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# Sainte Anne Parish

Celebrating 121 Years as a Catholic Community  
in Salem, MA

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
honor and glory and blessing.”

Revelation 5:12

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# SAINTE ANNE PARISH

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## PRAYER MOMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES: .....Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
DAILY MASSES: ..... Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM  
HOLY DAY MASSES: .....As Announced  
CAMEROON MASS: .....2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM  
CONGOLESE COMMUNITY MASS: .....Sunday 4:00 PM  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: ..... Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
ROSARY: .....WEEKDAYS 8:30 AM | SATURDAYS 3:30 PM | SUNDAYS 8 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM  
CONFESSIONS: .....Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM or By Appointment  
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: .....TUESDAYS, 6-8 PM  
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP: .....Thursday, 8-11 PM  
CHURCH: .....Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 5 PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Friday 9 AM-5 PM | Sunday Open for Mass Only

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Welcome to New Parishioners:** Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office or email [info@stannesalem.org](mailto:info@stannesalem.org).

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

**Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

**Home Visitation:** We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

## OUR MISSION

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We strive to live up to the motto: "We Are Family." We see ourselves as a local expression of the universal Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ. Through God's grace we seek to be welcoming and loving. Our life centers on the daily celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

## PARISH CONTACTS

## PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, April 30th - 5PM**

Book Club

**Sunday, May 22nd - 11AM**

First Communion

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT EVERY THURSDAY  
9:30AM TO 6PM**



We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to take a time slot for all day adoration on Thursdays.

Help is still needed

**Visiting with Jesus is a great way to grow in friendship with him.** We would love to have more people sign up. If you feel inspired to spend an hour in the presence of Christ on Thursdays, please let the Parish Office know by calling 978.744.1930 or emailing [info@stannesalem.org](mailto:info@stannesalem.org). Adoration is open to everyone. We encourage you to try adoration.

*The Paschal Candle is the symbol of the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds!*





## Easter and Christian Action

Dear Holy People of God,

This past Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, we had the great grace of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation of eighteen members of our parish family. The liturgy was truly beautiful, and Bishop Mark did a graceful job of making all feel welcomed and loved by God and the Church. I thank the choir, the faith formation team, especially Fr. Denis and Fr. Jim, for their leadership and support. I wish to encourage the newly confirmed to consider finding a ministry in the Church that can be an opportunity for them to exercise their faith and live out the gifts received from the Holy Spirit. If one does not actively live out our faith, faith dies! Confirmation is a grace given not to be kept hidden, but for mission. We need a lot of hands, heads and hearts, for the music ministry, for lectors, for ushers and greeters, for altar servers, helping with the audio-visual system, setting up before and after Holy Mass, for bringing communion to the homebound, taking donated food to Lifebridge, serving at Grandma's Attic, the arts and environment, etc. Just think of doing something, for there is always something to be done in the Church. I wish to invite the parents, guardians, and sponsors to likewise be supportive so that these young adults can find their place in our parish family. We will be actively reaching out to them. Please give them the support they will surely need as we invite them to take up ministries in the Church.

I also wish to invite all those at Salem State University that have not been contacted to kindly reach out to me or to Fr. Denis via email (as in the bulletin). This is a ministry that will become very important and central to the life of our parish. As a Catholic student at Salem State, you can help with lectoring; the choir; setting up the space of the Church before Mass and putting things away after Mass. You can help teach Faith Formation to the kids. You can help coordinate our Book Club. You can also be a part of our parish monthly Bible Study. We need help with the running of our audio-visual system so that ALL Masses can be covered. There is just so much that you can do as a university student at SSU. The Risen Jesus counts on us to do our part to make the Gospel known. Let it not be said that ours is a generation that sat idly by and did nothing as university students or young adults or high school students.

With every joy at Easter, Fr. Maurice



### Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations and best wishes to our Confirmation Candidates who were confirmed by Bishop Mark O'Connell on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the 4PM Mass. May they continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength as they carry out their Confirmation commitment to be faithful to Jesus and His Church. A special thank you to Fr. Jim Morris for his support of our Faith Formation program.

Andrei Ambas, Liam Bautista, Adrian Baybay, Lauren Caldarelli, Luke Connolly,  
Timothy Flynn, Sophia Lupis, William Rush, Austin Ryan, Colby Ryan, Alexander Schaeublin,  
Liam Sullivan, Azriel Taguam, Ron Tenorio, Lindth Valsote, Calvin Wilson, Simon Mbetem, Eric NKengazem

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



# Mass INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 30th**

4:00 pm

**St. Pius V, Pope**

Pauline McCarthy, by the Sisters of the Assumption Associates  
 Rita Jalette, 5th Anniversary, by the Kirby Family  
 Rev. Patrick F. Healy OMJ, in Loving Memory

**Sunday, May 1st**

8:30 am

11:00 am

4:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Leo Perrone, by the Kolodziej Family  
 Thomas Genovese, by Kathryn M. Genovese  
 Congolese Community

