

# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025**



## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,  
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17



# The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

★ GOD BLESS ★  
OUR VETERANS!

November 8 - November 14

## Events

### SATURDAY Nov. 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Military Services**

**WELCOME Women's meeting**

9:00 - 11:00am - Heritage Room

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

### SUNDAY Nov. 9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Military Services**

**K of C Breakfast**

After Masses - Parish Center

**Coffee & Christ**

9:15 - 10:15am - Faith Formation Room

### TUESDAY Nov. 11



**Adult Bible Study**

Will RESUME January 2026

**Centering Prayer**

3:00-4:45pm - Heritage Room

**OCIA**

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

### WEDNESDAY Nov. 12

**Stitchers**

9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room

**PSR**

5:30pm - Mass - In the Church

6:15 - 7:00pm - Dinner & Presentation

**Music Practice**

6:15 - 7:30pm - In the music room

### THURSDAY Nov. 13

**OLL Games**

1:00 - 3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

**Spiritual Companionship**

6:30 - 8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

### FRIDAY Nov. 14

**Spanish Charismatic Group**

6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

### SATURDAY Nov. 15

**No morning events**

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## Mass Times

### SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

### SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

### MONDAY

9:00am

### TUESDAY

9:00am

### WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

### THURSDAY

9:00am

## Adoration

### TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

### THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

## Important Links

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*Flower Intentions available for November & December*

## Mass Intentions

Sat. 11/8	5:00pm	Merlin, Genevieve & Larry Schloss +
Sat. 11/8	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun. 11/9	8:00am	Mary Nguyen +
Sun. 11/9	10:30am	Hutcheson Family Living & Deceased
Mon. 11/10	9:00am	Mike and Veronica Axelson (Living)
Tue. 11/11	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family +
Wed. 11/12	5:30pm	Zeta Leonard + (Birthday - Deceased)
Thu. 11/13	9:00am	Betty Harrison +



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**THANK YOU, VETERANS!**

### Collection through Nov. 2, 2025

Envelopes:		\$4,720.00
Plate:		\$725.00
Green Envelopes:		\$3,233.75
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 8,578.75</b>

# Altar of Remembrance

Bring a photo of your deceased loved one to be placed on the Altar of Remembrance

We will honor and pray for them throughout the month of November



Knights of Columbus®

Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast after the morning Masses this

**Sunday, November 9th**

in the Parish Center

They will be serving ham, eggs, and pancakes for a donation.

Come hungry and help support our Knights' many charitable efforts



**GIVE SOMETHING**  
That Means Something®

**Blood Drive**  
Our Lady Of The Lake Catholic Church Parish Center  
202 Vaughn Drive  
**Friday, November 21, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS(1-800-733-2767) or visitRedCrossBlood.org and enter: OURLADYBranson to schedule an appointment.



Give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**  
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*“Let us remember our dearly-departed family and friends: May they rest in the peace of Christ. And, let us pray for lasting peace in our war-torn world, through the intercession of Christ the King.(Nov. 23)”*

Bishop Edward M. Rice

November PRAYER INTENTION

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# Coffee and Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am  
Faith Formation Room



**Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.**



*The Lamb of God, 'The Bread of Life,' 'The Body and the Blood of Christ'... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.*



**Nov. 9**

### *Episode 4 - Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water*

Jesus spoke of Himself as "the bread which comes down from heaven." "What did that mean to the Jews who first heard him? And what meaning do those words have for us today in our understanding of the Eucharist?"

**Nov. 16**

### *Episode 5 - Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence*



When is bread more than just bread? In their pilgrimage through the desert, the people of Israel discover that God's care extends beyond meeting their physical needs to a profound and mysterious kind of relationship.

**Nov. 23**

### *Episode 6 - Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes*

"Throughout his public ministry, Jesus displayed divine power in the many miracles he performed. Dr. Pitre uncovers a deeper meaning to many of those miracles including the water, wine, loaves and fishes-and how they enlighten our understanding of the Eucharist."



