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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

As circumstances permit, on Friday afternoons or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT "SOLIDARITY SUNDAY" – April 3, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – April 10, 2022

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FAITH FORMATION:

Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information concerning catechism materials for lessons to take place in the home setting and/or at church as circumstances permit.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact our Pastoral Assistant for further information.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.



Solidarity Sunday *Share Lent* Collection, April 3, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is a special time for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada as parishes across Canada hold a collection in support of our mission of solidarity with people of the Global South. That's why we call this day Solidarity Sunday. By donating to Development and Peace, you are contributing to the work of our partners in the Global South who are pursuing alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures, and supporting women in their search for social and economic justice. **To donate here in the parish, please use the yellow coloured “Share Lent” envelope found in your regular Sunday Offering Envelopes box and make cheques payable to the parish.** Alternatively, you may make a direct donation to Development and Peace online by going to the website devp.org/give. Our generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world! For further information, you may contact Jason Cegayle at 204-231-2848 or email jcegayle@devp.org

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land Good Friday, April 15, 2022



Commissariat of the Holy Land Canada

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus Christ once walked. **To donate here in the parish, please use the yellow coloured “Needs of the Church in the Holy Land” envelope found in your regular Sunday Offering Envelopes box and make cheques payable to the parish.** Alternatively, you may make a direct donation online by going to www.canadahelps.org and searching for “Commissariat of the Holy Land”, or by **Interac e-transfers** to teresainte@bellnet.ca. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, we thank you for your support.

LENT 2022 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE CENTRAL WINNIPEG DEANERY

The schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in neighbouring parishes of the deanery is available on the parish website and on the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website.



2022 SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

HOLY THURSDAY – April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 15

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY – April 16

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17

Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.



As circumstances permit, we plan to Livestream from Saint John XXIII Church the liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. To access livestreaming of liturgies via YouTube and/or an archive of liturgies posted online, go to links found on the home page of our parish website www.johnxxiii.ca



PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

We already have begun our program of proximate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. So long as circumstances permit, we hope that this year's First Communion Celebration will be held before the end June. **If there are any other families with children of eligible age for these sacraments, please contact our pastoral assistant, Sharon Camier, for information and to register.**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE RELIEF EFFORTS FOR UKRAINE

Development and Peace is joining the Caritas Internationalis family, the CIDSE network and organizations like the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in responding to Caritas Ukraine's call. We have made an immediate allocation of \$75,000 to help with the provision of food, shelter, medical care and transport to safe locations. As the conflict goes on, much more funding will be required to meet Ukrainians' needs. Development and Peace therefore calls on Canadians to give generously. **Donations can be made on our website, by calling 1-888-664-3387 or by mailing us a cheque drawn in favour of Development and Peace and marked *Emergency Ukraine*. For further information go to www.devp.org/en/**

HOW CAN I HELP UKRAINE NOW!?

The website of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg has posted a helpful page with suggestions and links encouraging the faithful to **1. PRAY, 2. LEARN & KNOW THE TRUTH, 3. DONATE, and 4. assist REFUGEES** via CNEWA Canada (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). For further details go to [www.archeparchy.ca](http://www.archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1118) or directly to the information page http://archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1118

2022 Wednesday Evening Lenten Retreat

Teacher and Lord: On the Last Supper

in Saint John XXIII Church immediately following 7:00 pm Mass (approx. 7:40 pm)

From the first centuries of Christianity, the forty days of Lent leading up to Holy Week have been a time of special significance. Lent is a name taken from the Old English word meaning "spring." The liturgical season of Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual spring-training, so to speak: six weeks during which we pay particular attention to prayer, penance, and works of mercy in order to prepare for Holy Week. The more deeply we live Lent, the more abundantly we will be able to receive the spiritual renewal that God wants to give us during the holiest days of the liturgical year. This retreat on the Last Supper will help to make that happen. We are holding this retreat in parts over two Wednesday evenings. The first evening of the retreat consisting of the Introduction, First Meditation and Second Meditation was held on March 30th.



