

# CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

***For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,  
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.  
We will return your call in a timely manner.***

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) .....4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

(Holy Days as scheduled)

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith  
through Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor ..... 255-4600  
Rev. Logan Obrigewitch, Parochial Vicar. .... 975-9802  
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

## **PASTORAL MINISTERS**

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation ..... 975-9810  
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care ..... 975-9805  
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806  
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 255-4600  
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ..... 975-9809  
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816  
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry ..... 975-9808

**DEACONS:** Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,  
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

## **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600  
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ..... 975-9815  
Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc. ... 975-9807  
Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence ..... 255-4600



## October 1, 2023

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Also, schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

**Baptism** - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at [corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism](http://corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism) prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

**Marriage** - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 701-222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

**RCIA Classes** - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

**PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be received by noon on Tuesdays (*typed format*).

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600

## Livestreaming Schedule:

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:45 a.m.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

*Monday, Oct. 2 - †Shannon Gangl (12:10 p.m.)*

*Tuesday, Oct. 3 - †Margaret Deibert (12:10 p.m.)*

*Wednesday, Oct. 4 - †Orvin & †Bernadette Engelhard (12:10 p.m.)*

*Thursday, Oct. 5 - †Patty Knudson (12:10 p.m.)*

*Friday, Oct. 6 - †Anton Becker (12:10 p.m.)*

*Saturday, Oct. 7 - †Tony & †Marie Dirk (4:00 p.m.)*

*Sunday, Oct. 8 - †Carolyn Ehli (8:30 a.m.)*

*†Mildred Graner (10:45 a.m.)*

*Pro Populo (5:30 p.m.)*



On Sunday, October 8th, Bishop David Kagan will confirm 74 Candidates at the 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass. Please pray for them!

*Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and grow in relationship with Him!*

*"Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7:7*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m.

*If you would be interested in being a regular, committed adorer, please call the Parish Office to sign up.*

During Adoration, the monstrance is not to be left unattended and at least two committed adorers are needed at all times. If you are unable to come to your committed time, please contact Tracy Kraft at the parish office, 701-975-9803.

*Unable to commit to a regular, committed time of Adoration?* Feel free to stop by Adoration as your schedule allows or spend time in prayer in the Chapel, which is open 24/7.

## Caring Hearts Quilt Show and Sale

Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Saturday, September 30th - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1st - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale support local charities.

## CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,463 households)

Adult Envelopes (223 Envelopes) . . . . . \$15,810.91

Youth Envelopes . . . . . \$206.45

TOTAL RECEIVED (Sept. 24) . . . . . \$16,017.36

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday . . . . . \$14,035.02

Online Giving Week 1 (Aug. 28-Sept. 3) . . . . \$6,665.00

Electronic Contributions . . . . . \$13,588.68

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday . . . . . \$16,465.01

Online Giving Week 2 (Sept. 4-10) . . . . . \$5,074.50

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday . . . . . \$12,435.06

Online Giving Week 3 (Sept. 11-17) . . . . . \$5,680.00

Electronic Contributions . . . . . \$10,390.68

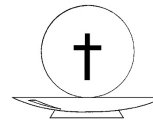
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday . . . . . \$16,017.36

Online Giving Week 4 (Sept. 18-24) . . . . . \$4,760.00

*We appreciate your generosity, which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.*

**Vocation Views:** Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your words be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Mt. 21:28-32)

**Stewardship Thought:** The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling you to do? Which son are you more like? Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, he calls us to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



**Did you know?** Low Gluten hosts are available. These hosts have a very low gluten content (.01%). Talk to a usher or hospitality minister to learn how to receive low gluten Communion.

Join our **Media and Technology Ministry Team**. Camera operators run the system during Mass for the overflow seating areas and livestream. Assistants are also needed to help with the advancement of wall slides during weekend Masses. These are essential ways to assist in the worship experience at Corpus Christi. Training provided and scheduling is flexible. Contact the Parish Office, 701-255-4600, to volunteer.



## Food Pantry Needs:

- Peanut Butter (Regular Size)
- Syrup
- Instant Potatoes

Food Pantry donations can be dropped off in the upper or lower gathering spaces. There is a grocery cart for donations in the upper gathering space and a wooden cart in the lower gathering space.

Thank you to the Garden Club for the produce grown and donated to the Food Pantry over the summer!

## Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. in the upper east parking lot.



Please arrive by 4:00 p.m. for the blessing.  
All creatures great and small are welcome!

Fr. Paul Becker is available on Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m., for meetings in 15 minute increments. Meetings are pre-scheduled (no walk-ins). To schedule a time to meet with Fr. Becker, call the Parish Office, 255-4600.

