

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



August 7, 2022

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a welcoming and responsive faith community, nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharistic Table. We are open and trusting in the love of Jesus Christ to advance the power of the Holy Spirit, within the Parish and beyond, by living the Gospel.

PARISH INFORMATION

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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--PARISH OFFICE HOURS - 9:30 AM-4 PM--

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY MASS:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM
SUNDAY: 8 AM, 10 AM & 5 PM

DAILY MASS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM (MON-FRI)
8:30 AM (SATURDAY)

HOLY DAYS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM; 7:00 PM

HEALING MASS:

1:30 PM - 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 10 AM



PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Bernardin Mugabo
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Bit-Shing Abraham Chiu
Pastor Emeritus	Fr. Thomas Bland
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Deacon	Keith Johnson
Deacon	Jack Wilson
SJE Business Manager	Linda Gospodnetich
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Director of Music & Liturgy	William Becker
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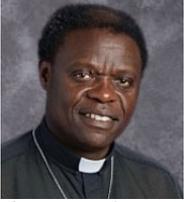
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Name: _____

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Dear Parishioners, the booklet continues as dictated in large part by JESUS and the Blessed Virgin Mary to Catalina (Katya) Rivas on what happens during the HOLY MASS. This is the Seventh Installment, continuing with the ("The Concluding Rites/Reflections").
God bless, Father Bernardin Mugabo

THE TESTIMONY OF CATALINA ON THE HOLY MASS

Which is the place you have made for Me? It must be not just a place where you have an image that is dusty all the time, but a place where at least five minutes a day, the family meets to give thanks for the day and for the gift of life, to ask for their needs of the day, to ask for blessings, protection, health... Everything has a place in your homes, but Me.

"Men plan their day, their week, their semester, their vacations, etc... They know what day they are going to rest, what day they will go to the movies or to a party, or visit grandmother or the grandchildren, their friends, the children, or go to their diversions. How many families say at least once a month: 'This is the day for our turn to go and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle, and the whole family comes to talk to Me? How many sit down before Me and have a conversation with Me, telling Me how it has been since the last time, telling Me their problems, the difficulties, asking Me for what they need... allowing Me to share in their things? How many times?"

"I know everything. I read even the deepest secrets in your hearts and minds. But I enjoy your telling Me about your things, your allowing Me to share in as a family member, as the most intimate friend. How many graces man fails to receive by not giving Me a place in his life!"

When I stayed with Him that day and on many other days, He continued to give us teachings, and today I want to share them with you on this mission that has been entrusted to me. Jesus says:

"I wanted to save My creatures because the moment of opening the door to Heaven has been impregnated with too much pain..." "Remember that no mother has ever fed her child with her own flesh. I have gone to that extreme of Love in order to communicate My merits to all of you."

"The Holy Mass is Myself prolonging My life and My sacrifice on the Cross among you. Without the merits of My life and My Blood, what would you have to present yourselves before the Father? Nothingness, misery and sin..."

"You should exceed the Angels and Archangels in virtue, because they do not have the joy of receiving Me as nourishment like you do. They drink a drop from the spring, but you, who have the grace of receiving Me, have the whole ocean to drink."

The other thing that the Lord spoke about with sorrow concerned the people who go to their encounter with Him out of habit, those souls who have lost the awe of each encounter with Him. He said that routine turns some people so lukewarm that they have nothing new to tell Jesus when they receive Him. He spoke of no small number of consecrated souls who lose their enthusiasm about falling in love with the Lord, and turn their vocation into a trade, a profession to which they give no more than what it demands of them, but without the sentiment...

Then the Lord spoke to me about the fruits that each Communion must yield in us. It does happen that there are people who receive the Lord daily but do not change their lives. They spend many hours in prayer and do many works, etc., etc., but their lives do not go on transforming, and a life that does not continue to transform itself cannot bear true fruits for the Lord. The merits we receive in the Eucharist should bear the fruits of conversion within us and fruits of charity toward our brothers and sisters.

We, the laity, have a very important role within our Church. We have no right to remain silent in the presence of the command that the Lord gives to us as baptized men and women to go forth and announce the Good News. We do not have any right to absorb all this knowledge and not share it with others, and allow our brothers and sisters to starve while we have so much bread in our hands.