## Women's Welcome Retreat

### Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, MO

### March 7th & 8th 2026

*Welcome is a two-day renewal weekend unlike any you have attended. Parishioners share with one another ways they have found meaning, hope, peace, and love in their lives through Christ.*

SCAN TO REGISTER



OR GO TO:  
[OLLBRANSON.COM/WOMENS-WELCOME-RETREAT](http://OLLBRANSON.COM/WOMENS-WELCOME-RETREAT)

**The experience is personal, inspirational, and fulfilling.**



# NOVEMBER PSR CALENDAR



## SAINTS OF THE MONTH

### Wednesday PSR K-12th

Nov. 5 - 5:30-7pm  
Mass/Adoration  
Food/Fellowship

Nov. 12 - 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Options presentation

Nov. 19 - 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Fellowship

Nov. 26 - 5:30pm  
Thanksgiving Bread Mass  
No Class



### ST MARTIN DE PORRES

WAS A PERUVIAN FRIAR NOTED FOR HIS KINDNESS, HIS NURSING OF THE SICK, HIS OBEDIENCE, AND HIS CHARITY. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, RACIAL HARMONY, AND MIXED-RACE PEOPLE.

### SAINT CECILIA

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS VIRGIN MARTYRS OF THE EARLY CHURCH AND THE PATRON SAINT OF MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.



## SPECIAL EVENT

### Thanksgiving Bread Mass Vigil November 26th at 5:30 Mass

Bring bread that you baked or bought to share it with others.

The bread will be blessed and then each family at Mass can go and pick a bread they want to take home for their Thanksgiving Meal.

The only rule is that you don't pick the same bread you brought. If you don't bring a bread, that's ok. We always have more than enough to share with all those attending Mass. God truly multiplies the gifts that we share

## SERVICE PROJECT

### Options Baby Bottles



## MENU

11/5 - BBQ Chicken Sliders

11/12 - Hot dogs

11/19 - Pizza





# SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Eucharistic Congress 2026

**On August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of our diocese (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in the West Plains Civic Center.**



**DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU**

**SCAN HERE**  
to learn more!



Visit [WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS](http://WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS) or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, updates to the Congress and to help promote the Congress!



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress**

## **What is Manna?**

**Manna is the official app of the National Eucharistic Congress—  
a growing hub of  
Eucharistic formation, prayer, and mission.**

**In the quiet of Ordinary Time, Fall is a great time to set aside space for spiritual growth. The National Eucharistic Congress invites you into our work of Eucharistic revival: it's the perfect time to go deeper —  
in prayer, in formation, in mission.**

**Whether you're looking to renew your prayer life, grow in understanding of the Eucharist, lead others, or simply stay connected to the Congress movement —  
Manna is built for you.**

**It's not just a video library. It's a spiritual ecosystem — right at your fingertips.**

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IN HONOR OF OUR

# Veterans

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UNITED IN PRAYER  
THIS VETERAN'S DAY  
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE  
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO  
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,  
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE  
WITH HONOR.

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
SUFFERED IN MIND  
AND BODY FROM THE  
RAVAGES OF WAR.  
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND  
HEALINGS UPON OUR  
VETERANS TODAY  
AND ALWAYS.



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# OLL Games

Join us on November 13th  
**OLL Game Day**  
 1:00pm Faith Formation Room

**OLL Train - Anne Marie's Girls**  
**BIG Winner is Julie J -161**  
 Karen - 227  
**Lil' Winner is Anne Marie -227**

**OLL Train - Four Musketeers**  
**BIG Winner is Curtis -169**  
 Joe -241 Ed -325  
**Lil' Winner Kevin - 396**

**Swoop - Just the Girls!**  
**BIG Winner is Judy H -211**  
 Rosemarie -270 Sharron P 351  
 Margaret -452  
**Lil' Winner is Sharon A -879**  
 Was someone distracted or  
 just Bad Luck?



**Mahjong**  
**Father J join in and won the session -25**  
 Harry -75 Judy O -25  
 Joyce - 25 Sharron -0

*And fun was had by ALL!*



Interested  
 in a  
**Memorial Brick**  
 for the next installation?

