

# ***Blessed Sacrament Parish Weekly Email***

## **May 1, 2026**

The first President I remember is John Kennedy. When he was running for the Presidency, there were many people who voted against him because he was Catholic. They were afraid the Pope would tell the President what to do. How times have changed! Now the President tells Pope Leo XIV his theology is bad and doesn't know how to read the Bible correctly.

This Sunday May 3 between the Masses at about 10:15am Blessed Sacrament will hold a panel discussion *The Pope and the President* in the Worship Space. Panel members include Fr. John Finnell, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Rick Brennan, and Deacon Tony O'Leary. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and make comments.

Fr. Paul

### **POEM**      These Three Remain

These three remain –  
Faith, Hope and Love.

Let s teach our children,  
not of things which they must strive to obtain.  
For one day they might find such things  
to be built on sand.  
To be made of such stuff  
that dissolves in their hands;

when they cling too hard,  
or too firmly depend.

Instead love,  
in truth  
is not even a lesson;  
for us to pass on,  
but a gift already given.  
Unmerited, and without condition,  
it s the foundation of faith.

And faith,  
is the substance of things hoped for,  
and unseen.  
But believed,  
because the love by which we are loved,  
has proven them to be real.

Yes faith,  
is the means by which we  
can know ourselves assured.

And hope,  
is the tenacity  
by which we hold to all that s good.  
And which without  
we would not  
risk, or seek, or trust  
or even love.

Yes these three things,  
we must give our children  
if we give them nothing else.  
And we give them these things,  
by first finding them ourselves.  
— Ana Lisa de Jong

### **WIT, WHIMSY, & WHATEVER**

At a large gathering of people, the Pope leaned towards President Trump and said, "Do you know that with one little wave of my hand I can make every person in this crowd go wild with joy? This joy will not be a momentary display, like that of your followers, but go deep into their hearts and for the rest of their lives whenever they speak of this day, they will rejoice!" President Trump replied, "I seriously doubt that. With one little wave of your hand? Show me!"

So the Pope slapped him

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