We cannot watch our Church crumble while we are comfortably staying in our parishes and homes, receiving and receiving so much from the Lord: His Word; the priest's homilies; the pilgrimages; the Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the marvelous union and nourishment of Holy Communion; and the talks given by such and such preachers.

In other words, we are receiving so much and do not have the courage to leave our comfort zone and go to a jail, to a correctional institution and speak to those who need it the most. To tell them not to give up, that they were born Catholic and that their Church needs them there, suffering, because this suffering will serve to redeem others, because that sacrifice will gain for them eternal life.

We are incapable of going to hospitals, to the terminally ill, and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to help them with our prayer during that time of struggle between good and evil, and to free them from the snares and temptations of the devil. Every dying person is fearful, and they feel comforted merely by our taking their hand and talking to them, talking about the love of God and the wonder that awaits them in Heaven, close to Jesus and Mary, close to their departed ones.

The hour that we live does not allow us to side with the indifferent. We must be an extension of the hands of our priests and go where they cannot reach. But in order to afford ourselves the courage to do it, we must receive Jesus, live with Jesus and nourish ourselves with Jesus.

Live... **The Holy Mass**



The Testimony of Catalina

From a series of visions and messages from Jesus and Mary
A teaching on what happens during the Holy Mass and how to live it with our hearts

(to be concluded next week)



BE PREPARED: (19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

"Be prepared!" It's that traditional Scouting motto. "Be prepared!" In Scouts, I never asked, "Be prepared for what?" If I would've asked, I'm sure I would've been told something quite frightful. The scoutmaster would have suggested being prepared for some sort of catastrophe. A catastrophe that if I just would have thought ahead - taken it into account the one million-and-one things that could happen - I would've brought that one obscure "thing" that would get me out of the mess that I find myself in. "Be prepared" for what?! In a church setting, when the Gospel includes an idea of preparedness, staying awake, or being ready, our imaginations may race off into the events like the final judgment or doomsday. However, in today's Gospel, Jesus begins by telling us that being prepared is not about obtaining something needed to lessen the impact of some unknown catastrophic event. But, in being prepared, Jesus invites us to come to know what we have already been given.

Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom." At the time of our Baptism, we received that Kingdom. Through the abundance of grace offered through Baptism, you and I fully – mind, body, and soul - penetrate into the Mystical Body of Christ. That Mystical Body sitting at the right hand of the Father, Who, as Father, shares an infinite and uncompromising love for His Son. And we, the baptized, dwell within the body of the Son. This is the kingdom. To expand on the understanding and extent of God's love for us, St. Augustine offers this profound quote. He said, "If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's Table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying 'Amen' to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear 'The Body of Christ,' you reply 'Amen.' Be a member of Christ's Body, then, so that your 'Amen' may ring true!" Can we understand the extent of what St. Augustine is saying about our intimacy with Jesus through the Body of Christ and the Eucharist; and do we know how much the Father loves the Son? Shouldn't we develop a spiritual life about growing to know the Father's love for us or does our spiritual life more resemble hiding in a bomb shelter?

For two months, I have been facilitating a Parish discussion group called **HUMAN FLOURISHING**. I started it with the intent of assisting people in finding the wholeness that God offers us through His love. To experience and keep this wholeness, God must always be in our heart and our mind, and on our lips. In doing this we come to awaken to the love that God has for us. We then become the love of God for others. What does this mean? The manifestation of most problems in the world come from the unknowing of God's love for each of us. The knowing of God's love for each of us builds a healthy spiritual life, a healthy spiritual life supports a healthy psychological and neurological life. All of these can enrich our physical life. This flourishing of the mind, body, and soul grows the Kingdom, as the knowing of the love of the Father for each and every one of us grows within us and outside of us.

Knowing God's love for each of us and all of us is not a new thing. It had been the desire of all since the beginning of history. We must work to regain an awareness of the unity that we were created for. The first steps we have taken in the **HUMAN FLOURISHING** group has been to come to know and to recognize interior peace and freedom and recognizing those things that inhibit our experience of our indwelling in Christ. As we begin the recognition of interior peace and freedom, we can accept more grace to desire to grow in knowing God's love as we can better discern His calling of us. As Christ said, "For where your treasure is, there will also your heart be." While going through the class, three spiritual masters popped up in my reading who give wonderful insight in growing the habits in ourselves to keeping Christ on our heart, mind, and lips. Their recommendations are nearly identical despite their different times which they lived. Brother Lawrence, Saint Bonaventure and Tomas Kempis, each of these spiritual leaders, offer us that we must try to converse with God in little ways not in memorizing prayers but simply by revealing our hearts as the words come to us intimately as a bridegroom to a bride. They tell us to seek the answer in reflecting on God's grace received during our life and not in doctrine. We should search the answer within ourselves, not in the world, through meditative prayer. In each of our gatherings we use **Lectio Divina** - the divine reading of scripture. This allows us to know Christ in the Word and to leave our gatherings knowing the intimacy of our Bridegroom, an awakening to Christ in our life and words to continue our conversation with our beloved.