## Memorial Bricks

Paver bricks are available to  
 remember loved ones,  
 signify special celebrations  
 and commemorate the  
 celebration of life!



**Memorial Flag Pole**



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**Meditation Garden**



# Join Father J. on a Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona

September 20 - 30, 2026



## About This Tour

**Duration: 11 days**

**Meals: 15**

**Spots Available: 32**



**Travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage centers and experience the wonderful cultures and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain.**

## Highlights

**Fatima  
Aljustrel  
Valinhos  
Cathedral of Burgos  
Lourdes  
Grotto of Massabielle  
Barcelona  
Barcelona Cathedral**

[Click here for more information or to sign up.](#)

# Hey Deacon!

## Is Purgatory a Catholic “Invention”?

Last Sunday, November 2, we celebrated the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day. I had the opportunity to break open the Word of God. In my homily, I shared some of the history and reasons why the Church prays for our deceased loved ones. The practice of praying for the dead is rooted in scripture and tradition. During the entire month of November, the Church reminds us to pray for all the faithful departed. We remember those who have died, especially the souls in Purgatory.

Purgatory is one of the most distinctive teachings of the Catholic Church, often misunderstood both within and outside Catholic circles. Rooted in the Church's understanding of God's mercy, justice, and the need for purification, purgatory is seen as a state of final purification for those who die in God's grace and friendship but are not yet fully purified. It is a doctrine that emphasizes God's desire for all souls to be completely cleansed and ready to enter into the fullness of heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, *“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven”* (CCC 1030). This purification is what the Church calls Purgatory. It is not a second chance at salvation, nor is it the same as Hell. Rather, it is a merciful process by which souls are made ready to stand in the presence of God, who is all-holy.

The Catechism further clarifies that this final purification is *“entirely different from the punishment of the damned”* (CCC 1031). It is a hopeful doctrine, affirming that even those who die with lesser faults or remaining temporal effects of sin can still attain Heaven after being purified.

Catholics are encouraged to pray for the souls in purgatory, offer Masses, and perform good works on their behalf. This practice is rooted in the Church’s understanding of the *Communion of Saints* -- the spiritual solidarity among the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in Heaven.

There are many non-Catholics that insist that the Catholic Church invented the doctrine of purgatory and reject the idea. They often emphasize that Christ’s sacrifice on the cross fully atones for all sin, leaving no need for further purification after death. They often interpret the biblical passages cited by Catholics differently or do not accept the authority of the books, such as 2 Maccabees (which speaks for praying for the dead) and Wisdom, which are not included in the Protestant Bible.

However, the Catholic Church’s teaching is also based on passages, such as, 1 Corinthians 3:15, which speaks of a person being saved *“but only as through fire.”* The Catechism references this Scripture and the tradition of the Church, including teachings from the Councils of Florence and Trent, to support the doctrine (CCC 1031).

Whether accepted as doctrine or viewed symbolically, purgatory reflects a profound spiritual truth: that the journey toward God’s holiness may continue beyond this life. It emphasizes God’s justice and mercy, offering hope that even imperfect souls can be made ready for eternal union with Him.

*Spiritual Companionship  
with Doreen Oesterreicher*  
*Welcome to all  
young and old adults!!*

We meet on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month  
at 6:30pm

St. Ignatius Room  
(Resource Room)  
on the lower level of the Church

We will learn how to share  
and help each other based on  
St. Ignatius Exercises to become more  
intimate with Christ.

- We can share our joys, loss, or trauma in a safe place.
- We will look to see where God is, using our five senses in all these events.
- We will call on the Holy Spirit to guide us.
- We will help each other grow in our faith.

We start with reading the Daily Readings  
to start our discussions.

- How did the readings touch me?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

This is open to both men and women, in  
my experience, it is good to see each  
other's insight on how we love God.

