



# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5th, 2023

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

Matthew 23:11

# WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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### **SACRAMENTS**

### **INQUIRERS**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process through which persons inquire into and determine if they are called to live out their faith as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Brad Romantic at bromanticecotrna.org or 614–855–1400.

### **BAPTISM**

INFANTS & CHILDREN: In the Infant Rite of Baptism, the parents make a profession of faith for their child and accept the responsibility of nurturing God's gift of faith in their child as he/she grows. Parents attend a Parent Preparation Session (preferably during pregnancy) before the child's baptism, usually held at 12:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month, in the OLR Chapel. Register on the parish website or scan the QR code. Scheduling of the Baptism will proceed the Parent Session.



**SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** Parents will meet with Peggy Kehres, after attending the Parent Session to make arrangements for preparation as needed.

For more information, Contact Mary Koors, 614-855-8861 or marykoorslegmail.com.

### **EUCHARIST**

Weekdays – See next page for Mass times Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00–4:30 p.m. Individual – anytime by appointment. Advent and Lent communal services.

### **ANOINTING**

Please call the Parish Office to notify us of an illness in the family and especially if someone is confined at home or in the hospital.

### **MATRIMONY**

Please call the parish office for an appointment with Fr. Denis Kigozi.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: Church of the Resurrection Parish is a family of loving, caring and open persons seeking to respond to the call of Jesus in the Catholic Christian tradition. We are a praying community who in every way possible provide for the spiritual and corporal needs of God's people. As members of the Resurrection community, we seek to serve all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### PARISH INFORMATION

### **PARISH OFFICES**

6300 East Dublin-Granville Rd New Albany, OH 43054 614-855-1400 FAX 614-855-0779 Rectory (phone for emergency) 614-855-0476

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

### **GENERAL INQUIRES**

postmaster@cotrna.org

### **CONNECT ONLINE**

Website: www.cotrna.org Facebook: www.facebook.comallrwelcom Instagram: www.instagram.com/ cotr\_newalbany

Scan the QR codes to the right to get connected.







# **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?**

Anyone interested in registering with our parish, please scan the QR code below or visit our website: cotrna.org and click on *Get to Know Us/New Member Welcome*. If you don't have access to a computer, but would like to register, please call the church office at 614-855-1400 and ask for Chris Roberts.



# **THIS WEEK**

November 5th –12th Week Schedule with Mass Times and Intentions

<b>SUNDAY: 11/5</b>	<b>MONDAY: 11/6</b>	TUESDAY: 11/7	WEDNESDAY: 11/8	
Mass Times and Intentions 9:00am Mass: Noelina Nabasumba 11:00am Mass: Harold Rec- tor	<b>9:00am Mass:</b> Thomas Murnane	7:00pm Mass: Memorial Mass in memory of all the deceased of the parish faithful	9:00am Mass: Jane McCutcheon	
8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Blood drive sign-up table 9a RCIA 12:15p Children's Choir Re- hearsal 12:30p Eucharistic Revival Group 6:30p CREED 6:30p Ignite in Church 6:30p RISE in Social Hall	9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 4:30p/6:30p CREED 6:30p Eucharistic Revival Group 7p Women's Group Meeting	11a Rental in Church/Social Hall 4:30p CREED 7p Memorial Mass	9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 4:30p/6:30p CREED 6:30p Walking With Purpose 7p Quo Vadis Meeting	

THURSDAY: 11/9	FRIDAY: 11/10	SATURDAY: 11/11	NEXT SUNDAY: 11/12
9:00am Mass: Madeline Peters	9:00am Mass: Chuck Riesbeck	<b>5:00pm Mass:</b> Gloria Brehm	9:00am Mass: PARISH 11:00am Mass: Ken & Flora Henderson
6a That Man Is You! 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 9:45a Walking With Purpose 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7p Contemporary Folk Group Rehearsal	9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 10a Eucharistic Revival Group 11:30a YAH Small Group Luncheon 1p Shawl Ministry	7:30a That Man Is You! 3:30p Worship Team Warmup in Church 6p Veteran's Day Dinner in Social Hall	8:15a Rosary in Church 9a RCIA 12:15p Children's Choir Snack 12:30p Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church 3p Private Baptism 5p Confirmation Class in Church 6:30p CREED 6:30p Ignite in Church 6:30p RISE in Social Hall



# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP**

Check out these upcoming events!

