up to **six** immediate family members). Carryout orders will be available. The dinner will conclude the school's celebration of **Catholic Schools Week 2023.** All are welcome to join us for our daily events which will celebrate our **Students, Nation (Honoring "Those Who Have Served"), Faith, Community ("Breakfast with the Brotherhood"),** and **Faculty/Staff.** If you would like more information on these activities and how you can participate, please visit the **"Week's"** News post at [www.stcharlesprep.org](http://www.stcharlesprep.org).

**Today's Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12:** The **Gospel** for today focuses on how to be happy by living the **Beatitudes.** If one takes apart the word "Beatitudes," one sees the expression "Be-attitudes." In other words, a **Beatitude** is a positive attitude that permeates our whole interior life in such a way that it comes out in our actions by praising and thanking **God.** When we are blessed, we don't have all the material comforts we want but all that we need. In our present condition there is joy and peace. Everything that comes into our life advances our love of life and **God.** The **Beatitudes are God's** plan for us right now. **Beatitude** is a spiritual attitude of recognizing that all that we have is pure gift. **Beatitude** is the attitude of a loving person who relies totally on **God,** not worrying about self-interest. People who possess the gift of **Beatitude** entrust all their interests to **God.** ~ oblates.org

**Why are they called the Beatitudes?** **Beatitude** is defined as a **"condition or statement of blessedness."** **Jesus** used them to describe a **God-given** serenity, completely independent of the circumstances of our lives. **He** wants us to know the true joy that comes from following **Him,** and the security of our salvation that brings us into the **Kingdom of God.**



**Prayer: Grant us, Lord Our God, that we may honor You with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen**

**Sunday, Jan 29, 2023****Blessed are the children—meek and otherwise**

Children come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. They possess abilities, talents, and interests, many of which may lie hidden for years to come. Not all young ones, to be sure, are properly described as meek. But it's certain that, one day, the children will inherit the land. Preparing them for this vital task is the job of every grownup in their lives. This week we celebrate Catholic schools, dedicated to assisting families in the education and formation of their children. Book learning is available at any school. Faith and character aren't always on the curriculum. Support our schools!

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a (70). *"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."*

**Monday, Jan 30, 2023****The only way they'll know you are a Christian**

Mohandas Gandhi, who led India's campaign for independence from British rule and whose birthday is today, once said, "If it weren't for Christians, I'd be a Christian." Followers of all religions, including Gandhi's Hinduism, at times do reprehensible things that run completely counter to what those religions teach. As a member of a colonized people, Gandhi certainly saw the worst of what Christians are capable of. But his statement isn't entirely a rebuke—Christ spoke to his heart. Jesus told us that we will be recognized as his disciples by our love for one another. Ask yourself how well you represent your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."*

**Tuesday, Jan 31, 2023****A love that works**

At the height of the Industrial Revolution, impoverished Italian boys were drawn to the city of Turin in search of factory work. But, for many reasons, they fell on hard times and were often jailed. Saint John Bosco helped them with lodging, education, vocational training, and just plain patience and loving care. He also protected young workers from unscrupulous employers by crafting signed apprenticeship agreements—the first real employment contracts used in Europe. He revolutionized the work of educators, too, writing: "Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved . . . you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER  
TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."*

**Wednesday, Feb 01, 2023****May the force be with you**

Faith gives us strength. It allows us to perform mighty deeds. But to be clear, as Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho explains, "Faith is not desire. Faith is will. Desires are things that need to be satisfied. Will is a force that changes everything around us." In God's realm,

where our faith resides, we are each whole and complete and nothing is impossible. Address today's challenges through the lens of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *"He was not able to perform any mighty deed there . . . He was amazed at their lack of faith."*

**Thursday, Feb 02, 2023****Make a perfect offering of your life**

Today's feast marks an ancient Jewish tradition in which the firstborn child was "consecrated to the Lord" by way of two sacrificial turtledoves or young pigeons offered at the Temple 40 days after birth. The mother, considered ritually unclean after giving birth, was also purified on this same day. But the visit of Mary and Joseph to present the infant Jesus is unique, marked by an outpouring of prophecy. Simon and Anna testify that a light has come into the world and that salvation is at hand. We honor the link to ancient tradition as we celebrate the Presentation today, but we also appreciate how Jesus not only fulfills but surpasses all the traditions of his time and place. Here at last is the perfect offering.

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him."*

**Friday, Feb 03, 2023****Be a healing light**

The historical details of Saint Blaise's fourth-century life in what is now modern-day Turkey are lost in the shroud of the centuries, but the tradition of his healing powers endures. The healing of throat diseases is what is most ascribed to him. When Blaise was imprisoned during a persecution of Christians, he apparently healed a choking boy with the aid of candles that lit his dark cell. On another level, the enduring tradition speaks to the ongoing need for healing that we all share. Whether it be a physical ailment or a wounded soul that needs tending, say a prayer today to Saint Blaise, the keeper of the flame.

## MEMORIAL OF BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"The Lord is my light and my salvation. Your presence, O LORD, I seek."*

**Saturday, Feb 04, 2023****Lift your voice in freedom's song**

Today is the birthday of Rosa Parks, on the fourth day of Black History Month. Parks wrote: "I felt the Lord would give me the strength to endure whatever I had to face." When she refused to surrender her bus seat in 1955, she said her Christian faith told her "it was time for someone to stand up—or, in my case, sit down." Parks grew up in a devout family. Her own sweet dreams of freedom began with her mother singing old African-American spirituals that drew on biblical stories and psalms filled with cries of lament and hope for salvation. Tap into the strength of song as you play your part in the fight for justice. Choose a spiritual to pray with today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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