### Did you know your God's Share Appeal donation supports:

Funded by your contributions to the Annual God's Share Appeal, the Finance Office is responsible for administering and accounting for the temporal goods of the diocese. The Finance Office assists an Independent Auditing Firm in conducting an Annual Audit for all the diocesan corporate entities.



## Food for the Soul Tuesday, October 3rd 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Eating alone after the loss of a spouse could likely be called the "6th Stage of Grief." Corpus Christi has created a community of friendship and support within our beautiful, Catholic family to assure you that there is always room at the table.

*Food for the Soul* is a once-a-month gathering and meal for those who have lost a spouse. For more information, contact Tammy Schafer at 701-255-4600.

The annual **Catholic Charities Collection** was held last weekend, September 23-24. If you have not already donated, please consider a donation today. Envelopes can be found at the church entrances, or you can donate directly to: Catholic Charities North Dakota, 5201 Bishops Blvd Ste B, Fargo, ND 58104. Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities North Dakota!



## Children's Liturgy of the Word: October 8th at the 10:45 a.m. Mass For children in Preschool - 2nd Grade Lessons are geared for this age group.

The *MagnifiKid* is for children ages 6-12. Every *MagnifiKid* offers the readings and prayers of the Sunday Mass, prayers, suggestions on how to live the week with the Lord, various games or comics. Kids, remember your copy each weekend. The *MagnifiKid* can be found at the back of the church or at the north entrances.

## What's Going on Here This Week

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| Sun. 10/1   | Quilt Show, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Parish Hall<br>Faith Formation <b>Group D</b> , 9:30-10:45 a.m.<br>Pet Blessing, 4:00 p.m., East Upper Parking Lot<br><b>9th Grade Confirmation</b> Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.<br>SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140                            |
| Mon. 10/2   | Garden Club Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Community Room<br>RCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Room 140   |
| Tues. 10/3  | Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room<br>Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church<br>Food for the Soul, 5:30 p.m., Community Room<br>Sacrament Track <b>Tuesday A Group</b> , 5:30-7:30 p.m., Parish Hall  |
| Wed. 10/4   | Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Choir Room<br>Faith Formation <b>Group F</b> , 5:30-6:45 p.m.<br><b>6th Grade</b> Faith Formation, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Community Room<br>Middle School Youth Ministry ( <b>7th &amp; 8th grade</b> ), 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 140             |
| Thurs. 10/5 | Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Community Room   |
| Sat. 10/7   | Confirmation Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Church   |
| Sun. 10/8   | Faith Formation <b>Group A</b> , 9:30-10:45 a.m.<br>Video-The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing and Hope, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Parish Hall<br>Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass<br>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Kagan, 2:00 p.m.<br>SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140 |

## Corpus Christi Youth Ministry:

### High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

SNAC: Sunday Nights After Church

Sunday, October 1st: 6:30 p.m.

Topic - Killer Mobs: Crowds turning from Peace to Violence



### Middle School Youth Ministry

Wednesday, October 4th: 7th & 8th Grade  
7:00-8:30 p.m.



## Corpus Christi Women's Group Thursday, October 5th

7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The October Corpus Christi Women's Group has changed from October 12 to October 5. We will be watching the video *"The Eucharist: Source of our Healing and Hope."* No registration required. Contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office with questions, 255-4600.



## Bismarck Catholic Daughters



The Bismarck CDA is meeting on Tuesday, October 3, at the Cathedral, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck. The speaker will be from Home on the Range. They are requesting the following items: clear water bottles, bottles of body wash and shampoo,

playing cards, chapstick, hair ties, cinch bags, adult slides (similar to flip flops), and hair brushes. Bring items to the west door of the Cathedral and place them inside on the bench on the night of the meeting. For more information see [bismarckcda.org](http://bismarckcda.org) or call Marella, 226-4076.

The Bismarck CDA will host a Pinochle Card Party and Family Bingo on Sunday, October 8, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Cathedral. Pinochle admission is \$5/person. Family Bingo is \$20/family (all ages) or \$5/single. A light snack will be served and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Karen, 527-4203,

The Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Bismarck, has a full-time opening for a Liturgy and Hospitality Coordinator. For complete job information and how to apply, visit <https://stmarysbismarck.org/job-openings> or contact Olivia Richter at 701-712-2927.

OCTOBER 2023



### Respect Life Month

Annually, the Church recognizes the month of October as **Respect Life Month**.