**Monday, May 2nd**

9:00 am

**Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, May 3rd**

9:00 am

**Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

Suzanne Newhall, in Loving Memory, by her Family

**Wednesday, May 4th**

9:00 am

Anne McGuinness, by Kathryn M. Genovese

**Thursday, May 5th**

9:00 am

John McGuinness, by Kathryn M. Genovese

**Friday, May 6th**

9:00 am

Frank McGuinness, by Kathryn M. Genovese

**Saturday, May 7th**

4:00 pm

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Smith Family, by Kathryn M. Genovese

**Sunday, May 8th**

8:30 am

11:00 am

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Parish Family

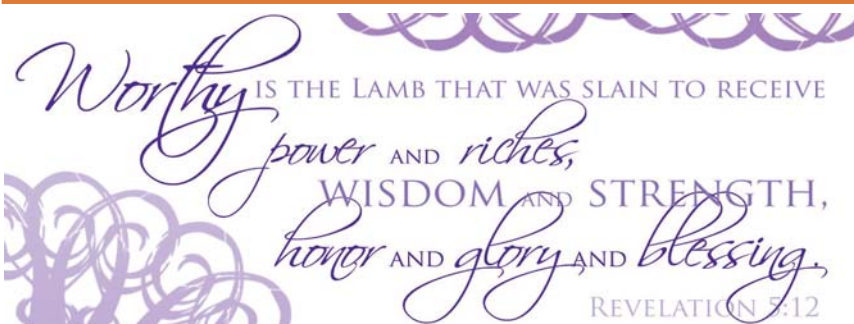
Normand Michaud, 6th Anniversary, by his daughter Ann

1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

**Congratulations Frankie!**

The Salem Patch recently posted a wonderful article celebrating Frank Popielski for his longtime service to Salem Hospital. Thank you, Frankie, for all you do for Ste. Anne's - we are truly blessed! To read the article, visit [https://patch.com/massachusetts/salem/salem-hospital-celebrates-frank-popielski-longtime-service?utm\\_term=article-slot-1&utm\\_source=newsletter-daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter](https://patch.com/massachusetts/salem/salem-hospital-celebrates-frank-popielski-longtime-service?utm_term=article-slot-1&utm_source=newsletter-daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL FOR PRAYER

**For the Sick:** Jason Alexander, Dorothy Sherry, Armen Sarafian, Pat John, Steve L., Kathleen Levy, Ron Budka, Leona Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbitt, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Pauline Bellomo, Henry Jalette, Jr., Maria Abramo, Erin Jalbert, Susan Engel, Patricia Davern, Jim O'Connell, Debbie Erwin, Veronica Kelley, Marion Blanchette, John Akatyszewski, Stephen White, Susana Topacio, Donald Provost, Phil Yates

**For the Military:** Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

**For the deceased members of our parish,** that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

**For all Christians,** that the Holy Spirit will enliven their lives at this time of Resurrection, so that we may live the life of Christ with enthusiasm.

**For Priests and Seminarians:**

Saturday - Fr. Richard DeVeer and Paul Born

Sunday - Fr. Joseph Mozer and Alden Bronson

Monday - Fr. John Connolly and Vincenzo Caruso

Tuesday - Fr. James Rafferty and Michael Castellon

Wednesday - Fr. Robert Nee and Alex Charow

Thursday - Fr. Daniel Crowley and Maxwell Chukwudiebere

Friday - Msgr. John R. McLaughlin and Brian Daley

Saturday - Fr. Thomas Oates and Alexander de Tirado

*"Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."*



By Dr. Scott Hahn

## Fire of Love

Third Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)


**ST. PAUL CENTER**  
**FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Acts 5:27-32,40-41 | Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13 | Revelation 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned. One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see John 18:18). At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see John 13:38; 18:15-18, 25-27). Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command "feed My sheep" shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church (see also Luke 22:32). Jesus' question: "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken (see John 13:37; Matthew 26:33; Luke 22:33). Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands"). Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered (see Matthew 10:16-19,22; John 15:18-20; 16:2). We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer." Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading (see also Revelation 6:9-11).

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> May 1	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/ Rev 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
<b>MONDAY</b> May 2	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30/Jn 6:22-29
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 3	<i>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 /Jn 14:6-14
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 4	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 5	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 6	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1, 2/Jn 6:52-59
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 7	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> May 8	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rev 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30



## Tenebrae Service Acknowledgements

A HEARTFELT Thank You to the volunteers who read with love and feeling to make this a memorable service commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless your lives, ease your burdens, and you in turn forever glorify God. Thank You to Paul Bossé, Betty Burke, Brian Carr, Sr. Pauline Fortin, Grace Lamarre, Janet Nadeau, Pat Pelletier, Ludger Veer and our priests Father Casmia and Father Maurice. Thank you to all of you who witnessed the open/empty Tabernacle, processed into the chapel, contemplating service, washing of the feet, the Last Supper and then the Eucharist/Body of Christ wrapped in altar linen symbolizing the wrapping of Jesus's body in the burial linens, placing in the tomb. Extreme gratitude to those of you who remained to make this our best attended, well read and sung Tenebrae honoring our Savior, the conquering of death, resurrection, and the promise of salvation and eternal life. Alleluia! Thank you to the Arts and Environment Ministry led by Al Robidoux for the beautiful "Garden of Gethsemane" setting and to the ever faithful parishioners making monetary donations in memoriam for loved ones for the Easter season plants/flowers. Going forward, please consider volunteering within your church; there are many ministries and needs. Thank you again, as I am honored to be an instrument of God. Alma Pelletier