# Young at Heart



# November 10th- Lunch and a Movie- Journey to Bethlehem

Lunch starts at 11:30 in the Ministry Center, Room 106. Deadline to register is November 7th. This event is open to all COTR parishioners. Register online or through the QR code.





# November 15th -Luncheon in the Social Hall- Check back next week for the full list of details.

Don't forget Zoom Rosary every Thursday at 11:00am–contact Tom Kolda for more information at 614–899–9993 or tkolda@gmail.com.



# **Young Adult Ministry**

## November 14th- Monthly Gathering after 7pm Mass Young Adults are invited to join in faith and fellowship in the Ministry Center in room 103

### November 19th-Friendsgiving Dinner

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: 5328 Lynx Court, Westerville, Ohio 43081

BYOB and bring a dish to share-Children welcome! Please RSVP through the QR code.



# **Christ and Pints**

### November 21st after the 7pm Mass

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food at this month's Christ and Pints. This event is open to all adults of the parish. BYOB, snacks provided.



# Women's Group

# November 6th- Advent: The Promise of Something Extraordinary

Presented by Suanne Gettings. Before you wrap the gifts, put up the lights, and deck your halls and you want to light up the joy of your Christmas Season, join us for the Women's Group presentation Nov. 6 as Suanne Gettings takes us on a fearless walk through the true meaning of Advent.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Ministry Spotlight | Around the Diocese

### MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



# The Music Ministry- Our Mission

To enhance the spirituality of our Parish through music, while assisting the assembly in full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.

The Music Ministry welcomes all levels of musicianship, and our ever-growing and spirit-charged ministry is always open to new members!

Instrumentalists and singers of all ability levels, experience, and ages are WELCOME to participate in any of our four choirs. Please prayerfully consider answering the call of the Holy Spirit!

# I Want to be in the Choir, But...

"I don't have that kind of time!" (Commit to what you can. With 4 choirs, there are many opportunities.)

"I don't sing that well!" (All levels of ability are welcome!)

"They already have enough people." (We NEVER have enough singers!)

NOW is a great time to join one of the choirs in your parish Music Ministry...

Contact Music Director, Thom Wyatt, for more information: twyattecotrna.org



# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry as we knit or crochet, every Friday at 1:00 in the Ministry Center. A few of the things we make are prayer shawls, hats, blankets, and more! As we make these and other items, we pray the recipients feel God's loving touch. If you need a refresher on knitting or crocheting or for more information, please call Sandy Walsh (614) 342-6002 or Mary Madachy (614) 805-2004.

# **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

<u>Bishop Hartley High School</u> will host its annual Open House for prospective students and their families on Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our Principal, meet teachers and coaches, learn about the House System, take campus tours, and see what amazing programs and facilities we offer our students. Visit www.bishop-hartley.org/admissions, for more information and to register for the event.

**Second Annual Gold Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday evening, November 17 and 7:30 pm.** The Gold Mass is the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit offered for our musicians, to affirm them in their ministries, and to foster a greater sense of community among them. The color gold has been chosen because of its association with instruments, celebration, and performance. Priests from the Diocese are welcome to concelebrate with Bishop Earl Fernandes for this joyful and majestic liturgy, enhanced by the exquisite music of Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso, and current Mass settings by Dr. Fitzgerald. Musicians from various parishes will be participating along with the renowned cathedral choir, and all will be uplifted by the magnificent resonance of the Fritts Grand Gallery organ. Priests desiring to concelebrate should RSVP to the Chancery Office. Following the Mass, all are invited to a reception in the undercroft to congratulate and thank the musicians.

### Come and See Weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for November 9-12, 2023. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-In weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, vocationsecolumbuscatholic.org or your parish priest.

YCP Executive Speaker Series November 15 @ 7:00pm | The Vault (35 E. Gay St. Columbus, OH 43215) Join us as we welcome Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America, to receive insights about the pro-life movement. Pizza and drinks are included. All young adults (20s and 30s) in the Parish are invited.

and buckeyes. Admission is free!