**October is here, how can you get involved for Respect Life Month?**

**40 Days for Life: Sept. 27 - Nov. 5, 2023:** Individuals are needed to sit at the capitol grounds (6th Street and Boulevard) from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., daily. To sign up or request signs, call Diane at (701) 527-3265 or via email at [40daysbisnd@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbisnd@gmail.com). Always go with another person and thank you for protecting the unborn.

**ND March for Life:** In January of 2023, it was announced that the ND March for Life will be moving to October (instead of January) every year to increase the observance of Respect Life Month. A Holy Hour, led by Bishop David Kagan, will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kagan, for the ND March for Life will be on Friday, October 6 at 10:45 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Immediately following Mass, the ND March for Life will march from the Cathedral to the ND State Capitol steps. The rally is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Please register by September 27 at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/ndmfl>.

## Your stepping stones back into life...



**SOS** (*Sounds of Silence*) is a suicide support group which provides compassionate support and grief education with the hope that family members and friends will find guidance on the path of healing. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. *The topic will be: Dealing with Guilt and Regrets.*



### WEATHER PROVERBS: OCTOBER

*For centuries, farmers and sailors - people whose livelihoods depended on the weather - relied on lore to forecast the weather. They quickly connected changes in nature with rhythms or patterns of the weather. (The Old Farmer's Almanac.)*

- ◆ Much rain in October, much wind in December.
- ◆ For every fog in October, a snow in the winter.

### Area Fall Festivals & Dinners:

**Sunday, October 8:** St. Katherine Church, Braddock. The meal will be in the church basement. Serving between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction, raffle, and bingo at the Braddock Community Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 8:** Sacred Heart, Glen Ullin. Serving between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The meal will consist of turkey, roast beef, and all the trimmings. There will be children's games, bingo, auction and cake walk.

A Rosary Rally will be held Saturday, October 14th, at 12:00 p.m. on the grounds of the ND State Capitol (corner of 9th St & Boulevard). It will begin with singing followed by the Rosary. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Bismarck Diocese Division.

*The Diocese of Bismarck is firmly committed to the health and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, employees, whether diocesan, parish or Catholic school and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. To this end, this *Code of Conduct* is defined for the Diocese of Bismarck and it provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all clergy, educators, employees and volunteers in contact with children and youth. The *Code of Conduct* can be found at [bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program](http://bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program).*

# From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

We've been focused on the Eucharistic Revival for some time now. In fact, it was on November 17, 2021, that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to launch a three-year revival, starting at the Diocesan level (2022), moving into the Parish level (2023), and culminating with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (2024). Here at Corpus Christi, Fr. Obrigewitch and I have been working with the Liturgy Committee to create a schedule of activities that reinvigorate worship, create moments of encounter, and engage in formation and teaching. All this in an effort to draw us each closer to Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. We kicked-off the parish phase on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession at every Mass, and this fall we are really diving into our programming, beginning this week.

1. We are distributing the book, *Beautiful Eucharist*, this weekend - thank you to the Knights of Columbus for assisting.
2. We are inviting you to view a short video entitled, **The Eucharist: Source of our Healing and Hope**. Opportunities are the next two weekends, on Sunday, October 8 and Sunday, October 15, both at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Additional opportunities are on Thursday, October 5 for the Women's Group (7:00-8:30 p.m.), or Wednesday, October 18 (6:30-7:45 a.m.) for the Men's Group. The last opportunity will be on November 8 at 1:00 p.m.
3. Beginning in October and every other month thereafter, we will have a "Preaching & Teaching Weekend" that is followed by an "Encounter Night" to further dive into that Eucharistic theme. Our schedule will be:

Theme	Teaching Weekend	Follow Up Encounter Night
Paschal Mystery and the Eucharist	October 14 & 15	October 19 (Talk, Adoration, Music, Reconciliation)
Real Presence and Eucharistic Worship	December 9 & 10	December 12 (Mass of Explanation)
The Eucharist and the Call to Holiness	February 24 & 25	February 27 (Talk, Adoration, Music, Reconciliation)
The Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize & Serve	April 13 & 14	April 18 (Talk, Adoration, Music, Reconciliation)
4. We will be hosting a **Diocesan-wide event** for the laity on Tuesday, April 9, that will feature internationally known speaker, **Dr. Larry Feingold**. He and his wife are both converts to the Catholic Faith from Judaism, and he has taught all over the world, currently at Fr. Obrigewitch's seminary alma mater, Kenrick Glennon. We are fortunate to host him at Corpus Christi; he will be here for the Spring Priest Conference and has generously agreed to an evening for the laity with the topic of the Eucharist. This will be a great event!
5. Finally, we will end as we started, with **Eucharistic Processions** for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 1 & 2, 2024.