Brothers and sisters, to be prepared is to know what God already gives us - His love! It is to be prepared to gaze into the face of perfect love and to recognize it because we have lived in It as people of the Eucharist. That is God's desire and it is ours.

Are you prepared?

Confident of the power of Christ to transform our lives so we can prepare for our journey to God, we raise our voice in prayer to Him.

For the Church: that God will renew and deepen our faith so that we may be confident that God is always present and accompanies us along each step of our journey. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who exercise leadership in the Christian community: that they may be watchful and attentive to the signs of God's movement within the Body of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For small and medium sized businesses: in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are in need: that God will give strength to all who have lost home or possessions in fires, storms and flooding, sustain them as they rebuild their lives and open the hearts of many to assist them. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For our fuller participation in the New Covenant: that each sharing in the Eucharist may deepen our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God and communion in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are grieving: that God will wipe away their tears and give them courage and hope for tomorrow. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all our deceased Parishioners, relatives, and friends: that our merciful God may give them eternal rest. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For these intentions, the intentions shared by this community during the week that we bring to the Altar, and for the intentions of all those whom we promised to pray. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Good and gracious God, help all of Your people prepare for the coming of Your Son in time. Grant the prayers that we speak and those that remain inside the privacy of our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
July 31, 2022	\$7,617	\$10,365	(\$2,748)

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

August 13/14, 2022 - CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE

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office@sjecarmichael.org

To update your
address, phone
number and
email address.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Fr. Bernardin invites you to spend an hour/
some private time with Jesus on Wednesdays
& Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are
prayed aloud beginning at 4:10pm.

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

CHAPEL KEYPAD INSTALLED!!

SJE Blessed Sacrament Chapel is accessible Monday through
Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Please call SJE Office (916) 483-8454 for code or admittance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Please Note: BAPTISMS ARE SCHEDULED
MONTHLY.**

For more information and instructions, please visit our
website, www.sjecarmichael.org to download and
complete our *Baptismal Registration Form* or
contact DEACON JACK or DEACON KEITH through
our "baptisms@sjecarmichael.org" email address
for Baptism and Baptism Class Schedules.



IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of SJE Parishioner **DAVID MATSLER**, husband of Joan, who passed away recently. May God grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

SISTERS IN FAITH MEETING

Join us for our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm in St. James Hall.

We will continue our discussion of **Matthew Kelley's** book, **LIFE IS MESSY**. Copies are still available. Contact **PAM JOHNSON** at **(916) 716-6228** for any questions.

JOURNEY TOWARDS HUMAN FLOURISHING

Your next journey session is **SEPTEMBER 1ST** at 6:30 pm in St. James Hall.

We are taking the rest of August off and will start up again in September with the **3rd book, The Eight Doors to the Kingdom**, also written by Fr. Jacque Philippe.

Please text **DEACON KEITH** at **(916) 390-5458** or email him at deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org if you have any "journey" meeting questions.

ADORATION MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

ADORATION MINISTRY SCHEDULE - **HELP NEEDED**



We are still in need of ADORERS for the below listed times:

Are you able and willing to keep one of the following hours?

Friday
9 am
11 am

Thank you for your consideration.

Please call **JACKIE SANDERS** at **(916) 481-0398**

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS...



SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED IN JULY AND AUGUST FOR SUMMER VACATION.

THE GIFT SHOP WILL RE-OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE CALL SJE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ANY ITEM NEEDS

SPOTLIGHT ON - RCIA



THE MINISTRY OF **RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)** GUIDES PEOPLE ON THEIR PATH TO JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE MINISTRY TYPICALLY FINDS CANDIDATES THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH AND FROM ARTICLES

THAT ASK QUESTIONS LIKE:

ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH AND WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

HAVE YOU STARTED THE JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM, BUT NEVER FINISHED?

