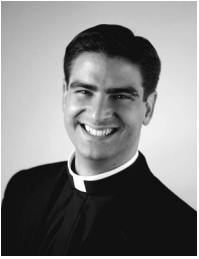

SEPTEMBER 10 & SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

When Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York City on April 20, 2008, his prayer included these words: "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred ... and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all."

Those who attacked the United States 21 years ago today, causing the death of almost 3000 people, could aptly be described, in the words of Benedict, as "those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred." As the pope prayed that God turn such hateful hearts and minds to the way of love, perhaps more than a few of us were praying that the hatred of our attackers would not cause us to be similarly consumed with hate. If that were to happen, would we not, then, be yet another victim of the 9/11 attacks? How awful it would be if the evil and hatred of others caused our minds and hearts to become consumed with hate.

As followers of Jesus, we seek to have our hearts and minds formed by his life and teachings. In Christ there is no hate or vengeance. His teachings about forgiveness and his acts of mercy make this abundantly clear. The three parables in today's Gospel passage reveal a God who does not seek to condemn the sinner, but rather One who is ever ready to seek out and forgive. Later in Luke's Gospel, we even hear Jesus willingly forgiving those who put him on the cross (23:34). He would not allow the cruelty and hate directed at him to turn him into a hateful person.

Such mercy should move us to abundant gratitude and a desire to forgive as we have been forgiven. Saint Paul, in the reading from First Timothy, expresses his gratitude for the mercy God has shown him: *I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated ... Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant.*

In the face of evil and hatred, justice ought surely be sought. There should also be consequences for attacks against others, and there should be safeguards put in place to protect and health and welfare of others. Was not Jesus quick to challenge the behavior of those who did others harm? In the pursuit of justice and our efforts to protect others, however, let us be steadfast in seeking to form our

hearts and minds after that of the Lord Jesus.

When Pope Benedict prayed that God "give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all," was he not calling us to take on the heart and mind of Jesus, the one who was generous in mercy and willing to lay down his life for those entrusted to his care? In all things, including our dealings with those who may be blinded by hatred, may our minds and hearts be formed by the life and teachings of Christ.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

75th ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE The 75th Anniversary committee will be raffling a hand painted Nativity set, to defray expenses for our 75th Anniversary celebration dinners. The set was painted by one of our parishioners! Tickets will be: 1 ticket for \$5, 6 tickets for \$25. For more information, contact Anne Krech at 301-373-6106, or at kamp-krech@md.metrocast.net.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will begin September 19 for 5 weeks from 7 to 8:30 pm In the large classroom at IHM. We will be doing "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" by Edward Sri. We will doing "A Biblical Walk thru the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri. In order to get the materials needed, please RSVP for the class by calling Nancy Baysinger at 240-298-4713 by Friday, September 9. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will begin this fall on September 21 for 5 weeks from 10 to 11 am in the large classroom. We will doing "A Biblical Walk thru the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri. In order to get the materials needed, please RSVP for the class by calling Nancy Baysinger at 240-298-4713 by Friday, September 9. All are welcome!

GREIVING WITH GREAT HOPE If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or friend, St. Mary's Church in Bryantown will offer a six-week Catholic-based grief support workshop, on Saturdays from September 24 to October 29 from 9-11 am. Grieving with Great Hope is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. To register or for more information, please contact Gemma Nelson (240-216-7845; gemma.nelson@gmail.com) or Wendy Slay (301-653-0111; wendymslay1@gmail.com).

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 12 — September 18

Monday	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Lk 7:1-10
9:00 am	John Kammerer (D)
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 7:11-17
5:30 pm	Chris Schmaltz (L)
Wednesday	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
9:00 am	The Persecuted Church in Nicaragua (L)
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/ Jn 19:25-27
5:30 pm	Tremaine Robinson (D)
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B and 15/ Lk 8:1-3
9:00 am	Terry Wayne Thompson (D)
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10C-12, 13-14/ Lk 8:4-15
9:00 am	Sr. Maria Corredemptrix Madden (L)
4:00 pm	All IHM Parishioners
Sunday	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13
8:30 am	Jim Brown (D)
11:15 am	Bruce Colby (D)
1:00 pm	All CFF Students

Events Calendar

September 12 — September 18

Fri: 6:00 pm

Youth Group at IHM

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS This month's Mass with Healing Service is at 7 pm on Monday, September 26. After Mass, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for healing with laying on of hands. Confessions begin at 6:30 pm and continue as long as there are penitents.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus will take place on Saturday, 15 October 9 am until 2 pm at the Knights Hall (41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650). To sign up, go to www.redcrossblood.org, then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. Alternatively, you can call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the day of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.

LANDINGS TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED We are in need of volunteers to become team members in the Landings Ministry at IHM. The Landings Team will serve as loving support for people wishing to return to the Catholic Church. If interested, please call Nancy Baysinger at 240-298-4713 or email nbaysinger1@gmail.com

PEWS AND BENCHES FOR SALE, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If interested in purchasing a pew (with ends) or a bench (without ends), please contact Linda Hidalgo at 240-298-5264. We are also looking for volunteers with carpentry skills to help out with the orders.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING Our next 75th anniversary committee meeting is on Wednesday, September 7th at 1 pm in the large classroom.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.



