

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

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

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.

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. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar..... 975-9802
Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar 975-9818
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
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Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

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
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays (typed format
sent to info@corpuschristibismarck.com)



August 24, 2025

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. 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 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 Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

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



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

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

Saturday, August 30 is National Grief Awareness Day. Over the last 32 years as a priest, I have buried hundreds of people and assisted many people in their times of grief. The grieving process is not a 'one-size-fits-all process' and it is not necessarily 'linear' - with an obvious ending point. Some people avoid or suppress grief; I've seen it far too often. While this can be a natural response, suppressed grief often finds other ways to surface - physical symptoms, depression and anxiety, addictive behaviors (including working too much or over commitment), and difficulty with relationships to name a few. We grieve because we loved; it is a natural response to loss and when we avoid or suppress it, we are only delaying it and, often times, magnifying it. Everyone grieves differently and we at Corpus Christi work to accompany the bereaved on their journey. Beginning with support in the immediate aftermath of a death with the Funeral Liturgy, we continue connecting through cards on significant events in the first year (birthday, anniversary, first Christmas, Father's Day/Mother's Day, anniversary of death, etc.) and offer the annual Remembrance Mass. A couple of years ago, we began offering Food for the Soul and will introduce a new outreach starting on September 4 - a support group for young women who are widowed. And, remember, before Sr. Ivo's retirement, she assisted with the grief support groups in Bismarck through Eastgate/Parkway Funeral Home. While not directly a grief ministry, part of the end-of-life process is funeral planning and we also offer an opportunity for people to pre-plan their funeral liturgy, which often allows family to begin the grieving process immediately because they do not have these particular decisions to focus on. I am grateful to my fellow priests, our deacon team, and Tammy Schafer, our Outreach Coordinator, for all the ways we assist the faithful in the grieving process.



Lastly; a few various items to note: • Fr. Dinoy Rebera traveled with a few of his priest friends to New York for vacation time. While he was away, I offered the Mass at CHI on Tuesday, August 19. • Thank you to Mandy Schaff for her work with the flowers around the church and rectory - beautiful! I'll include a photo of her in this article. • The staff of Corpus Christi had a good staff meeting on August 20; we will gather on Tuesday, August 26 for staff development, including a walleye fish fry! • Light of Christ Board of Directors met on August 21 to kick-off the 2025-2026 school term. • The African Mission presentations are going well; thank you for attending! There is one more event scheduled - Women's Group on Wednesday, August 27.

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Kraft at 701-975-9803.

Date: August 30-31	August 30, 2025		August 31, 2025		August 31, 2025		August 31, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1		1	Heather Steffl	1	Rita Mastel	1	
	2		2	Brian Steffl	2		2	
	3		3		3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
Ushers	1	Helen Berger	1	Dave Schmitz	1	Milissa Kelly	1	Darcy Neigum
	2	Gisele Thorson	2	Linda Schmitz	2	Joel Meyer	2	
	3	Derek Theurer	3	Ron Torkelson	3	Maggie Meyer	3	
	4	Sam Theurer	4	Virginia Torkelson	4	Brianna Feist	4	
	5		5		5	Dennis Mastel	5	
Lectors	1	Heather Lundeen	1	Dale Kasowski	1	Rodger Wetzel	1	Todd Van Orman
	2	Sandy Wald Clooten	2		2	Rose Kruckenberg	2	Mary Soucie
Servers	1	Olivia Lundeen	1	Avvy Quintus	1	Elise Brossart	1	Evan Hinnenkamp
	2	Conner Lundeen	2	Renley Becket	2	Triston Brossart	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Marsha Lembke	R-1	Dale Kasowski	R-1	Rita Mastel	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Claus Lembke	3	Gerard Mathern	3	Cathy Schatz	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Heather Lundeen	4	Pam Mathern	4	Makayla Schatz	4	Mary Soucie
	5		5	Colleen Fyiling	5	Pamela Vetter	5	
	6		6	Carl Jackson	6	Gary Feist	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Andrea Jackson	8		8	
	9		9		9		11	
	10		10		10		12	
	11				11			
Mask Room at 4	D12				12			
	LG		LG	Mary Kasowski	LG		LG	

Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., Aug. 25 (12:10 p.m.) - †Anselm Ternes

Tues., Aug. 26 (12:10 p.m.) - †Dolly Leer

Wed., Aug. 27 - Collective Intention

(12:10 p.m.) - †David Kasowski

†Randy Neameyer

†Eugene & †Marie Graner

Thurs., Aug. 28 (12:10 p.m.) - †Souls in Purgatory

Fri., Aug. 29 (12:10 p.m.) - †Dan Hruby

Sat., Aug. 30 (4:00 p.m.) - †Lucretia Silbernagel

Sun., Aug. 31 (8:30 a.m.) - †Kelly Sauer

(10:45 a.m.) - †Ron Dressler

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



Food Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter (Regular size jar)

Cold Cereal



Food Pantry Update!