# YOUTH FAITH LIFE

Youth Programs and Opportunities | Kids' Page

### YOUTH PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Religious Education Department offers a diverse set of programs for children in grades Pre–K through 12! Here are just a few of our youth programs, but be sure to check out our website to learn more about all of our youth programs.

### **COTR Playgroup**

The COTR Playgroup organizes local playground meet ups on the first and third Friday of each month. See link through QR code for dates/locations.



### **Journey with Jesus**

JOURNEY WITH JESUS is our children's Liturgy of the Word program for children 3 years of age through 1st grade. This program is designed to teach the Sunday Mass readings at the child's age level. No registration is needed. Held during the 9am and 11am Sunday masses, the children begin in the church with their family and are sent forth as a group prior to the Liturgy of the Word. They return to the church during the Offertory.

### CREED (PreK-5th)

CREED (Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days) is our weekly religious education program for children in grades Pre-K through 5. The focus of the CREED program is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children by providing religious education and formation classes for children of the parish who attend area public schools.

# RISE (6-8th Grade)

RISE is our weekly faith formation program for middle school students. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Registration for RISE is on-going via the parish website.

# **Confirmation (9th)**

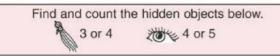
This is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives you an increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. Confirmation classes for this year have already started so please check back in the Fall for next year's registration.

# Ignite (Grades 9-12th)

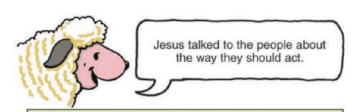
At *Ignite* we explore the Truth of the Gospel and discuss how it applies to our lives. *Ignite* gives you the opportunity to: Ask tough questions; deepen your relationship with Christ; make friends who will encourage you, challenge you, and hold you accountable; become a better, stronger, happier person. It's so much more than a Sunday evening gathering! High school students are invited to come see what it's all about.



Jesus said, "The Pharisees do things for others to see. Do not do what they do."



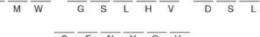




Use the code to find His words.

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# **YOUTH FAITH LIFE**

Ignite Service Project | Children's Coir | Breakfast with Santa

### **IGNITE SERVICE PROJECT**

Ignite recently partnered with Care for Creation to make Dog Toys for shelter dogs out of old t-shirts.







### CHILDREN'S CHOIR WEENIE ROAST

Contact Abby Porr in the office to learn more about Children's Choir and all of their fun events!





### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



# LITURGICAL LIVING

Connecting to the Faith Throughout Your Week

# Monthly Devotion of the Church November: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

# **Talking With Kids About the Holy Souls In Purgatory**

Excerpt from www.teachingcatholickids.com.

"We know that we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless our souls are pure. This means that any sins which have not been "made right" in God's eye must be reconciled. Purgatory is a place, a sort of rest stop, where we wait for our souls to be purified. The souls in purgatory cannot pray their way out. Instead, these souls rely on you and I, the living, to pray for them. By remembering the dead, praying for them and offering sacrifices on their behalf, these souls are able to enter the kingdom of heaven more quickly...

There are countless ways that you can pray and sacrifice for the souls in purgatory. Have a family brainstorming session and come up with a plan that works for your family.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Attend a daily Mass
- Recite the divine mercy chaplet
- Pray the rosary
- Pray at a cemetery
- Volunteer in your community
- Fast/abstain from foods
- Give up electronics
- Refrain from eating out at a restaurant
- Drink only water

What can your family commit too? Remember that extra prayers and sacrifices should be realistic, yet not easy. For families with children in a large age-range, consider an agebased and personalized plan."

Read the full article online by scanning the QR code to the right.





# **Next Sunday's Readings**

Scan the QR code to for the daily readings online or subscribe and get them in your email.



### NOVEMBER 12TH, 32ND SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-

2nd 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13 Gospel



# **FORMED**

### The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





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# **STEWARDSHIP**

Bottoms Up

Creation Care Corner | Diaper Drive | Ministry Schedule



### "Laudate Deum": the Pope's Cry for a Response to the Climate Crisis

Pope Francis has recently published an Apostolic Exhortation called Laudate Deum, which builds on his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home. He challenges the faithful to take much greater action to effectively address climate change. The Holy Father observes that "the necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed" (55). Francis notes the unprecedented speed in which temperatures are rising and warns that many people will be harmed by worsening droughts and increasing incidence of extreme weather events... especially the poor. He counters many of the arguments climate change skeptics use to justify inaction, while criticizing governments for not delivering on their promises to act. Beyond a doubt, human activity is at the root cause of the crisis we are experiencing, and we all have a role in initiating just solutions. Francis reminds us that caring for our common home flows from our Christian faith.