My hope is that our preparation will inspire great participation to stir Eucharistic Revival within our parish community. I encourage you to attend - bring your family and friends! And, for the remainder of the revival, I challenge you to commit to fulfilling the weekend Mass obligation faithfully. If you already do that, can you commit to one daily Mass or to a time of adoration? Try to do something that draws you closer to our Lord present in the Eucharist. That, my friends, is the goal.



Lastly, as you know, Justin Croonenberghs is our new seminarian for Corpus Christi. You can see his vocation story at <https://youtu.be/xi-VePcZyW0>. Justin is now living and studying in St. Louis, MO, at Kenrick Glennon Seminary. His house, as a result, is available for rent (or purchase) and as his pastor, I'm happy to list it here to help our seminarian out. **1911 N. 4th Street: 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home. Includes modern kitchen and appliances, open floor plan, spacious den/entertainment space, master suite with walk-in closet and bathroom, modern wi-fi and surveillance system, two-car heated garage, lawn care tools and storage shed. Only 1 block from Corpus Christi church, 2 blocks from Northridge school, a short walk from the YMCA, the capitol, restaurants and more. Asking \$1600/mo + utilities. Contact [justin@ctwelve.net](mailto:justin@ctwelve.net).**

Date: Oct 7-8		October 7, 2023		October 8, 2023		October 8, 2023		October 8, 2023
		4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM
Hospitality	1	Mary Ann Grossman	1	Jason Krebsbach	1	Rita Mastel	1	Mary Nelson
	2	Evelyn Spangler	2	Abbie Krebsbach	2		2	
	3		3	Kort Krebsbach	3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
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Ushers	1	Helen Berger	1	John Saiki	1	Nancy Haunz	1	Tim Rivinius
	2	Sam Theurer	2	George Simek	2	Dennis Mastel	2	Bernie Rivinius
	3	Derek Theurer	3	Pius Ternes	3	Chuck Holzer	3	
	4	Ron Hopfauf	4		4	Bernie Holzer	4	
	5		5		5		5	
	6		6		6			
Lectors	1	Sarah Bengtson	1	Amy McKay	1	Claudia Dietrich	1	Christopher Knudson
	2		2	Dale Kasowski	2	Christine Eizenga	2	Bob Willenbring
Servers	1	Olivia Lundeen	1	Anna Brash	1	Jake Miller	1	Joelle Knudson
	2	Conner Lundeen	2	Warren Miller	2	Ben Miller	2	Kyan Knudson
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Carol Thompson	R-1	Dale Kasowski	R-1	Steven Mittelsteadt	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Bob Clooten	3	Mike Hilbert	3	LaVerne Kaufman	3	Mary Nelson
	4	Sandy Wald Clooten	4	Helen Werlinger	4	Karen Stahl	4	Margie Schiff
	5		5	Jerome Werlinger	5	Kathy Feist	5	
	6	Heather Lundeen	6	Pam Mathern	6	Gary Feist	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Gerard Mathern	8	Cec Reetz	8	
	9		9	Ron Torkelson	9		11	
	10		10	Virginia Torkelson	10		12	
	11				11			
At 4:00*	D12				12			
	LG		LG	Amy McKay	LG		LG	

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend.

If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy at 701-975-9803.



## Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

### Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."*

## Monday, Oct 02, 2023

### Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

## Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

### The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"*

## Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

### Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."*

## Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

### Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

## Friday, Oct 06, 2023

### Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

## Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

### By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."*

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



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Church of Corpus Christi

## One Minute Meditations

### St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as pope. He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He also spent his brief papacy working to improve relations with the Eastern Church. He is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



### Choose entertainment carefully

A steady diet of violent entertainment, objectifying media, or explicit reading helps us to become comfortable with violence and sex. We begin to see people as characters rather than humans. Sinful behavior becomes normalized. In our journey toward holiness, it is critical that we are choosy about what we watch and read.

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*)



## His Mother for our own

While He was on Earth, Jesus gave all of Himself for us – even His life – out of love. He even gave us His own mother to be our true mother (John 19:26-27). In turn, Our Lady works to bring us to the heart of her Son.

*"To Jesus, through Mary."* St. Louis de Montfort used these words to explain that devotion to Mary is the best way to grow closer to Jesus, because Mary herself will lead us to her Son if we ask for her help. When we are under temptation to sin, spiritually dry or discouraged, let Mary take you by the hand and lead you to Jesus.