THE **RCIA** PROGRAM CLASSES AT SJE ARE HELD WEEKLY FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL EASTER EACH YEAR INTRODUCING CANDIDATES TO JESUS, HIS TEACHINGS AND HIS CHURCH. **RCIA** CULMINATES AT THE EASTER VIGIL WHERE THE CANDIDATES ARE INITIATED THROUGH **BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION** AND THE **HOLY EUCHARIST**.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS, AND PEOPLE TO ASSIST THE TEACHERS, SO WE CAN NURTURE THE FAITH OF NEW BELIEVERS IN CHRIST. THE CLASSES ARE BASED ON THE LIGUORI "JOURNEY OF FAITH" SERIES. EACH TEACHER AND STUDENT RECEIVE COPIES OF EACH LESSON TO HELP THEM PREPARE.

WON'T YOU JOIN US IN EVANGELIZING THE FAITH AND HELPING PEOPLE FIND THE LOVE, JOY AND SALVATION OF BEING A CATHOLIC? AN RCIA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND OR CONTACT **DEACON JACK** BY EMAIL AT deaconjack@sjecarmichael.org

SJE SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL

(Preschool through 8th Grade)

ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school year

Excellent academics, art, music, drama, athletics and much more are offered in a Catholic atmosphere.

Please email or call our Principal, **MRS. CHRISTIE HORTON** at chorton@stjohnev.com (916) 481-8845



MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND RECIPIENTS



If you or anyone you know of is homebound and in need of receiving the Holy Eucharist, please contact **GAIL GUDAHL**, SJE Lead Homebound Minister at homeboundministry@sjecarmichael.org

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Richard Michael Blalock, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, Geoff Carter, Melanie Casperson, Ollie Claussen, Alicia Cortez, Corrine Davidson, Bill & Judy Davis, Russ Davis, Melissa Duran, Brenda Elazier, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Madeline Endres, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Escalante, James Espinoza, Juanita Estrellas, Ernie Frehe, Anthony Gabriele, Frank Gianattasio, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Alice Guerrero, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Margaret Hollatz, Gabe Howser, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Tom Karras, Larry Kraus, Dalice Lee, Ray Lloyd, Pat Lobrovich, Karen Lydon, Mary Mandara, Angelica & Cheryl Martin, Jennifer Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Carla Moore, Marie Murillo, Tony Nolasco, Baby Dylan Ochoa, Gilles Ouellet, Mary Pai, Lynn Parry, Julie Paul, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Max Rankin, Jeff Reynolds, Sarah Rizzardo, Aida Saca, Ruth Salazar, Matt Sanders, Monique Sandoval, Rena Scherman, Kim Schultz, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Aurora Simental, Lili Simic, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Dolores Stafford, Hank Thompson, Inge Toner, Kim Van Blaricom, Deanna Vest, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Theresa West, Lu Whitlow, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

August 6, 2022

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD/CFE

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High
Phone: 916-483-4628 Email: ccd@sjecarmichael.org

On Monday, August 8, we will be celebrating the feast day of **St. Dominic de Guzman** the founder of one of the greatest orders of preaching friars, the **Dominicans**. St. Dominic was born in 1170 at Calaroga in Old Castile, Spain, to the noble de Guzman family. His father, Don Felix de Guzman was the royal warden of the village, and his mother, Joan, was a woman of great sanctity, who later became the Blessed Joan of Aza. According to a legend, when Dominic's mother was pregnant with him and made a pilgrimage to an abbey in Silos, she received in a vision a sign of the baby that she was carrying in her womb. In this dream, she envisioned a dog leaping from her womb with a torch in his mouth. Consequently, his parents named him 'Dominic', which was a play on the words "**Domini canis**" which, in Latin, means the **Lord's dog**. Essentially, St. Dominic in later life, really was the Lord's messenger, who did truly set the world on fire.

At a very early age, it was evident that Dominic was called to assume a career in the Catholic Church. He was actually appointed canon of the Cathedral, which helped him continue with his studies. When he was being educated in Palencia, Dominic focused his education on theology and the arts. His professors considered Dominic to be an exceptional student. In 1191, when a famine left many people homeless and poor across Spain, Dominic sold everything that he had, including his special collection of religious books, which were inscribed on parchment and were required for study in his classes, to buy food to feed the poor. Dominic was asked why he sold his treasured collection of books and he replied, "Would you have me study from these dead skins when people are dying from hunger?" Twice Dominic attempted to sell himself into slavery to the Moors to obtain the freedom of others.

