

# Church of the Most Precious Blood / Saint Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saint Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 10:30am  
Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced September - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am



### Most Precious Blood

Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am  
Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced January - May

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Pray the Rosary at Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church on THURSDAYS at 8:30am, prior to the 9:00am Mass.

## Sacramental & Devotional Services

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish

**Baptism:** Saint Theresa of Lisieux (contact the Parish)

1st Sunday of the month at 12noon

**Most Precious Blood** (contact the Parish)

3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm

**Funeral:** Contact the Parish

**Marriage:** Arrange six months prior

**Confession:** By appointment contact the Parish

**Adoration:** First Fridays following 9am Mass (MPB)

**Rosary:** Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)



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**Saturday August 20**  
5:30pm (MPB)  
**Sunday August 21**  
10:30am (STP)  
**Sunday August 28**  
10:30am (STP)

John Arceri

Memorial

Timothy Sullivan

Memorial

Tracy Walsh

Memorial



## Banns of Marriage

Brian Gasco & Carly Furbush

September 9th

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. “When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).”

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, “all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews).”

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God’s creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before. ©LPI

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## DOCTORS, MEDICINE AND ILLNESS

### WHAT WAS CHRIST'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS SICK PEOPLE?

- ◆ Christ, during his earthly life, had a particular predilection towards the sick and the suffering. In fact:
- He had predilection towards those who suffer
- He healed many sick who had recourse to him with faith. Such healings show that Jesus is truly ‘God who heals’
- Still, he did not come to eliminate all diseases here below, but to liberate people from the gravest of slaveries: slavery to sin, which is the cause of all the evils and suffering
- He identified himself with the sick: “I was sick and you visited me” (*Mt 25:36*); “he took our infirmities and bore our diseases” (*Mt 8:17*)
- He entrusted to his disciples the ministry of healing, telling them, “Heal the sick” (*Mt 10:8*)
- He instituted in particular two sacraments for the sick: the Eucharist (as Viaticum) and the sacrament of Anointing of the sick
- He taught those who followed him to transcend suffering and to give suffering a salvific meaning
- He invited all his followers to be ready to suffer with him and like him: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me” (*Mt 16:24*)
- He has assured us of his help: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (*2 Cor 12:9*)
- He continues to be with us and for us, especially in our moments of suffering.
- ◆ But Jesus Christ has done much more:
- He himself experienced suffering, until death, even death upon a cross
- By rising, he conquered suffering and death, for himself and for us.

### WHAT IS THE TASK OF MEDICINE?

Medicine has the task:

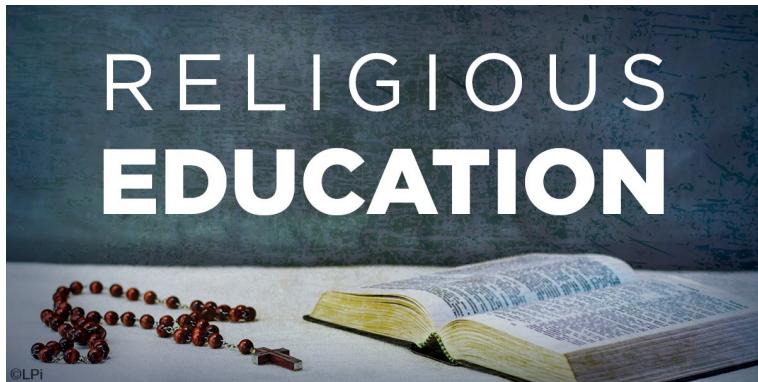
- ◆ To be always at the service of life: promoting and defending it from conception till its natural end, and when aware that it is incapable of overcoming a grave illness, of dedicating its appropriate capacities to alleviating suffering;
- ◆ To recognize and respect (or at least not exclude) the transcendent, moral, and spiritual dimensions of human life
- To carry out and increase research and scientific progress
- As a powerful instrument for improving the quality of human life and well-being
- Respecting the intangibility of every single human being
- Avoiding every desire for the abuse of power and of control
- ◆ To continually reflect closely on the nature of the human person, on his dignity of being a person created by God in His image and likeness. Such is the inviolable dignity of the human person
- That puts the human person at the center and the summit of all that exists on earth
- Has its foundation
- \* In the mystery of Creation and Redemption through Christ, the eternal Son of the Father, the Word of Life
- \* In the destiny of humanity, called to be children of God in Jesus Christ, his Son, and a living temple of the Holy Spirit with the hope of eternal life of blessed communion with God
- Which must be respected in any and every human circumstance or condition and at every stage of his growth (embryo, fetus, infant, adult, old age). Not even suffering, the state of unconsciousness or the imminence of death diminishes the intrinsic dignity of the person;
- ◆ Remember that the service rendered by medicine to life and health is always and in every way a service for alleviating suffering and prevention and postponing death
- ◆ Let itself be animated and guided by Christian inspiration, in the light and the direction of the true and integral well-being of every person and of the whole person.

### WHAT IS THE TASK OF DOCTORS?

Doctors have the task of :

- ◆ Being at the service of life, which is always a good in and of itself
- ◆ Respecting ethical principles which have their roots in the same *Hippocratic Oath* which affirms that:
- No life can be considered unworthy of being lived
- No sufferings, no matter how painful, can justify the suppression of an existence
- No reasons, however lofty, justify the creation of human embryos to be utilized and destroyed

- ◆ Contributing effectively to the elimination of the causes of suffering that humiliates and saddens the human person and to building a world always in keeping with the dignity of being human
- ◆ Listening to every person, without either distinction or discrimination, and welcome all for the purpose of alleviating the suffering of each person
- ◆ Seeing the patient not as a medical statistic, but as a person to be approached with humanity and empathy: in spite of everything, the patient is greater than his illness and his life is greater than what threatens it
- ◆ Curing the illness, but above all the patient, keeping in mind the complementarity and the interdependency of all the dimensions of the human person (physical, affective, moral, spiritual, social ...)
- ◆ Meeting the needs of the whole person, remembering that the only truly human response before the suffering of others is LOVE which is expressed in sharing and solidarity
- ◆ Adding, to the irreplaceable contribution of one's own professionalism, a 'heart' which alone is possible of arriving at the heart of the patient and of humanizing structures
- ◆ Living one's own profession as the gift of oneself to the sick (professional charity)
- ◆ Realizing that there exists a directly proportional relation between the capacity to suffer and the capacity to help those who suffer: those disposed to accept and endure their own sufferings with inner strength and serenity are also those who are more sensitive to the sufferings of others and more given to soothe the pain of others
- ◆ Practicing true compassion, which:
- Promotes every reasonable effort to favor the recovery of the patient.
- Accompanies the patient with loving respect and dedication during the complete course of his illness, doing whatever is in his power to diminish the patient's suffering
- Stimulates solidarity and sharing not only with those who suffer without hope, but also with those who live the experience of the pain of loved person.
- At the same time helps one to stop when no action proves useful for recovery.



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