### DIAPER DRIVE FINAL COUNT

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank thanks you for your generosity in collecting **11,952 diapers**during the October diaper drive. The diapers you collected will serve 478 families in need in your community! We are truly grateful for your gracious giving and support toward this important mission. God Bless you all.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LITURGICAL	Saturday, Nov. 11th 5:00pm	Sunday, Nov. 12th 9:00am	Sunday, Nov. 12th 11:00am	EOMS TO SICK & HOMEBOUND: November 12th		
1st Lector	Andi Mulisano	John Burtch	Martha Bohman	Avalon	N.A. Care	OTTERBEIN
2nd Lector	Tom Mulisano	George Butzler	Valerie Coolidge	Anthony Liccardi	Bob Genton Lorraine Rothrauff	Patricica Hoffman Jennie Wilson
SERVERS	Daniel Adams Dylan Clark Joseph DiGiovanni	Andrew Broering Dustin Burgan	Anne Farrell Patrick Bowes Madison Malinowski	Dale Vitale		
JLK V LKJ				Out Home NA	Smith's Mill	Wesley Woods
EOMS	Don DeWitt Margaret DeWitt Jennifer DiGiovanni Bob Dixon Sharon Duncan Kim Spiezio Edward Teiga	Mary Delaney Mary Eckenrode Terry Eckl Tom Eckl Diane Fleming Jim Flynn Jackie Yingling	Jason Petry John Petry Marise Petry Jesse Roberts Christopher Sarka Gina Sarka Pam Shields	Susan Duplain Laurie Johnson	Donna Folberth David Jorgensen Katie Washington	Michelle Adams Scott Adams Jackie Szmania Marg Barber
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				Pic	k up/return betwee November 6-8	n
LEAD USHER	Tom Kneeland	Peter Golato	Dan Nettler		Donna Kade	
USHERS	Julie Ryon Ci Dan Shaw Ste OPEN Te	Dick Henley Cindy Herbst	John Aelker Robert Buechner Pat Heinzman OPEN OPEN OPEN	Pic	k up/return betwee November 13-15	n
		Steven Jewell Terry Koebbe			Claudette Herbig	
		Andrew Leatherman OPEN		Pic	k up/return betwee November 13-15	n
<b>DEAF MINISTRY</b>		Kathy Hodges			Julie Rubadue	

# **STEWARDSHIP**

World Mission Sunday | Appeal | SJTL Food Pantry

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

A heartfelt thank you to each of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together our parish collected \$580 for World Mission Sunday. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

www.onefamilyinmission.org



### APPEAL GOAL HAS BEEN MET!



Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal! **We have met our goal of \$248,797.32 by raising \$252,046.92.** Thank you very much for your generosity. Envelopes can still be turned in at Church or visit *The* Appeal website to make a gift today. May God continue to bless you, our parish, and our diocese.

- Fr. Denis

# ST. JAMES THE LESS FOOD PANTRY



# **STEWARDSHIP**

Turkey Drive



Here at Church of the Resurrection, most of us are getting ready to spend time with family, watch some football and enjoy a wonderful turkey dinner with loved ones. However, there are many in our community that are not able to provide a Thanksgiving meal without your assistance. Now is the opportunity to love your neighbor through a Corporal Work of Mercy and feed the hungry.

We look forward to collecting your frozen turkeys like we have done in years past in the church parking lot for 2 weekends. For those that can't pick up a turkey and still want to give, we have set up the "Turkey Drive" on the church website to include monetary giving, or you can drop off monetary gifts at the truck too.

