



Food for Thought in the Year of *Eucharist* Revival and Renewal

As a whole, Christians miss the important fact that the Blessed Virgin Mary plays a key role in the beliefs of Christians. Whether they want to admit it or not does not change the truth of it.

The Church Fathers and theologians carefully distinguish between the type of worship due to *God*, *latria*, and the veneration given to the *Saints*, *dulia*. Catholic theology includes a type of veneration, *hyperdulia*, which is paid specifically to the Mother of God, the Blessed *Virgin Mary*, because it is pleasing to *Jesus* that we honor His Mother.

This is pointed out in her response to the Angel Gabriel in her *Fiat* and is further confirmed by *Jesus* as He manifested His Father's command to honor Father and Mother; and as He passed her care to His disciple John, as He died upon the cross, thus preserving her honor then and now.

The many different titles attributed to her have developed from her personal life, her places of honor in the life of the Church, her role in the plan of our salvation and her intercession to God on our behalf. These devotions to her are not just the result of the writings of the saints and the Church Fathers, but also in conjunction in the belief in Marian apparitions and the reports of miracles and healings.

Our Lady has been granted a special role in union with God. When we honor Mary, when we pray the rosary and the stations, and the many other prayers associated with her, we honor God; and thus we honor her too as children of God, sons and daughters of God, her children. Mary has much to tell us and intercede upon for us as any mother would, but we must be listening and asking for her guidance in finding *Jesus*. She has much to say concerning her Son and the Eucharist, too.

Below is one title and prayer taken from among the 50 or so titles listed for her, not including the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross, etc.

OUR LADY AND THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of *Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament*, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our *Eucharistic God*. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist; that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Virgin Immaculate, our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

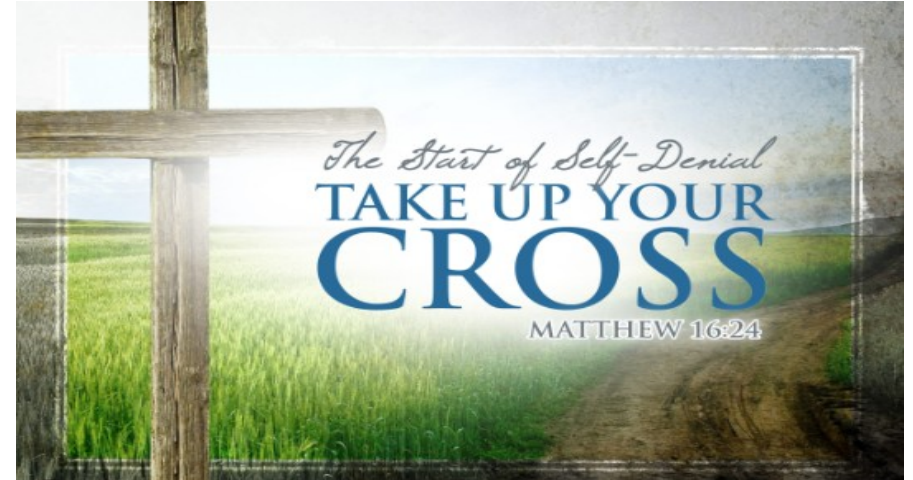
R. That the Eucharistic Kingdom of Jesus Christ may come, among us!

Something you can truly sink your spiritual and physical teeth into.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Hicks

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COVID PRECAUTIONS

The pew section directly in front of the ambo is reserved for socially distanced seating.

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THE HOLY POST

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 3, 2023

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: God's word has brought me derision. (*Jeremiah 20:7-9*)

PSALM: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." (*Psalms 63*)

SECOND READING: Discern what is the will of God. (*Romans 12:1-2*)

GOSPEL: Take up the cross and follow the Lord. (*Matthew 16:21-27*)

Today, as we honor all those whose labor enhances our lives and the lives of others, we recognize the holiness of the work we do. Whether we labor for an employer, for our own families, or both, we set aside our own desires to expend time and effort to do something for others. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. We all have crosses that we are called to bear, and some of them can be found in the work we must do for others.

Let us strive to make the work we do more closely unite us with Christ.

- Pastoral Patterns

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, Oct. 14

Indoor vendor spaces are **SOLD OUT!**

Plenty of outdoor vendor spaces are available. Please invite quality crafts vendors to join us this year by contacting the Parish Office.

We still need all sizes of baskets for Silent Auction items, and a few paper sacks for ticket counting. [Volunteer signup sheets are now posted!](#)

Oktoberfest information is located on our website: holychurchvinita.org.



BECOMING CATHOLIC is a joyous experience!

Some receive this gift as an infant, while others have come into the Catholic community later in life. The process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), guided by Fr. Cashen, but is ultimately a personal journey of discernment in faith. If you, a family member, or a friend are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please speak with Father for information on joining the next RCIA class, starting soon.



HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Contact Father or the parish office to continue receiving the pastoral care of the Church.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Sept 3
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 10 am

WEDNESDAY Sept 6
Weekday Mass 6 pm

SUNDAY Sept 10
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 10 am

TUESDAY Sept 12
- Finance Council Meeting 6 pm

WEDNESDAY Sept 13
Weekday Mass 6 pm
- CCD Parents Meeting 6:30 pm

SUNDAY Sept 17
24th Sunday Ordinary Time 10 am
- CCD Classes in CCD Center

WEDNESDAY Sept 20
Weekday Mass 6 pm

PRAYER LIST

Jeanette Crowell, Roben Carter, Gail Curley, Desiree & Caleb Curry, Mae Davis, Ann Geyer, Karen Janssen, Nancy Keene, Tate Riney, Roseline Brown Sparks, Alice Nolen-Walston, Debbie Page, Jimmie Sooter, Lynnda Sooter, Jimmy Sweeney, Leonard Taylor



Navy: Jason Williams
Marines: Gage Gardner
Air Force: Zerek Albarez, Eric Wilks, Adam Crane, Cale Schumacher, Michael Ecterhoff, Tiffany Calabasa



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **CCD Signup Sheets** for the 2023-2024 school year are in each vestibule
- Complete and return a **Registration Form** for each child in Grades K-12. Forms are in the vestibules or can be completed online at holychurchvinita.org
- **Parents Meeting:** Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm in Parish Hall
- **Religious Education Classes** begin Sept. 17 in CCD Center
- **Snack Signup Sheets** are now posted for parishioners to generously provide snacks for our students and teachers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

(1st 3 months)

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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