

# The Vine

November 2018

A Newsletter for St. Bruno's Young Adult Fellowship

## This Month

**Wed. 11/14** – “Jesus’ Second Coming”, reflection on the following Sunday readings.

**Wed. 11/28** – “What Does it Mean to Be A Catholic Today?”, an evening of discussion.



## Next Month

**Wed. 12/12** – “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, talk with Deacon Gabe. What can our Blessed Mother mean to you?

**Sun. 12/16** – Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe @ 12 Noon Mass, refreshments to follow

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## What does it mean to be Catholic? a discussion amongst young adults

November 28, 2018 - The last YAF get together of November was a discussion on the topic “What does it mean to be Catholic today?” The evening opened with a brief review of the changes that the Second Vatican Council brought to the Church in regard to the liturgy, reinstitution of RCIA and the diaconate, lay apostolate and leadership, relations with other churches and other faiths, the renewal of church life and more. Actually, the numbers of things which the Second Vatican Council influenced were too numerous to fully list in the brief review presented; furthermore, the work of implementing the vision of Vatican II has not yet been completed, but continues on.

But with this information as a background, the dozen participants discussed what they experience in daily life as the “best things about being Catholic” and the

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“most challenging things”. Among the best things about being Catholic which some members of the group identified were things like the sense of community, the Celebration of the Mass, the rich history and spiritual legacy of the Church. Conversely, among the challenges which members identified were the criticism of Christianity and Catholicism which we sometimes encounter in the media or society, rejection by some Christians of other churches, the challenge of witnessing to our Faith and the struggle to be knowledgeable about our Faith and Church with its two thousand years of history and its extensive spiritual and theological teachings.

Though it might sound surprising, the discussion was very light-hearted and joyful. Clearly, the YAF members felt that being Catholic and being able to gather together to share their Faith was an occasion of joy, even when discussing challenges to living that Faith. Though YAF is not a course in educating on the Faith, one member stated that he had learned more about the Faith in attending YAF get togethers than he had in some classes he had taken.

The discussion ended with a time of prayer for loved ones, for others known to be struggling with some difficulty in life and for the members of the YAF. The members present then enjoyed some time and refreshments together before heading home. (end)

## Who Dat? Saint(s) of the Month

This month kicks off with the beautiful celebration, and remembrance, of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we are reminded of our brothers and sisters who have attained Heaven by running the good race. We are reminded that, in our faith journeys, we are not alone. How blessed are we to praise the Holy Name of Jesus in communion, forever, with our Saints. May we allow their prayers to guide our own. All saints – those we know by name and those we don't – please pray for us!



*Those who lead the many to justice,  
shall be like the stars forever.*

Daniel 12:3

Help invite Young Adults to [YAF](#) on Christmas Day

Hand out flyers after Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for a few minutes.

If you can help, please call or text the YAF Coordinator, Ed Vidaurri, at 562 – 761 – 3562 by Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Eve (Monday, 24th)	Christmas Day Masses (Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> )
4:00 PM Vigil in Church	8:00 AM
4:00 PM Vigil <u>in Hall</u>	10:00 AM
6:30 PM Vigil in Church	12:00 Noon
12:00 Midnight in Church	