The second and concluding evening of the retreat featuring the RETREAT CONFERENCE will be held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022. Videos and printed resources are provided each Wednesday retreat evening to facilitate personal reflection and/or small group discussion. For further information, you may contact Sharon Camier, our parish pastoral assistant.

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

April 3 – 9, 2022

For the Spirit's gifts of healing and consolation, requested by a parishioner

April 10 – April 16, 2022

For peace in Ukraine and the repose of the souls of all those who have died

If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office. Call or email for assistance. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is \$25.00.



Please pray for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:

Darrell Aucoin, Dora Auger, Gladys Barton, Annette and Maynard Bates, Monica Bird, Freda Broughton, Ken Burke, Bill Camier, Harold Cook, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, John and Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Rosario Jequinto, Julius Kapalka, Angela Krassie, Brett Lawrence, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Frances Mijker, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Owen Robertson, Carol Ann Robinson, Jerome Strachan, Nina Turner, Joe and Maria Wallack, and Helen Yankoski.

CHOIR PRACTICE: In preparation for the Sacred Paschal Triduum, a choir practice will be held **Tuesday evening, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for those wishing to assist with the singing to get together and rehearse music that will be used during the Paschal Triduum. **Current singers and anyone else interested in joining us are cordially invited to gather for a time of practice and joyful praise of God!**

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED to assist for the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum April 14 - 17, 2022: Current servers and others willing to serve (both youth and adults) are kindly asked to **notify Sharon Camier** and to make arrangements to participate in the various Altar Server Rehearsals as listed in the parish schedule included in this bulletin (*see page 5*).

KNITTING GROUP: The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m.** downstairs in Room 8. Over the years we have been creating "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Thrive Community Support Circle* and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. **We greatly appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials.** For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 3 – 17, 2022

As circumstances suggest, the schedule published here may be subject to change.

Sunday, April 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – “SOLIDARITY SUNDAY” Share Lent Collection for Development and Peace 4:00 pm Saturday MASS (livestreamed) – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners 9:00 am MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners 11:45 am MASS – Edwin Sique+, requested by Joy Sique
Monday, April 4	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) – <i>Nenette Gatpandan (health), requested by Gatpandan family</i>
Tuesday, April 5	FERIAL 12:00 pm Praying of the “Angelus” 12:10 pm MASS – <i>Carol Ann Robinson (health), requested by Alan and Cathleen Critchley</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance 1:00 pm – 3:45 pm SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – <i>Fr. Robert will be available for confessions on request</i> 1:30 pm Knitting Group Gathering (downstairs in room 8) 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 95 MacDonald Avenue
Wednesday, April 6	FERIAL 6:45 pm OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS 7:00 pm MASS – <i>Andy Pagco+, requested by Amy and Brad</i> 7:40 pm RETREAT EVENING – Father of Mercies: A Lenten Retreat on the Parable of the Prodigal Son – Conference
Thursday, April 7	FERIAL 1:30 pm MASS at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street – <i>Intentions of people affected by war in Ukraine, requested by Tannena Korolyk</i> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Eustache Church, 57 Main Street, St. Eustache 6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Patrick’s Church. 172 Worth Street, Winnipeg
Friday, April 8	FERIAL 12:00 pm Praying of the “Angelus” 12:10 pm MASS – <i>Monica Bird (health), requested by her parents Wally and Janet Williams</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance 1:00 pm – 3:45 pm SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – <i>Fr. Robert will be available for confessions on request</i> 3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 pm WAY OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 9	FERIAL
4:00 pm	MASS (livestreamed) – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Sunday, April 10	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:00 am	MASS – Macario Ocampo+, requested by Grace and John Ocampo
10:15 am	Children’s Way of the Cross (in the main worship space)
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, April 11	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
10:30 am	THE CHRISM MASS at St. Mary’s Cathedral – attendance details forthcoming For livestreaming link go to the Archdiocesan website www.archwinnipeg.ca
Tuesday, April 12	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:00 pm	Praying of the “Angelus”
12:10 pm	MASS – Paula Sibrrian+, requested by her nephew José Barrera
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
7:00 pm	CHOIR PRACTICE in preparation for the Sacred Paschal Triduum
Wednesday, April 13	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – Marcelo and Victorina Alberto+, requested by Vicky and Conrad Tualla
7:30 pm	Altar Server Rehearsal for Holy Thursday Evening Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 14	HOLY THURSDAY
7:30 pm	MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
8:45 pm	Solemn Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament <i>Following Mass, all are encouraged to spend time in prayer and adoration at the place of reposition. Solemn adoration will continue there until 11:00 p.m.</i>
10:50 pm approx.	Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
Friday, April 15	GOOD FRIDAY – UNIVERSAL DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT
12:30 pm	Altar Server Rehearsal for 3:00 pm Passion Liturgy
3:00 pm	CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>The celebration includes the Solemn Intercessions, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, and the distribution of Holy Communion.</i>
Saturday, April 16	HOLY SATURDAY
11:45 am	BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS – simple form (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
1:30 pm	Altar Server Rehearsal for Easter Vigil Liturgy
8:30 pm	SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER <i>The Easter Vigil includes the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Blessing of Baptismal Water and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the celebration of the First Solemn Eucharist of Easter.</i>
Following Vigil:	BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS – solemn form – will follow the Vigil Easter baskets may be placed on the designated tables in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room before the beginning of the Vigil. Immediately following the Vigil, our parish priest will bless the baskets and sprinkle them with the newly blessed Easter Holy Water.
Sunday, April 17	EASTER SUNDAY – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD <i>Easter Sunday liturgies include the renewal of baptismal promises</i>
9:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY MASS – Fernand Reesink+, requested by Reesink family
11:45 am	EASTER SUNDAY MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners

