

Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



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Parish Administrative Assistant: Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)

Parish Bookkeeper: Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

First Saturday: ~9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday \sim 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church Sunday before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment



Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640 † Canonically Established in 1830

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class.

—Children younger than 7: are baptized "as infants." See above.
—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange preparation classes. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Ladv's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This is required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic, non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home "Communion call' contact the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a "Holy Hour" before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to "sign-up" for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday $\sim 8:45$ a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Thursday $\sim 8:45$ a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

First Friday, November 4th to

First Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

First Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

First Sat. 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND

We need two adorers per slot. Thank you.



St. Mary's Choir—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love

of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice!

Next Practice: Thursday, October 13th at 7:15 p.m. (MC) Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: eranlupu@icloud.com

O.C.I.A. (formerly called R.C.I.A.) continues Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and be fed mentally and spiritually! Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or just want to refresh your faith. All are invited! Bring a friend!

Altar Servers Wanted!—Calling all youth who are interested in helping make our Weekend Masses special. The only prerequisite is having received First Holy Communion. The Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of Our Lady's Chapel. Thank you for your interest in Serving the Lord, and the Body of Christ. For any questions, please contact Father Plummer at plummers@adw.org or 301 292-0527 x 101.



FLOCKNOTE REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

We will not sent any move mass e-mails like before. We have been using Flock note to send day

to day information instead of emails. So far, we have 96 families signed up. Our goal is to have everyone sign-up. Just copy and paste the link, below, into your browser, go to the page, fill in some information, (I will be notified of your registration and approve it), then you are good to go. Remember your passwords. Thank you!

https://stmaryspiscataway.flocknote.com/dashboard

St. Mary's Piscataway Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Parish School of Religion 2022-2023 Registration is continuing!—Help your children grow closer to Jesus, learn more about the Catholic Church, and stay on track for receiving the Sacraments. Children from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be registered.

Registration will continue at the School's front door across from the flagpoles. Classes will be in the School classrooms and will run from 10:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. This accommodates PSR families who come to either the 9:30 a.m. Mass before class or the 12 noon Mass after class. At time of registration please bring Birth certificates, & Baptism Certificates and/or First Holy Communion Certificates if the Sacrament(s) were not here at St. Mary's Church of Piscataway. Also the Consent forms for "Circle of Grace." Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Do not let children leave the building before being signed out!

Eucharistic Exposition Wed. & Thurs.:



- † Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).
- We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.
- Y Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.
- **†** We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.
- Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover empty spots!

Every Wednesday: 11-12 noon, 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m. Every Thursday: 10-11 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

Friday Faith Formation—"What Would Like to Know? Q. & A. with Father Sam on Fri., October 14th. This event begins with food and fellowship at 6:45 p.m. and the event starts at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All are invited! His answers are wonderfully informative.

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Around the Archdiocese

Retrouvaille—Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register, please visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org



2022 Diocesan 2nd Collection (Archdiocese of Washington)



October 23

World Missions/Propagation of the Faith

World Missions/Propagation of the Faith - these funds are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. For further information

http://www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx

Thank you for your generosity!

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 9, 2022

Parish Week Events:		Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
Sunday, Oct. 9 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Name Sunday	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (MC) Sodality Executive Meeting—10:30 a.m. (PCR) NO PSR Classes—Columbus Day Weekend October Head Count Weekend	Mon., Oct. 10 8:15 a.m. Tues., Oct. 11	Columbus Day Tyler Josenhans (+) St. John XXIII, Pope
Monday, Oct. 10 Columbus Day	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Parish and School Offices closed— Columbus Day	8:15 a.m. Wed., Oct. 12 8:15 a.m.	Anna Balassa Stahovic (+) Weekday Charles Daniel Springston, Jr. (+)
Tuesday, Oct. 11 St. John XXIII, Pope	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) (Confessions after) O.C.I.A. Session—7:00 p.m., (Parish Hall)	Thur., Oct. 13 8:15 a.m.	Weekday The Wells Family
Wednesday, Oct. 12 Weekday	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (MC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (MC) S. & E. Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m., (Phall)	Fri., Oct. 14 8:15 a.m.	St. Callistus I, Pope Chaun Eason Next Weekend's Mass Schedule
Thursday, Oct. 13 Weekday	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (MC)	Sat., Oct. 15 4:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Matthew Andresino (+)
Friday, Oct. 14 St. Callistus I, Pope	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) "What Would You Like To Know? Q. & A. With Father Sam, 6:45p.m., Food-Session at 7:00 p.m., (Parish Hall)	Sun., Oct. 16	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bradley Brown (+) Wendall Presa (+)
Saturday, Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (MC) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (MC) October Head Count Weekend		St. Mary's Parishioners ext to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for
Sunday, Oct. 16 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Laity Sunday	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (MC) PSR Classes—10:45-11:50 a.m. (Classrooms) October Head Count Weekend	a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or parish@stmaryspiscataway.org.	