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who



wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of

our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

*Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13*

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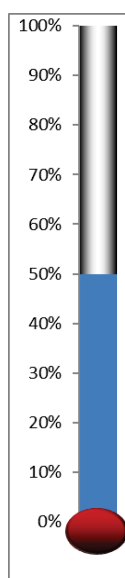
## FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your financial support of the parish pays for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community. ***Merci and Thank You!***

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St. Vincent de Paul	\$59	\$10
Totals	\$4,660	\$600
Total: \$5,260		

**GRAND  
ANNUAL Goal:**  
**\$55,000**

**Current Total:**  
**\$27,523.50 (50%)**



**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
May 8 - St. Vincent de Paul  
May 22 - Maintenance and Repair

## May 1 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel, we are listening to an intimate exchange between Jesus and Peter. Jesus knows Peter and does not want his act of denial to define him. Rather Jesus wants Peter to express his commitment with heartfelt love. Do you hear the conviction in Peter's response to Jesus? "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." That expression of Peter's love and commitment to Christ is starkly evident in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, in which we hear Peter being ordered "to stop teaching in that name." That is, he was to stop teaching about Jesus. His commitment to Christ gave him the courage to persevere despite the trials and sufferings that may come. How willing are you to speak with conviction about your relationship with Christ?

## CORI FORMS NEEDED

We need CORI forms completed by ALL VOLUNTEERS of the Parish including the choir, and especially any person working with the children of the parish. Forms will be available at the back of the church and are due back to the Parish Business Office **no later than 4/30**. They must be notarized. Michelle Kolodziej, our Operations Manager is a notary. You can make arrangements with her or you can also visit the place you do your banking.



St. Anne's has raised **\$3,516.40** from 21 donors (**18%**) toward our 2022 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$20,501**. If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of church or making an on-line donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Participation from every household in the parish is important and every gift makes a meaningful difference. Thank you!

## Baby Bottle Drive

Give Life!

In honor of Mother's Day, we are partnering with the Pregnancy Care Center. The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry that offers loving, free, and confidential support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Staff and volunteers journey alongside clients to let them know that they are not alone. Other services include sexual integrity education, post-abortion counseling, and material assistance. None of this is possible without the support of generous individuals and local churches. If you would like to donate, please visit [pccfriends.org](http://pccfriends.org), use a baby bottle envelope to mail a check, or simply scan the QR code. Give life because life is a gift worth giving!





# RESPONDING *to the Call*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

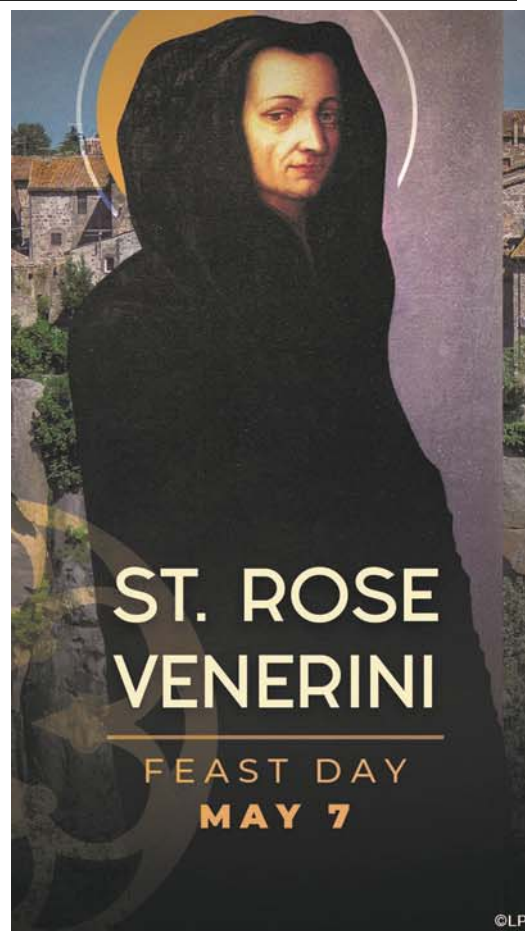
Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.



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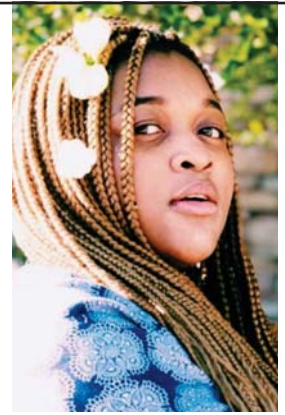
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