Utilizing space from the coat closet, a new wall and doorway has been constructed which has expanded and nearly doubled the size of the Food Pantry/pantry storage (located on the lower level, east side of the gathering space). A new refrigerator and additional shelving has been added. Prior to this expansion, items from the pantry were stored in the Community Room kitchenette. This project was much needed!



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly joining the church?

Are you a Catholic who is interested in receiving Sacraments you may have missed - First Eucharist, First Communion or Confirmation?

Have you left the Catholic Church and are you interested in "Coming Home to the Catholic Faith"?

Are you a practicing Catholic and interested in learning more about your faith as an adult?

Classes are held Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning September 8, 2025. For more information or to register, scan the QR Code.



CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,464 households)	
Adult Envelopes (232 Envelopes)	\$19,621.72
Youth Envelopes	\$184.00
Total Received (Aug 17)	\$19,805.72
1 st Sunday Aug 3	\$19,979.00
Online Giving Week (July 28-Aug 3)	\$6,350.00
Electronic Contributions (Aug 5)	\$13,068.68
2 nd Sunday Aug 10	\$17,410.35
Online Giving Week (Aug 4-10)	\$5,526.00
3 rd Sunday Aug 17	\$19,621.72
Online Giving Week (Aug 11-17)	\$6,625.00
Electronic Contributions (Aug 20)	\$10,405.68
4 th Sunday Aug 24	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 18-24)	\$0.00
5 th Sunday Aug 31	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 25-31)	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity and for being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi!

Stewardship Thoughts:

- Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.
- Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much of your time, on the average, you spend a week volunteering in your church or in your community?
- August is National Make-A-Will Month. The Bismarck Diocese has secured FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will. Visit www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese and from the convenience of your home, in about 20 minutes, you create a will and you print it out and have your signature witnessed by a notary public. If you have any questions, please contact the Bismarck Diocese: Ron Schatz, 701-204-7202, rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg, 701- 415-0399, bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.



Corpus Christi Women's Group
Wednesday, August 27
9:30-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall
"African Mission Presentation"

Join us for a light brunch, followed by a presentation by the team who served at our Diocesan African Mission this summer in June. Hope you can join us for this wonderful morning of good food and friendship with other women, while learning about the African Mission. No registration required - all women are invited! For more information, contact Cindy Anderst at the Parish Office at 255-4600.



Fall 2025 Adult Faith Formation Class
Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God
 Monday evenings: Sept. 22 - Nov. 10, 2025
 7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
 The cost of the class is \$15
 Register by Sept. 15 - scan QR Code below

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Sr. Nancy Gunderson, OSB (Annunciation Monastery) will also present supplemental material from revelations of mystics, that give us deeper insights into the mystery of Mary. For information, contact Cindy Anderst at 255-6400.



Preplanning Your Funeral:

Preplanning your funeral Mass is a meaningful way to express your faith, ease the burdens on loved ones, and ensure your wishes are honored.

If you would like to begin this thoughtful process and caring act of faith and love, call Tammy Schafer at 975-9816.



Food for the Soul
Tuesday, September 2
5:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Eating alone after the loss of a spouse could be called the "6th Stage of Grief." Corpus Christi has created a community of friendship and support to assure you that there is always room at the table. Food for the Soul is a once-a-month meal for those who have lost a spouse; for more information, contact Tammy Schafer, 701-975-9816.

Young Women's Widow Meet & Greet

This group is a safe space for young widows to find understanding, share stories, and support one another through grief and healing.

Thurs., Sept. 4th - 5:30 p.m.

Corpus Christi Community Room
Supper Provided (free of charge)



To RSVP or Learn More, contact: Tammy Schafer
 Call/text 701-220-9893 or tammy.schafer@corpuschristibismarck.com

This kickoff is just the beginning of a supportive journey. Feel free to bring a friend or support person if that makes you more comfortable.

Traveling and need to attend Mass?
www.masstimes.org

What's Going on Here This Week

- Sun. 8/24** HS Formation Retreat, 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
 SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm. 140
- Tues. 8/26** Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Rm.
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12:40-7:00 p.m.
 Catechist Prep Mtg., 5:30 p.m., South Hospitality Rm.
- Wed. 8/27** Women's Group, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall
 Aide & Hall Monitor Mtg., 6:00 p.m., South Hospitality Rm.
 Middle School Mentor Mtg, 7:30 p.m., Community Rm.
- Thurs. 8/28** Aide & Hall Monitor Mtg., 6:00 p.m., South Hospitality Rm.
- Sat. 8/30** KC Perpetual Rosary for Vocations, 3:30 p.m.
- Sun. 8/31** KC Perpetual Rosary for Vocations, 10:15 a.m.
 NO SNAC



High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, Aug. 24: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Topic: Movie Night & Potluck Dinner
 **No SNAC on August 31



Children's Liturgy of the Word
August 24 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

Volunteers needed for 2025-2026!