“We are told that Christ was killed for us, that his death has washed out our sins, and that by dying he disabled death itself ... That is Christianity. That is what has to be believed.” — C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH OFFERINGS: You may place your offering envelopes in the OFFERING BOX which is located on the table in the narthex near the main aisle. Or you may mail your contribution to the parish via CANADA POST. Or you may leave a message with the parish office to make arrangements with one of our parish staff to drop off your offertory donations at a safe drop off location. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to "St. John XXIII Parish".

PAD OPTION: Alternatively, we encourage you to consider being an "intentional giver" by registering for PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Please leave a message at the parish office and someone will contact you and assist you.

ONLINE OPTION: If you wish to donate to the parish ONLINE, a link to CanadaHelps.org can be found on our website. Go to www.johnxxiii.ca and click on the DONATE NOW tab at the top of the Links column on the home page.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21

God prostrates enemy armies
and makes a way through the desert for us to follow.

Psalms 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

Captivity turns into release, labor into harvest,
and weeping into rejoicing when the Lord restores us.

Philippians 3:8-14

Losing all for the sake of Christ is gaining everything that can be gained.

John 8:1-11

A woman caught in sin is released by the mercy of Christ.



"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

— Isaiah 43:19

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Lightning bolt of solidarity

A subtle theme emerges through our readings on this Solidarity Sunday: God's deliverance of people from danger to celebration. Isaiah recalls the parting of the Red Sea, swallowing the army of Pharaoh. "I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert," God says (Isaiah 43:19). The psalmist celebrates the return of captives, saying "May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy" (Psalm 126:5). In the Gospel, we witness Jesus cleverly saving a woman accused of adultery from being stoned, giving her the liberating words, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." (John 8:11)

From the dramatic miracle of Exodus saving a people who had been enslaved by the Egyptians, to Jesus's wisdom saving a single woman from violence, our readings give us the image of a God of solidarity, one who sides with the oppressed and makes a way for them, even when it feels impossible.

The Scriptures are full of stories like these, where God transforms a moment of turbulence and uncertainty into a moment of liberation. But this transformation is never a one-way process, as though humans were passive playthings on God's cosmic chessboard. God does not teleport the Israelites away from Egypt, but works with Moses; Jesus does not hypnotize the crowd laying a trap for him, but offers them an opportunity to consider their own consciences. We are invited to participate in solidarity—with God, with each other, and with the planet—on the path to liberation.