The Maryland Knights of Columbus 53rd Annual Incentive Raffle benefit is underway! Monies raised will benefit the state's charity and scholarship programs as well as the charities and programs of Knights of Columbus Council #9968 at IHM. Raffle tickets are

available in the foyer after Mass until September 18th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Bill Wagoner, Vincent Campanella, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Rylee Corliss, Rose Marie Weiland, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Jim Hoffman, Kaylee Klier, David Kalil, Wanda Slate, Jim Brown, Enedina Melendez, Hector Perez, Josephine, Glenn Thompson III, John Worrell, Tim Brosnihan, Jim Makin

Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR FOOD PANTRY The IHM Food Pantry has additional operating hours! Along with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 am, the Food Pantry will be open the second Tuesday of the month from 4 to 6 pm and on the fourth Tuesday from 5 to 7 pm. As always, call the Food Pantry at 301-863-8193 during operating hours to get assistance.

WHAT IS CULTURE? In a continuing series of adult educational offerings, the Lyceum at St. Mary's Ryken will offer a new course for the fall: "The Basis of Culture." Culture is one of those terms that everyone knows and almost everyone thinks of as important. It is also one of those terms that is frustratingly difficult to define. Although this course will not exhaustively define and detail culture, it will plumb the depths of the term, examine some ways of thinking about culture, and engage with the various distinct channels that feed culture. Although various in form, culture is ultimately formed and fed by language, literature, history, thought, and human encounters. The course is 8 weeks long and will meet on Thursday evenings, starting September 22, from 7 to 9pm at St. Mary's Ryken. Registration is \$145. Sign up at www.smrhs.org/TheLyceum. Please contact John Olon (john@smrhs.org) if you have any questions.

MASS IN THE PARKING LOT As a reminder, during IHM's weekend Masses we have in-parking lot options available. While parked at IHM, if you tune to 99.7 FM you can hear the Mass broadcast live. If you park in the second, smaller parking lot, we will bring out Communion at the appropriate time.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday, October 18 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 6, 2022 from 7 until 8:30 pm. The meetings are virtual using Zoom technology. There are no fees but registration is required. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call 202-577-2213.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION on Tuesday, September 13 at 7 pm at St. Cecilia's. This month's talk is "Pride - The Silent Destroyer" given by Fr. Larry Swink. The evening includes Adoration, talk, Confessions starting at 6 pm, and Healing prayers.

LOCAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE Join an awesome pilgrimage to St. Clement's Island September 24. Cost of \$45 per participant includes t-shirt, giveaways, lunch, dinner, boat transportation, concert with Joe Melendrez and more! Middle schoolers are invited to join the pilgrimage concert with Joe Melendrez on the mainland at 7 pm, prepaid for \$5 or at the gate for \$10. Visit www.southernmarylandroots.org for more information. Help with the cost is available. Contact Cookie Pontzer by Sep 12 to register: 301-672-0075 or cookiepontzer@gmail.com. (RSVP by August 1 to ensure correct T-shirt size.)

PARISH COOKBOOK SALES Our 75th Anniversary parish cookbook "Favorite Recipes to Feed the Heart" is here and available at the parish office. Each cookbooks is \$20. Payment accepted in cash, check or credit/ACH through cookbook.ihmrcc.org.

ARCHIVING IHM PHOTOS Looking for help in putting IHM photos in Albums for archiving. Please contact Pat DeCarlo at 240-925-0021 or decarlodp@verizon.net if interested in helping. Also, in need of some photos of Father Dignan. If anyone has any, please contact Pat.

FIELD MASS FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS FEAST DAY A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Church Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The services will be held Thursday, September 15th in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery (Located behind Mother Catherine Academy). The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community and the Church especially encourages people who have recently suffered a loss to participate. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 10 am. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, you may contact (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766.

RECRUITING In need of singers for the Choir! If you are a singer from High School on up who would like to use your vocal talents to serve at IHM, you are needed. The first rehearsal is this coming Wednesday, August 31 at 7 pm in the Church. We are also in need of Youth Musicians to join the group at the 11:15 Mass every first Sunday. Singers in Middle and High School welcome! Proficient instrumentalists needed too. It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! All children are welcome to sing for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We will need proficient instrumentalists for the Youth Orchestra, as well. If you are interested in any of these groups, please contact Mary at 240-434-8876 (leave a message) or mary@ihmrcc.org.

September 11, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-32
or Lk 15:1-10

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I think I lose more things than the average person. Car keys. That magic security card that gets me into my office. My son's birth certificate (the night before the driver's test). And my wedding ring, more often than I care to admit. I can't rest until I find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So this is one parable I think I "get." Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – us sinners. As Jesus tells us, "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul's example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess I sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in my parish. I've made more mistakes than I can count; so, no, I'll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That's a job for the "good Catholics." As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant," the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What's more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our parish or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don't belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table.

ENGAGE At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry.