Having finished his education in 1194, Dominic was ordained, and he joined the Benedictine order, the Regular Canons of St. Augustine, in the diocese of Osma, where he worked with great ardor toward his own sanctification and the salvation of others through his preaching. In 1201, he then became the superior of that order. Two years later, Fr. Dominic was chosen to accompany Bishop Diego de Ascebo of Osma on a trip to Denmark to help find a bride for the Crown Prince Ferdinand. The designated princess died before they could leave on this trip, so Bishop Diego and Fr. Dominic were available to travel freely. During their travels in France, Fr. Dominic encountered Albigensian heretics, and from this time onward, Fr. Dominic knew with certainty that what God required of him was an active life of teaching in the world. Later, Bishop Diego and Fr. Dominic went to Rome to ask leave of Pope Innocent III to preach the Gospel to the infidels in the East. Pope Innocent III would not grant them permission to travel to the east, but he gave them permission to go to southern France, the region of Languedoc, to convert heretics back to the true faith.

Together Fr. Dominic and Bishop Diego and a group of Cistercian monks began their missionary journey to meet with heretics to encourage conversions. They advised these missionaries to give up their horses, retinues, and servants. In addition, they were instructed to use peaceful persuasion instead of threats in combating heresy. Their actual first meeting with the heretics took place in 1206. It was in this year on the feast day of St. Mary Magdalen that Fr. Dominic had a vision, which led him to also found a convent for nine nuns at Prouille, which likewise provided for the education of children. This eventually would become the first Dominican house, and Bishop Diego and Fr. Dominic established their headquarters there.

In 1208, Fr. Dominic continued to preach, going wherever he was called seeking only the good of those who hated him. Despite the terrible civil war between the Christian princes led by Simon de Montfort and the Albigensian heretical forces led by the Count of Toulouse, Fr. Dominic declared, "Arm yourself with prayer instead of a sword; be clothed with humility instead of fine raiment." This was how Fr. Dominic planned to convert the Albigensian heretics. Then Fr. Dominic was inspired by a visitation from the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appeared to him with a beautiful wreath of roses. She spoke gently to Fr. Dominic, and she said that she knew that people's eyes and ears were closed, and that their hearts were hardened. Likewise, she said that the only way to get through to them was with the Rosary. So it was that Fr. Dominic always carried a Rosary, and he encouraged the people that he preached to say the Rosary. Because of this, many people returned to God's love.

When in 1214 Fr. Dominic again gathered his preachers to convert the Albigensians, he was given approval for this group from the Archbishop of Toulouse, Archbishop Fulk. Together Bishop Fulk and Fr. Dominic traveled to the Council of the Lateran in Rome to receive provisional approval for his order. During the following year, Fr. Dominic drew up the constitution for his group based on the Rule of St. Augustine. This new order was called the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, and it was approved by a decree from Pope Honorius III. His foundation has remained one of the great forces for good in the Catholic Church. Dominican friaries were established in Spain, France, England, and Italy.

St. Dominic de Guzman died on August 6, 1221, in Bologna, Italy, and he was canonized in 1234 by Pope Gregory IX, who declared that the sanctity of

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of
August 8-13, 2022

Monday: St. Dominic, Priest
6:30 am Fr. Edgardo Rodriguez (I)
8:30 am Nick † and Christell † Aquila
Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
6:30 am Mary Gibbs †
8:30 am Deceased and Living Members of the Lubecki Family
Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon
6:30 am Alicia Santos (I)
8:30 am Joe † and Rose † Cannariato
Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin
6:30 am Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Bruno Giorgi †
Friday: St. Jane Francis de Chantal, Religious
6:30 am Estella Perez †
8:30 am Robert Torres †
Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
8:30 am Bruno Giorgi †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN'S WISDOM

There are two ways of knowing how good GOD is:
 one is never to lose Him, and the other is
 to lose Him and then to find Him.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK PROCEDURE

For those who bring the Holy Eucharist to our home-bound brothers and sisters after Mass, **please place your Pyx on the Altar prior to the beginning of Mass.**

If you are unable to place the Pyx on the Altar before Mass, please do not approach the Altar once Mass begins After Mass, you can approach either the Priest or Deacon to obtain our precious Lord, Who will journey with you to be received by our homebound brothers and sisters as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CON'T)

St. Dominic was no more doubted than the sanctity of St. Peter or St. Paul. We revere St. Dominic to be the patron saint of preachers, falsely accused people, and astronomers.