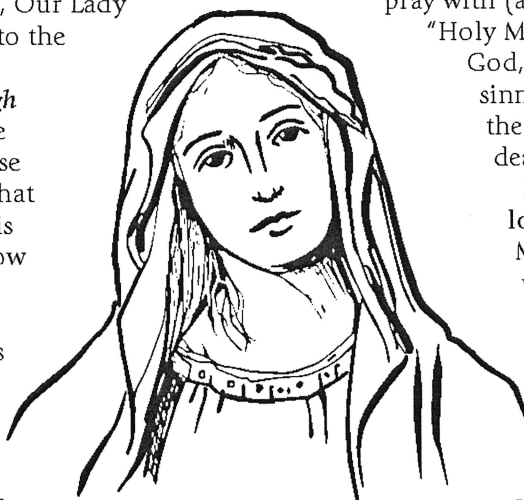
Our path to Jesus. We have one mediator in Christ (1 Timothy 2:5).

Yet, what loving son refuses his mother's requests? In His generosity, God is pleased to answer Mary's prayers for us. We can ask Mary to pray with (and for) us:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

Entrust all we love to her. St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "Let us entrust to (Our Lady) all of those close to our hearts, and she, the best among mothers, will help them in the best way

possible." There is no safer place for all those we love than our Mother's arms.

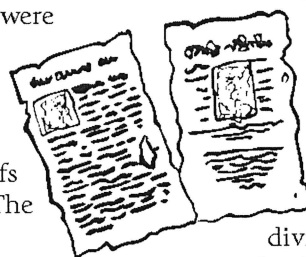


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

Both creeds summarize what Catholics believe but were written at different times for different purposes. The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is the expanded form of the

Apostles' Creed, stemming from two Church councils (Nicaea, AD 325; Constantinople, AD 381) to combat Arianism, which proposed Jesus was not God but a kind of super-saint. The Nicene Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity, His divine Sonship, and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.





## "Angel of God, my guardian dear ..."

"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life," said St. Basil. The Church teaches that we each have a guardian angel, assigned to guide and protect us until death (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). Jesus said: "In heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Tap your angel's powerful protection to grow in virtue and holiness:

**Confide in your guardian.** Guardian angels aren't mind-readers, but they do observe us



carefully. The more we tell them, the better they can help us make good choices, avoid sin, and keep us safe.

**Ask for help.** Our guardian can help make tough decisions, resolve conflicts, offer protection especially for our souls. They intercede for us, and help to prepare our souls for the moment when we stand before God.

**Respect guardian power.** Angels are powerful creatures, created by God to care for us. They aren't answerable to us but stand ready to help us get to Heaven.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees wanted to trap Him by getting Him to say something that contradicted Jewish law. Then He could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent was aware that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked Jesus to choose which of the 613 commands of the Jewish law was the most important.

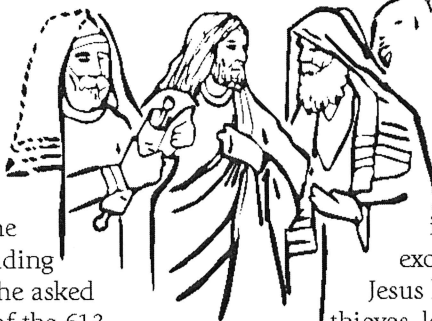
Jesus silenced them all by saying everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of others. To love

God is to love one another. These laws are at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them.

Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do the same.



### Q & A Can Catholics celebrate Halloween?

Catholics can celebrate Halloween as a holiday with Christian roots. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of All Martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Even or "Holy

Evening," and eventually Halloween. Villagers visited local homes to gather contributions for the feast to be held the next day, All Saints Day.

Those who didn't contribute might be subject to a prank or "trick."

Catholics enjoy donning creative costumes and giving out candy, but it's important to avoid glorifying evil, death, and the Devil. Consider using the holiday to learn about a saint you didn't know or collecting food for the poor.

In short, Halloween is a chance to celebrate generosity, friendship, and community. It's the threshold of a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following. We also pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to strengthen them during their purification before entering Heaven.



### Feasts & Celebrations

**October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary.** Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

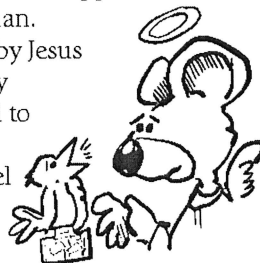
**October 9 – St. John Leonardi (1609).** Born in 1543 in Lucca, Italy, St. John spent his priesthood ministering in hospitals and prisons and teaching the Faith. He established the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, and helped found the Congregation of Christian Doctrine.

**October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243).**

Born to the Duke of Croatia, St. Hedwig married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, St. Hedwig became a Cistercian nun, donating her fortune to charity.

**October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude (1st century).** St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman.

After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.



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