



The Good Shepherd

Jean Baptiste de Champaigne (1631-1681)

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

If you were to glance at your Catholic liturgical calendar this week, you would notice that every day (Monday through Saturday) is a feast day. While all of them pique my interest, there is limited space on these pages to spend diving into them all. I noticed that there are actually two Doctors of the Church celebrated this week: St. John Chrysostom on September 13th; and St. Robert Bellarmine on September 17th.

With that in mind, I thought it would be nice to give a refresher on what the term “Doctor of the Church” means. For me, personally, as I was beginning to fully embrace my faith in my 20s, these Doctors played a huge part in my growing knowledge of the Church’s teachings (with some assistance from the various wonderful Catholic media resources available to us online in the 21st century). Perhaps you will want to explore some of these great Saints’ writings too.

Enjoy this brief article from the USCCB on the Doctors of the Church:

Doctors of the Church?

By Fr. Larry Rice

Is there a doctor in the house? Well, if that house is the Church, then the answer is “yes.” And we don’t mean medical doctors. Of all the various kinds of saints in the church— virgins, martyrs, religious, whatever—the least appreciated by most people may be the Doctors of the Church.

These saints are probably best thought of as doctors in the PhD sense of the word. Through their research, study, and writing, they have advanced the Church’s knowledge of our faith. To be declared a Doctor of the Church does not imply that all their writings are free from error but rather that the whole body of their work, taken together serves to advance the cause of Christ and his Church.

The title was first given in the Middle Ages, and originally, there were four great Doctors of the Church: St. Ambrose, 4th century bishop of Milan, St. Augustine, 5th century bishop of Hippo, St. Gregory the Great, who was pope at the start of the 7th century, and St. Jerome, the 5th century biblical scholar and translator. Over the years the church has added about 30 additional saints with the title “Doctor of the Church,” including St. Bonaventure, whose feast day is celebrated on July 15. Since 1970, four women have also been declared “Doctors of the Church”: St. Teresa of Avila; St. Catherine of Siena; St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who received the title in 1998; and St. Hildegard of Bingen, who was declared a Doctor of the Church in 2012 by

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 September 2022

Sacred Heart, Ronan
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This week’s office hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-5:00 pm;

Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 10th

Mass cancelled due to bishop’s visit.

Sunday, September 11th

Mass at Sacred Heart cancelled due to bishop’s visit.
Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am (note time change).

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Parish Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast in the parish hall after Mass this Sunday, September 11th, to celebrate Bishop Vetter’s visit to our parish!



A Vigil Service and Rosary for Rod McElwee will be held at Lake Funeral Home on **Monday, September 12th at 7:00 pm** and a Mass for the repose of his soul the next day on **Tuesday, September 13th at 11:00 am** at Immaculate Conception Church. May he rest in peace.



Know someone who is not yet Catholic, and interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Tell them to “Come and See”!

Come and See is a presentation of the Catholic Faith using *Credo*, a program developed by the Thomistic Institute of the Dominican Friars. (See more details on page 41)

Pope Benedict XVI. Most recently, in February 2015, Pope Francis declared Armenian poet and monk, St. Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Universal Church.

All these Doctors of the Church advanced the knowledge of God through their writing on theology, spirituality, mysticism, or through their defense of the faith in the face of heresy and schism.



God's blessings on you this week,

Katie



All ladies are invited to a dessert and coffee Endow kick-off social to introduce our new study for the fall, *Salvifici Doloris*.

Meet in the parish hall on Thursday, September 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 pm for coffee, tea, sweet treats, and good company.

The ladies' group meets on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, beginning October 6th.

Come to the social for more information. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend who might be interested. Call Sheila LeBrun with questions or comments at 406-208-5788.

Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Fresh produce, including garden produce, are accepted. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Traven & Marisa Hoyt, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Bill Posivio, Mauri Morin, Zane & Carol Kelly, Vicki Weiss.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for September

Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast Day September 14

From Catholic News Agency



(Pictured above) Relic of the True Cross located at the Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson, Texas.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 11th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Repose of the Soul of Steve Haigh, rb Teri Daigneault

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

Collect:

*Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our 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*

Readings:

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11,13-14

Responsorial: Ps. 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17

Alleluia: *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and
entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. - 2 Cor 5:19*

Gospel: Lk 15:1-32 or: Lk 15:1-10

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners.113 The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."114 The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (CCC 1846)



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day September 15th



Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th), and during the season of Lent.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

Seven Promises to those who meditate on Our Lady's Seven Sorrows:

The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by meditating (i.e. mental prayer) on her seven sorrows (dolors). The Hail Mary is prayed seven times, once after each meditation.

1. "I will grant peace to their families."
2. "They will be enlightened about the Divine Mysteries."
3. "I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work."
4. "I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls."
5. "I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives."
6. "I will visibly help them at the moment of their death. They will see the face of their Mother."
7. "I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy."

Taken from CatholicCompany.com

Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

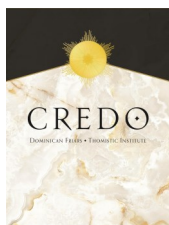
Immaculate Conception
\$33,377 of \$175,000 (19%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$8,422 of \$44,500 (19%)



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

COME AND SEE



Come and See is a presentation of the Catholic Faith using *Credo*, a program developed by the Thomistic Institute of the Dominican Friars. The program makes use of brief video presentations that follow a participants book with explanations and study questions. The program is for non-Catholic spouses, Catholics who would like a comprehensive refresher, and for all who simply have questions and are searching. The program is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am before Mass beginning on September 18th.

KNITTING GROUP

Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The dates and times for monthly meetings and breakfasts will be announced in the bulletin. If you are interested in becoming a Knight or an Associate, please call Bruce Simpson (Ronan) at 406-493-9951 or Luke Venters (Polson) at 406-871-6112



FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

Devotional materials and catechesis are available at the entrance of the church in advance of each first weekend.

First Wednesdays

Votive Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 12:10 pm
as well as all Wednesdays when permitted.

First Thursdays

Votive Mass in honor of the priesthood of Jesus Christ at 12:10 pm *when permitted.*

Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7:00 pm.

First Fridays

Votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus *when permitted* for 9 consecutive First Fridays from September through May at 12:10 pm

First Saturdays

Confessions are heard at 9:30 am and Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is offered at 10:00 am. After Mass the Rosary is prayed followed by a 15 minute period of private meditation on one or any of the mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested.



That Man Is You!

A study and fellowship group for men (and their sons). Meetings are on Thursday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and begin with a hot protein breakfast and premium roast coffee. Meetings begin on September 22nd.

Wednesday night is Family Night and there is a little of something for everyone of all ages, from pre-school to adult and seniors. Faith formation opportunities include: pre-school, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation (First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation). Family Night begins on **Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm**

with registration for Religious Education. Dinner will be provided each Family Night at 7:00 pm.



KOLBE ACADEMY

A course on apologetics and church history from the Kolbe Academy with a foundation in Scripture and the Catechism will be facilitated by Jason Edwards as part of the Family Night activities on Wednesday nights. The course is intended for those who have been Confirmed (high school) and adults.



ENDOW Women's Study Group

This year we will be studying the Apostolic Letter of St. Pope John Paul II *Salvifici Doloris* on the meaning of human suffering. Meetings are on Thursdays at 10:30 am and will begin on October 6th. Please contact Sheila LeBrun at 208-5788 for more information and cost of materials.

HOMESTEAD CRAFT

For a lack of a better term we are using "Homestead Craft" for the time being. This activity is one that it aimed at creating a greater sense of community within the parish. This community building project will be held on 2 Saturdays each month at Immaculate Conception and will include practical lessons and sharing. Some topics will include canning and preserving, how to stock a pantry, home safety and creating a first aid kit, gardening tips and home health remedies, communications and emergency preparedness, and on and on. Part of the purpose of this project is to recover the "lost" skills and arts of our parents and grandparents while building a local community network of neighbors. For more information you may call Barb Marshall at 406-361-0849 or Marilyn Marnin at 406-696-9293.