# We appreciate your support to help others!

What: Frozen Turkeys & Monetary Donations (through QR code)

When: Before and after all Masses on November 11 & 12 &

**November 18 & 19** 

Where: Outside the ministry center, facing the church in the

big box truck

Who: The youth of COTR along with the Dixon Family Why: For the needy families of Central Ohio through

St. Dominic's and St. James the Less

Last year we collected 407 Frozen Turkeys and over \$5,000. If you have questions call Tammy @ 614-352-6498



Blood Drive



# Blood Drive Church of the Resurrection

Hall 6300 East Dublin Granville Road New Albany, OH 43054

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call Cathy Arnett at (614) 361-8923, email cathy.arnett.1@gmail.com or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: ChurchResur.

If you last donated on or before September 19, you may be eligible to give.



Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23) 5] - Order ID: 157228- 16m ID: 7251342- 0y: 1 of 1- 1232- 2033 APL 038- ARCO - 27465

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Intercessory Prayer | Gospel Meditation | Contemplative Moment

# **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Let us pray... for all who are in the military and for all who are seriously ill, recovering from a serious illness or surgery. If you would like to add the names of family members to the prayer list below, call the Parish Office (614-855-1400) or email bulletinecotrna.org.

To be added to our Parish prayer chain, send requests online to: <a href="https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer">https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer</a>. For more information on the prayer chain, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: Valerie@wyandottewinery.com.

### U.S. ARMY

MAJ Ryan Griffin; SFC Bill Hayes, CPT Rick Lovering; SPC Corey Luffler; PVT Adam P. Kearney; CPT Cody Kehres; SGT Ryan Krys- SERIOUSLY ILL OR RECOVERmalski; 1LT Bill Lovering; SFC Craig Markish; 2LT Ross Mitchell; Sgt. Paul D. Perez; MAJ Derek Stocker, 2LT Roy Wood, III

### **U.S. ARMY RESERVE**

PFC Jason McDonald

### **U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** MSG Ryan Pederson: SFC Justin

Shuman; SGT Jamie Wasierski

# U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS

CPT Sean Coolidge

### **U.S. AIR FORCE**

Curtis Abbott; MSqt Andrew Clymer; Adam Lewis; TSgt James Mathews; 2d Lt Daniel H. Touzinsky; Maj Matt Tucker

### **U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

TSgt Liz Humphrey

### **U.S. NAVY**

CPO Shane M. Cooper; PO3 Daniel Dunlevy; SA Evan Hammond;

LCDR Axel Steiner

### **U.S. MARINE CORPS**

Maj. Tom Bertram; GySgt Nicholas Bickel; Capt David Cook; Alan Finn; Capt Joseph Andrew Garcia; SSgt Scott Kramer;

LCpl Michael McCutcheon; LtCol Matthew Oberdorfer; 1stLt Gabriel Smith

# ING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS **OR SURGERY**

### **AUGUST**

Suzy Hoy, Tom and Gail Kolda, Ralph and Joyce Lewis, Vijay Gaddam, Natalie Butzer, Trudie Starr, Lucille Cranston, Rose Bernane, Dolly Plesser, Leo Miller

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Arlene Cucculelli, John Reed, Robin Plummer

### **OCTOBER**

Christina Neal, Hank Sherowski, Arlene Cucculelli, Linda Martens, Claudia Johnson, Barbara Jones, David Hoy, Joseph Allgeier, Pat McCarron, Leon Milnes

We are now on a rotating basis of three months for prayers for the seriously ill. If you would like a loved one added back onto the rotation, please email bulletin@cotrna.org or call the parish office at (614) 855-1400.

# **Gospel Meditation**

### November 5, 2023- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

# **Contemplative Moment**

"The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: 'God loved you.' It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God love you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinity loved."

-Pope Francis

Practicing Catholic | Eucharistic Revival

# Practicing Catholic-Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11

# The Year of Eucharistic Revival– Draw Closer to the Eucharist

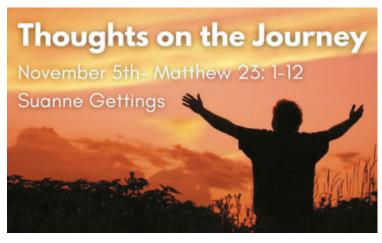
# **Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, Portugal-1247**

"The Eucharistic miracle of Santarém, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles. Numerous studies and canonical analyses were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of the Blessed Sacrament. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarém.

Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV. Still to-day, in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarém, it is possible to admire these precious relics. According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266 in Santarém, a young woman overcome with jeal-ousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid the Holy Eucharist in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. The confused woman stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband was also aware of the strange phenomenon and questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything."