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention-\$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of Sunday, October 9, 2022 to Saturday, October 15, 2022

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the Intentions of the Ukrainian People and the Conversion of Russia. The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the Repose of the Souls of the Ukrainian People.

EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of Sunday, October 9, 2022 to Saturday, October 15, 2022 Wed., Thurs.

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.

The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra-\$10 per Week

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR LADY'S CHAPEL. (Due to the closing of Sharper Florist, we now ask that you order and pay for your arrangements directly with your chosen florist. We ask that you contact the parish office to discuss the dates.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Myrtis Cline, Scot Cuozzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eric Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, Greg Scheirer, Leanette Marie Schiliro, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, Beverly Woods. and those with the Coronavirus. Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of October, from 1999-2022. Carlito Labrador Abad (58), Timothy Alexander (55), Carol Allingham (73), Esther Pico Baraquio, Jose Baraquio, Keny Michelle Bernal (<1 day), Jo Aileen Blandford (84), Beverly Carroll (79), Francisca A. Castellanos (80), William Gerald Clements (91), Nicodemus Ramirez Cruz (52), Faustina Curameng (92), Ofelia D. Davis (61), Evangeline V. Delanoche (58), Esmeralda Samiento DeOrtube (83), Alma M. Engle (88), Norbert J. Engle (82), Maria Antonia Ennis (81), Joseph Glidden (69), Virginia Lee Hickey (78), James F. Hoelscher (74), DorothyJones(96), Jefferson Clarence Josephs (79), Camelia Ghattas Khoury (64), Richard Francis Kott (91), Mae Chiantella Licitra (95), Gabriel William Maxwell (22), Frederick Theodore Medley (77), Richard Joseph Meehan (77), Joseph Philip Merse (88), Margaret Ann Mildenberg (75), Eugene Miller (82), Harold Louis Miller, Sr. (74), Charles Luke Munson (81), Gene Catolico Pena (53), Mary L. Pflug (84), Charles M. Proctor (58), Hattie Virginia Proctor (102), Ray L. Samonte (44), Athena Sherard (32), Martha Elaine Siebert (93), Keith Darnell Swann, Sr. (54), Henry Joseph Thorne (83), Louis Reeves Underwood (75), Dr. Philip J. Urso (71), Marcel Leo Vigneault (87), Thomas Bernard Washington (74), Mary Mildred Windsor (97), Mary Alice Yavorsky (80) NOTE: All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY: PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargant Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

FIND YOUR PURPOSE, FEED YOUR SOUL

of the day.



Participant Mater Full of Grace Book, Study Guide,

Tote Bag (optional)

Study Location:

St. Mary's Church of Piscataway 13401 Piscataway Rd., Clinton, MD Parish Hall

Dates/Times:

From October 2022 to May 2023 First Saturdays:

9:00 a.m. 1st Sat. Mass, followed by "Full of Grace" Study, until 12:00 p.m. Third Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For More Information:

> **Contact Regional Coordinator:** Chris Bowman, (301) 908-2336 cbowman@womenofgrace.com Waldorf, MD

St. Mary's Church of Piscataway Contact: Michèle Fulk (301) 292-0527 x 100 parish@stmaryspiscataway.org Clinton, MD

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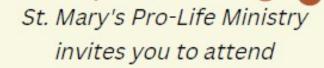
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Abortion: Responding to Media Claims with Truth and Charity



Speaker: Katie Yoder

Former St. Mary's Parishioner Katie Yoder is a correspondent in CNA's Washington, D.C. bureau. She covers pro-life issues, the U.S. Catholic bishops, public policy, and Congress. She previously worked for Townhall.com, National Review, and the Media Research Center.

Date: Saturday, Oct 22 2022

Time: After the 4PM Mass

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM

Speaker at 6:30 PM

with Q&A after

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk

11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Denis, Bishop, and

Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Monday: Columbus Day

Tuesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Friday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Saturday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

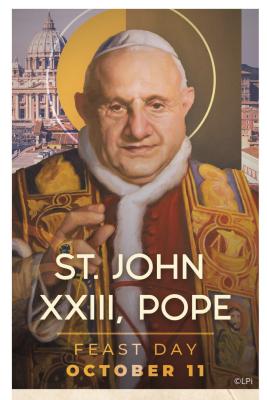
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Hedwig, Religious; St.

Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God.

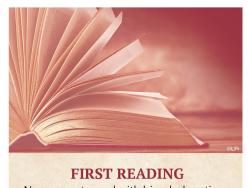


SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.



Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth,

except in Israel. (2 Kgs 5:15)



PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)



SECOND READING

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tm 2:11-12)



GOSPEL

"Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine?
Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Lk 17:17-18)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!





WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.



LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In the healing of Naaman from leprosy, we hear how Naaman became a believer in the one God of Israel. How have you experienced God's presence in your life?

Second Reading

Paul teaches Timothy the importance of perseverance and commitment to one's faith in Christ. When have you decided to remain faithful, even when it was hard?

Gospel Reading

Jesus seems disappointed that of the ten lepers he healed, only one of them, a foreigner (the Samaritan), thanked him. How can you show gratitude to God today? During the week?

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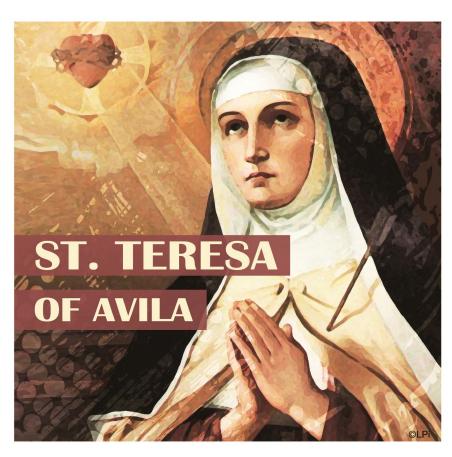
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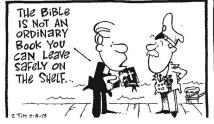
Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

- Lk 17:17-19

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lesus healed 10 very sick men, but only one remembered to thank God. God heals your body every day, too. You may not even notice how God keeps you healthy. All around you, germs live on door knobs, shopping carts, and toys. When you catch the flu or a cold, God heals you. He keeps on healing you until he's ready to take you home to heaven. Thank God for keeping you healthy and for healing you, too.

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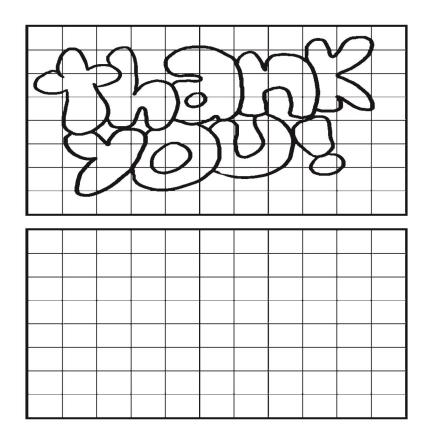
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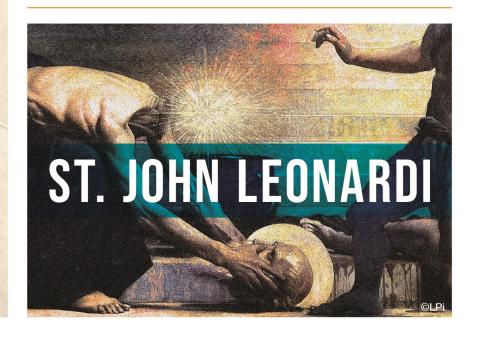
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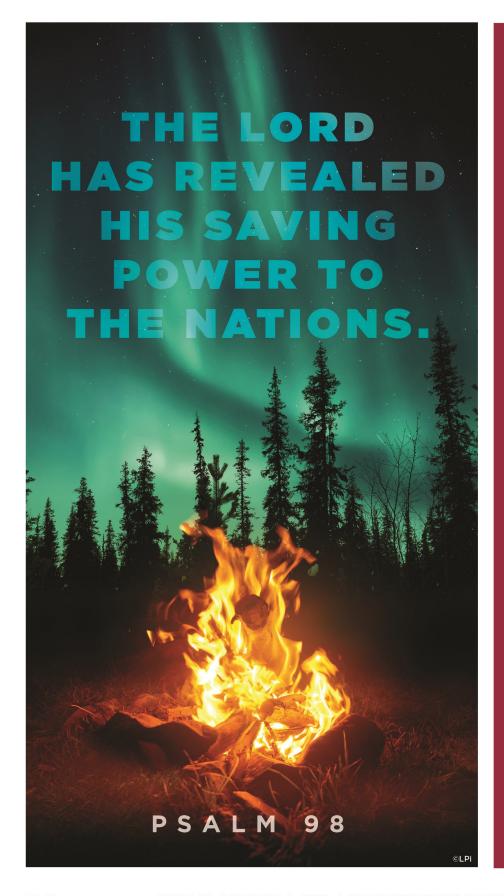
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And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where *are the other* nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18

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