*Please note that this is not Spiritual Direction.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ADVENT STARTS IN 3 WEEKS**

Join  
**Tony Melendez & Family**

For An  
**Advent Retreat**

**Our Lady of the Lake**

Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am & 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am & 6:30pm

We will begin with the Rosary,  
followed by Tony  
guiding us through a  
musical mission of Advent



**THE BISHOP'S COLLECTION**  
for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri



**NOV. 22-23, 2025**



During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are reminded that the poor reveal to us the truth of the Gospel. As Pilgrims of Hope, we draw strength from Christ—the source of all hope—and are called to “Go and Do Likewise.”

At Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, we serve as the hands of hope and love—helping homeless families, pregnant mothers, veterans, and individuals with developmental disabilities. In 2024, we assisted over 2,000 people across southern Missouri.

As one Church, East to West, let us bear witness to hope, love, and mercy. Please support Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Be a Pilgrim of Hope: “Go and Do Likewise.”

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# Honoring ALL WHO served

## THANK YOU VETERANS



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### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is the name of the river Jesus was baptized in?

**Answer:** The Jordan River.

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"What is the cutest season?"



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Aww-tumn."



Every season has its own beauty, doesn't it? Let's thank God, our Creator, for the beauty we encounter every day!

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GOD BLESS OUR  
**VETERANS**



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### DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN





Nov. 4, 2025

## Annual Safe Environment Bulletin/Newsletter Announcement

Every year, we request that the following announcements be published in the parish and school bulletins. This public notification of the reporting procedures is to ensure that the diocese remains compliant with the Norms of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which is typically reviewed during the site audit.

Please forward a copy of any publications where these appear to the Diocese Office of Child and Youth Protection.

Included with this are the two announcements to be published annually in the parish bulletin:

- 1) the Procedures for Reporting Abuse or Misconduct, and
- 2) The Safe Environment requirements for all diocesan personnel—clergy, employees, and adult volunteers.

### **Reporting Procedures of Known or Suspected Abuse or Misconduct**

- **Any known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor** must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738.
- **Any known or suspected abuse or neglect of an adult** must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-0210.
- In situations of immediate danger, call 911.
- Known or suspected abuse may also be reported to law enforcement in addition to making a report to the MO Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline or to the MO Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline.

Violations of The Code of Conduct should also be reported to the Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at [childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org](mailto:childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org) or (417) 866-0841 or through the TIPS online reporting system available on the diocesan website [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org).

Violations involving the Bishop should be reported to the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting System at 800-276-1562 or <https://reportbishopabuse.org/>.

The Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and other important information, including a link to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People are available on the webpage <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>.

### **Safe Environment Requirements for all Diocesan Personnel—Clergy, Employees and Adult volunteers**

*The mission and ministry of creating a safe environment for all to flourish and thrive is a responsibility we all share.*

*Before regularly working or volunteering with minors or vulnerable adults, all diocesan personnel are required to first complete 1) the Safe Environment Training; 2) have a Background Screening conducted; and, 3) submit the current and signed Code of Conduct.*

- The Safe Environment training is now available online after creating an account in the VIRTUS system (through the VIRTUS webpage <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>). The background screening application is also now completed through the VIRTUS account.
- The Code of Conduct, which is required annually and made available at the beginning of every school year, the Background Consent form, as well as all other required Safe Environment Policies and forms are available on the Diocese website, under the Office of Child and Youth Protection <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>.

Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or by email: [childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org](mailto:childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org).

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Along both banks of the river,  
fruit trees of every kind shall grow;  
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

### Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

### Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,  
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us.  
But in today's Gospel we see how easily even  
temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge  
the greed and selfishness from our hearts.  
Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

## Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

- Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;  
**Monday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Albert the Great,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of nine early-morning votive Masses offered in anticipation of Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

## Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,  
Give us eyes to see the depth of  
grace You provide to Your Church.  
May that goodness ignite in us fire  
to share the truth of Your mercy  
with every soul we encounter.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

### Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

### Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/  
Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/  
Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,  
175/Lk 17:20-25

### Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/  
Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/  
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

### Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

#### Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it’s important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains.

The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

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