FAITH FORMATION



Registration 2025-2026

Online only registration system

Open Registration - August 22-29

First come first serve basis

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday class options.
 ***Class meets 12 times.

Parents stay and meet in the Parish Hall.

If you feel you would be able to teach or aide, please contact Melanie at 255-4600.



Fall Kick-Off

Papa's Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, September 14, 2025

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bismarck Diocese **Office of Catechesis and Youth** invites you to the following events:

- How Grace Works through the Ordinary: Why Practical Life Activities Matter, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Stella Marie Jeffrey, Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CT, Church of St. Joseph, Beulah. \$20 Registration Fee. *For more info, visit <https://bismarckdiocese.com/catechesis-youth>.*
- CGS Catechist Day Retreat with Fr. Nick Schneider as Retreat Leader, Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Christ the King, Mandan. \$20 Registration fee. *For more info, visit <https://bismarckdiocese.com/goodshepherd>.*

LOTUS (*Looking Onward to Understanding and Serenity*) is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. During the summer months (June-July-August), meetings are held at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for both men and women. The next meeting is on Tues., August 26.

Healing Hearts *Grief Support Group*. Healing Hearts is a group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child and provides guidance on the path to healing. This group is made for miscarriages, infant, toddler, youth, teen and adult loss. This grief support group is open to the public and held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next session is Tues., August 26.

Job Opportunities at the Bismarck Diocese:

• Full-time **Coordinator of Priests' Services**. Responsibilities include: serving as a resource to all diocesan priests as it relates to healthcare, insurance (*healthcare, Medicare and long-term care*), retirement planning and other benefits; coordinating the needs of diocesan retired priests, including the priests who reside at Emmaus Place (*priest retirement home*); coordinating the housing contracts and apartment assignments at Emmaus Place; assisting Emmaus Place residents with medical appointments/consultations, transportation needs and other appointments or needs that arise. A licensed nurse with experience in eldercare is required. Competitive salary and generous benefits package provided.

• Full-time **Cook at the Emmaus Place**, a priest retirement facility in Bismarck. Job duties include grocery shopping, preparing and serving meals for the residents and clean-up. Must possess a valid driver's license and have the ability to lift and carry 20 pounds. Prior cooking knowledge and experience is desirable. We offer a competitive salary with a generous benefits package.

All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. Visit www.bismarckdiocese.com.

Click the "About" tab and then the "Job Openings" tab to find specific details and how to apply.

SoulCore Prayer and Exercise

SoulCore is a prayer experience that combines the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional exercises; a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, reflections and movement to nourish the body, mind and soul, and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the rosary.

Who is SoulCore for? Adult women (16 years & older). Registered parishioners will be given priority to sign up for the program.

When? Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Two four-week sessions (you can sign up for one or both sessions): **Session 1 = October 2-23 and**

Session 2 = October 30 - November 20.

What? Bring an exercise mat and be dressed for exercise.

Cost? A donation box will be available at each class for those who are able to contribute.

Note: Class size is limited. Registration is required. Out of consideration for everyone involved, if you register and are unable to attend, please notify Cindy Anderst so your spot can be made available to someone else.

Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive: September 9-11, from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. each day, for *Real Stories, Real People, and Real Faith* on your local Catholic radio station. Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in at 91.7 FM and calling 877-795-0122 to give - or scan a QR Code.



Beginning Experience, a non-denominational peer ministry, is offering the 10-week session called "*Coping with Life Alone*." This program is for those who struggle and need support after the loss of a love relationship by death, divorce or separation. Sessions start Sunday, September 7. Contact Elaine at 701-400-1941 (Bismarck area) or Cindy at 701-690-9003 (Dickinson area) for more information. Brochures are available upon request.

You're invited to an exclusive screening of Triumph of the Heart. Come join Bella Health and Wellness as we witness the heroic journey of St. Maximilian Kolbe – a martyr of charity. This is a limited screening, available on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. *Reservation is required!* To learn more or to register, visit <https://bellahealthwellness.ticketspice.com/nd-25-triump-of-the-heart>.

Urgent Relief for Gaza USCCB Special Collection August 23-24, 2025

- Find envelopes by the entrances.
- Please donate by September 1st.
- Write Checks to Corpus Christi with "GAZA" in the Memo line.
- The funds will be distributed by Catholic Near East Welfare Association



Calling all girls in grades K-12! Local college students are teaming up with *CDA Court Immaculate Conception #322* to reinstate Bismarck's chapter of **JCDA - Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas**. Join us for our first informational meeting to learn about this opportunity for girls to grow in faith, leadership, friendship and serve their community.