I like to think of this participation as a lightning bolt. When we see lightning, we often imagine that it erupts from the roiling clouds above to strike the ground below. Yet, the reality is much more interesting. As water particles bump around in the clouds, they create invisible negative charges at the bottom of the clouds. Since opposites attract, positive charges on the ground rise to meet the negative charges in the clouds. When the two charges meet, an electrical current flashes in an instant, producing the bolts of lightning that we are most familiar with. Remarkably, while this whole process begins with the gathering energy up above, the visible flash of lightning actually crackles up from the ground!

Solidarity is like that. As God's desire for justice churns in the heavens, our individual desires for justice stack on top of each other below, attracted to what the Spirit is doing. When the divine and human charges connect, a streak of light allows us to see, however briefly, our whole world in a new way.

It is only through our collective action that we can create enough energy on the ground for something remarkable to occur. On this Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace invites you to participate in our global movement for solidarity. A single donation may not feel as powerful as lightning. But a multitude of donations, a multitude of positive charges, can change the horizon.

Like the charges accumulating in the clouds, God's desire for justice is not always visible, but it is nevertheless a constant, intensifying and attracting force. "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God says in Isaiah. This Lent, let us perceive and gather to meet what new thing God is doing in these dangerous times. As God's justice springs forth, may it find a people charged and ready to meet it, responding with a lightning bolt of solidarity.

Author: Dean Dettloff, Animator for Central Ontario, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 10, 2022

Luke 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord knows when to speak and what to say.

Psalms 22:7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23

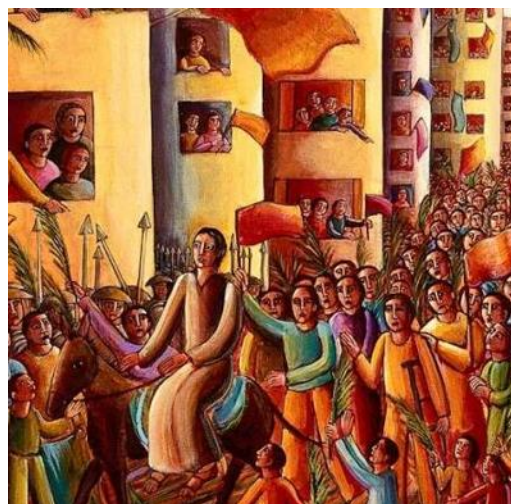
In the hour of trial, the faithful servant cries to God for deliverance.

Philippians 2:6-11

Willing to be made lowly in obedience, Jesus is lifted up to glory.

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

With compassion for his tormentors, Jesus goes to the cross.



EXPLORING THE WORD

The servant will lead

When someone shouts, "Follow the leader!" most of us know instinctively what to do. We get behind the person who's ahead of the pack. Generally speaking, the leader is the dominant one, perhaps the fastest or smartest among us, but not necessarily so. Often, the leader is simply the one with the most power, money, chutzpah, or the greatest amount of celebrity. Much of the time, we end up following a leader who is not morally superior or ahead of us in any meaningful sense. The person in command may wind up in that position mostly for having claimed it.

Leadership—whether it's exercised in families, government, business, or religious institutions—is largely wielded from the top down. We expect that parents will administer authority over their children, just as lawmakers govern their constituencies, employers make decisions for their employees, bishops instruct their priests, and priests run their parishes. Leadership is about big people controlling the fate of little people, in a nutshell. Is there any other way of envisioning this?

There is. At the Last Supper, the disciples of Jesus are still arguing about leadership and authority in terms of who gets to be on top. They are trying to define greatness as the capacity to lord it over their peers, to be granted distinguishing titles and special powers of authority. Meanwhile Jesus, contemplating the hour of his death, asks them to consider leadership from the bottom up—from the viewpoint of service. From the servant's perspective, leadership is not about control but about surrender. This kind of leadership doesn't concern itself with honors and titles but remains focused on smaller, immediate details like serving at table, washing feet, and breaking bread. The servant leader does not get out in front of the crowd but leads by example at its feet. Such leadership doesn't require special skills or even charisma. Humility and love will suffice.