OUR PRAYER: O GOD, YOU DESIGNED TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH ILLUSTRIOUS BY THE MERITS AND TEACHINGS OF ST. DOMINIC DE GUZMAN, YOUR CONFESSOR. GRANT THAT THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION, WE MIGHT NOT BE DEPRIVED OF TEMPORAL HELP, AND THAT WE MAY ALWAYS ADVANCE SPIRITUALLY. AMEN.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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The world is full of cover-ups, and sometimes even the church is no exception. What is covered up is the ugly sin, which is carried out in the dark. Those evil doers hypnotize themselves that no one will notice. As a matter of fact, even those who do not believe in Jesus still believe that there is some spirits who look after humans. How do Christians do that? They simply kill God in their hearts in order to bury their conscience without any guilt feeling.



What is the benefit of hurting others? In fact, it is just an immediate benefit. What we have to face in the end is the ultimate reality that cannot be changed, i.e. heaven or hell.

Jesus said, "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known." These people are the persecutors. Jesus took this opportunity as to encourage his disciples to wait patiently for the end of the world, even if they were persecuted to death. The persecutors, in order to protect their evil power, judge the Christians to be devils. Precisely, the end of the world will definitely come to light. What Christians need is patience in the midst of painful experiences.

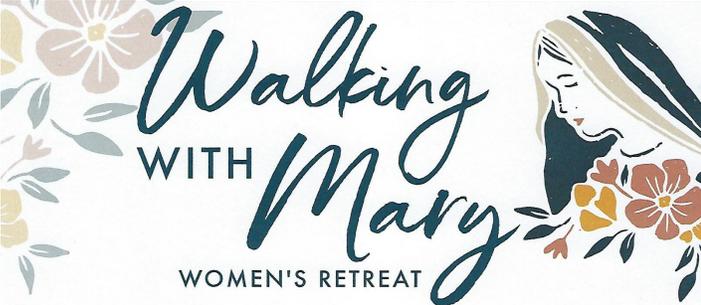
Jesus continued: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." The devil's force, at most, can only kill the body. The purpose is to silence Christians' preaching and testimony so that more people will follow the devil and go to hell. However, the devil is powerless to intervene in the eternal life that Jesus provides.

The term "soul" (psychē) is not a floating spirit, but a living substance. Because of God's mercy, by the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection, people are given eternal life. This true life cannot be destroyed by any evil force. What Jesus emphasized is that humans' eternal life remains in God's eternity

Thus, in the presence of God and the strong faith of Christians, the devil can only destroy humans' earthly life. For life eternal, what the devil can do is only to surrender. For the sake of Jesus; all kinds of persecution come together as to pave the way for eternal life.

--Fr. Abraham Chiu

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

A Pastor and his Deacon are flying to Los Angeles for a conference. It's a long flight so the Deacon leans over to his Pastor and asks if he would like to play a game. The Pastor just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines, turning towards the window to catch a few Z's. The Deacon, a persistent fellow, explains to the Priest that the game is easy and a lot of fun. "It's like this," he explains, "I ask you a question and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5. Then you ask me a question and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$5." The Priest is tired and doesn't want to play, so the Deacon raises the stakes. "OK," he says, "if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5 and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$50!" Now he's got the Priest's attention, who realizes the Deacon isn't going to stop until he plays the game, so he agrees. The Deacon asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The Priest doesn't say a word, but reaches into his wallet, pulls out a five-dollar bill and hands it to the Deacon. Now it's the Priest's turn. He asks, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down on four?" Then he turns away and goes to sleep. The Deacon is baffled. He takes out his laptop computer and searches the internet and the Library of Congress. Frustrated, he sends emails to his friends -- all to no avail. After about an hour, he wakes the Pastor and hands him \$50. The Priest takes the money and again closes his eyes. The Deacon won't have that. He shakes the Pastor and asks, "Well, so what's the answer? What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down on four?" "I haven't the slightest idea," the Pastor says, and then he reaches into his wallet, hands the Deacon \$5 and goes back to sleep.

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