Junior Catholic Daughters Welcome Luau

Sunday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

We will have fellowship, pizza and a bracelet making service project. We can't wait to share more about JCDA with you! *Please RSVP to Madeline Abbot at mabbott1@umary.edu or 218-457-1518 by September 7. Feel free to reach out with questions.*



New Member Meal

Monday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by September 11 at 255-4600

Invitations were mailed to new members. If you haven't received one and you registered in the last 6 months, please call Colleen at the Parish Office, 975-9807.

Sunday, Aug 24, 2025

The only way to make an impression on God

A teacher asked his class for examples of words that describe the current crop of college students. He expected to hear “highly educated” or “sophisticated” but was surprised at the honesty of a young woman who responded “entitlement. We think everything is owed to us.” An overstatement, yet such an attitude can often be attached to a particular social class, race, gender, ethnicity, or nationality. But scripture makes it clear that simply being a member of a chosen race or having rank upon rank of wealthy, noble, or accomplished ancestors makes no impression on God. Only one thing does: goodness.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30 (123).

“They shall proclaim my glory among the nations.”

Monday, Aug 25, 2025

Of icons and idols

The First Council of Nicaea, convened on this day in 325, condemned the Arian heresy and affirmed both the divinity of Christ and the Trinitarian nature of God through the Nicene Creed. Four centuries later, the Second Council of Nicaea addressed the Iconoclastic Controversy, condemning the destruction of religious images. The council affirmed the legitimacy of displaying and venerating icons as a way to connect with Christ and the saints, while carefully distinguishing between *veneration*, which honors the person represented, and *worship*, which belongs to God alone. These ancient debates—about who God is and how we approach the divine—echo throughout salvation history. Idolatry, the act of placing anything above God, remains a constant temptation. Consider using religious art as you take time to examine your own life. What false idols might stand between you and God?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *“Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred?”*

Tuesday, Aug 26, 2025

Duty to imitate

To share the gospel is to share a part of yourself. Your life experience brings the word of God to life. We are the living word—witnesses to the gospel in our everyday actions. When you share yourself with others through acts of love, the gospel becomes more real—not only for those you encounter, but for you as well. As Saint Augustine reminds us: “It is the highest duty of religion to imitate Him whom you adore.”

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). *“We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well.”*

Wednesday, Aug 27, 2025

In her own words

In the early centuries of the church, women’s importance was often tied to the social standing of the men in their lives, and their stories were told through a male voice. Saint Monica’s story comes to us through the writings of her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo. He described Monica as a model of womanly virtue: hard working, persevering, submissive, and holy. Yet we know nothing about Monica in her own words. We do not even know if she could write. Monica, like many women, past and present, lacked the social power to speak for themselves. Perhaps today we can

entrust to her saintly patronage all the people who struggle to find—or to be heard in—their own voice.

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *“You received it not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God.”*

Thursday, Aug 28, 2025

Be inspired by a good book

Looking for a good book? Try Augustine’s *Confessions*, a classic of literature by one of the greatest thinkers of all time. Augustine’s account of his search for God contains all the elements of a great adventure story: exotic locations, decadence and dissolution, complicated maternal relationship, philosophical and theological struggles, despair and confusion, and finally a profound religious experience: “No further would I read; nor needed I: for instantly at the end of this sentence, by a light as it were of serenity infused into my heart, all the darkness of doubt vanished away.” Augustine’s search for the only source of true peace is our search, too. “You have made us for yourself, O Lord,” he wrote, “and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.”*

Friday, Aug 29, 2025

Sin doesn’t get the last word

We tend to divide up people into good guys and bad guys. Yet the truth about any given person defies those categories. Just think if you were to be permanently judged and labeled based on a particularly bad day when all your weak points showed up like yellow dandelions on a green lawn. Take Herod for instance, one of the villains of the gospel stories. Despite his bad behavior, Mark presents him as having a heart with at least a reasonable potential for goodness. As *Just Mercy* author Bryan Stevenson says, “Each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve ever done.” And our Christian faith teaches that everyone is worthy of our compassion. Indeed, as Jesus said in one of Saint Faustina’s visions: “The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy.”

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Mark 6:17-29 (429/634). *“God did not call us to impurity but to holiness.”*

Saturday, Aug 30, 2025

A prayer that speaks to all

Saturdays are not only the traditional day to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary but also the day of the week to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the preeminent “Marian” prayer. In prayerfully meditating on the events of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the Birth of Jesus, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, we “weave our intentions, thoughts, imagination, emotions, and desire for union with Christ,” says Alice Camille in her award-winning article for VISION Vocation Network, “[Full of grace: Reclaiming the Rosary](#).” The Rosary is a prayer that speaks to everyone as the church but also to each person as an individual. What is it saying to you today?

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). *“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”*

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



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