The cross is the way

How does Jesus lead? By exercising what the church calls works of mercy, which are the paramount acts of service. Throughout his ministry, Jesus instructs the ignorant, forgives the sinner, heals the sick, feeds the hungry. Even during the excruciating hours of his final Passion, we find Jesus still teaching his disciples, praying for Peter's repentance before his denial, warning the arresting elders of their wrongdoing, and comforting the sorrowful women on the way of the cross. In Luke's account of the Crucifixion, Jesus' three last acts are to forgive his persecutors, encourage a sinner, and surrender his spirit to God. When the prevailing attitude is mercy, every act is one of gentle concern for the well-being of others. How often did Jesus say that the least are the greatest and the last will be first? His final act of service on the cross is to demonstrate what that looks like.

Needless to say, not many people are rushing forward to assume this kind of leadership. The servant who does not shield his face from spitting is a far cry from the contemporary mogul who organizes a press conference to “spin” the latest accusation in his favor. Jesus, before high priest and governor alike, is mostly silent when others testify falsely against him. If the Lord God is his help, the faithful servant cannot be disgraced by human testimony. The one who refused to lord it over others will one day be confessed as Lord by every creature on bended knee in heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth. Humility is the only way to genuine exaltation.

Worldly leaders won't get it

Obviously, Judas didn't comprehend this most basic of Jesus' teachings. He thought he alone was the true leader among sheeplike disciples, capable of changing the course of this runaway mission by his own initiative. Peter shared this same obtuseness about the direction things were taking. When his teacher talked about suffering and death, Peter heartily objected. When Jesus was actually on trial, Peter publicly disassociated himself from the danger.

Certainly the high priest thought his own authority—compromised by his association with the Romans yet still privileged—was a more practical application of leadership than what Jesus was up to. Herod was even more of a figurehead than Caiaphas, enjoying only the veneer of authority and yet preferring not to disturb that with an authentic exercise of judgment. Pilate did not seem particularly challenged by Jesus or his alleged authority. But that's because he was so firmly convinced of the absolute power of the empire behind him. Those who equate leadership with control will find it impossible to appreciate the one who leads by the example of service.

It would seem that the only true leaders of the day were the ones who escaped the public eye. Joseph of Arimathea, who refused to be a yes-man for an unjust council, took it upon himself to bury a condemned and executed criminal. The women from Galilee noted the place of the tomb and resolved to prepare the body properly. By exercising these final corporal works of mercy, these disciples proved that they had been paying attention when Jesus demonstrated servant leadership all along the way.

APPLYING THE WORD

The way of surrender

What happens when leaders serve others rather than seeking to control them? Without the age-old pattern of dominance and submission, the very nature of society changes. Family members are no longer divided into categories of powerful and powerless, the generations pitted against each other in a contest for survival. Hierarchies melt and become genuine communities. Warring classes become allies. The ancient struggle for control dissolves into a mutual desire for cooperation. When power is viewed as the necessary tool for enabling the last and the least, not for gaining and consolidating wealth and control for the few, we will have different leaders and a different kind of society. — Alice Camille

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“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!” insisted Saint Jerome. This is a strong exhortation from a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church to Christians urging them to pay attention to serious reflection and study of Scripture. To assist in that endeavor, copies of the following are available at the parish office for a very reasonable cost as noted:

Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2021 – 2022	\$6.95 per copy	
NRSV Bible – Catholic Edition, hardcover	\$20.00 per Bible	
Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition	\$5.00 per copy.	<i>(April edition is now available)</i>

“In this life guilt is not atoned for by any suffering simply as suffering, but rather by suffering borne with desire, love, and contrition of heart.

The value is not in the suffering but in the soul's desire.”

— Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-80)

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience.

We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

“Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending.

You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.”

— Saint Augustine