Read more on this miracle and more at http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html or through the QR code.

Thoughts on the Journey



Being Catholic all of my, I have had a number of opportunities to serve with different priests, religious, and lay ministers along the way. Most of these people were a pleasure to worship with and share community; they had a sense of who they were in relation to the God they were serving. Even though most understood what 'servant' meant, there were a few stand-outs who did not grasp the concept of servitude; their arrogance and sense of self importance created hardship, division, hurt feelings, and fear. Their attitudes were a distraction for the community causing some people to leave and others to remain in frustration. This kind of thing is not exclusive to Catholic communities, but rather exist in all faith denominations because of the human condition. Sometimes it is easy to lose a sense of servitude when people get a taste of power and control.

However, when thinking about stand-outs in the servitude department, I would rather focus on the positive. I have been blessed to know so many good and faithful servants, but none quite like Brother Ralph Riehle. The first time I met Ralph, I was being introduced to the staff and parish council at St. Christopher Church where I had just been hired as the religious education director. His tall very thin frame entered the room just before the meeting began. Brother Ralph looked like he stepped out of an episode of Mayberry, RFD. Try, if you can, to imagine a cross between Andy Griffith and Barney Fife; tall and lanky, a strong hair line with a caricature face, protrudina upper teeth that made the rest of his face disappear when he smiled, a presence in the room because of his stature but softened a bit because of his humble posture. When he walked into the parish hall, he wore a green flannel plaid shirt, a pair of high-waisted blue jeans, and work boots that sported red Georgia clay around the heels. Ralph was accompanied by three giggling children who belonged to the council members present. The children were hanging on Ralph like he was a jungle-gym and everyone seemed amused by the scene. I couldn't help but notice the kindness in his face as he mingled with folks before the meeting began. It was my first encounter with Ralph, but certainly not my last. Ralph was a Glenmary

brother who served the Clayton, Georgia community as a carpenter. He and Brother Tom Kelly, worked together to fix substandard housing for the poor and to be a spiritual presence to those they served.

Ralph lived the vow of poverty with a charismatic joy that made you want to be with him. He was a gentle humble presence with a corky sense of humor. By day, he worked with his hands bringing hope to God's poor and, in the evenings, he and Brother Tom would open their home to anyone who stopped by. Ralph was like a big brother to me. I felt a sense of peace when I was with him because I felt drawn to and embraced by his own inner sense of peace. I used to think that this is what the apostles must have felt having Jesus as a friend. If there was someone in my life who most represented Christ, I would have to say it was Brother Ralph. About two years after sharing community with Ralph, he developed a brain tumor and returned to Glenmary headquarters in Cincinnati for treatment.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is speaking to the crowds and the disciples about the scribes and Pharisees. He warns the people to listen to what they preach and do what they tell you, but don't follow their example because they don't practice what they preach; they lay heavy burdens on those they serve, but do nothing to help; they seek places of honor; they want to be called *Master*, *Father*, and *Teacher*. Jesus further warned the people, "Do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ." And then Jesus said,

# "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus' message is contrary to our secular understanding of greatness. The greatest and most influential people I know have humbly given their life and love in service to others. As for Brother Ralph, he never returned to Georgia. He handled his suffering and death with the same obedience and grace that he accepted his servitude in life. His funeral was a celebration of the gift he was to everyone who knew him. At his graveside, the air was crisp, the sky was blue, and a beautiful white dove hovered over his grave as our prayers floated on the breeze. The peace that Brother Ralph emanated in his life pervaded me once again. I couldn't help but rejoice in feeling that this humble servant friend of mine was being exalted. His suffering was over and he was now in the arms of the Servant, Savior, and King, that he served so faithfully.

### Take Five for Faith

### Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

#### Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to pray for vocations, invite likely candidates to consider them, and educate others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13: Matthew 23:1-12 (151). "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."

### Monday, Nov 06, 2023

### All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

### Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

### Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). "We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one

### Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

### Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

### Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

### Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."

### Friday, Nov 10, 2023

#### You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin-enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

### Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

#### A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "No servant can serve two masters."

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



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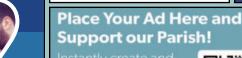
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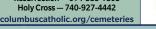
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