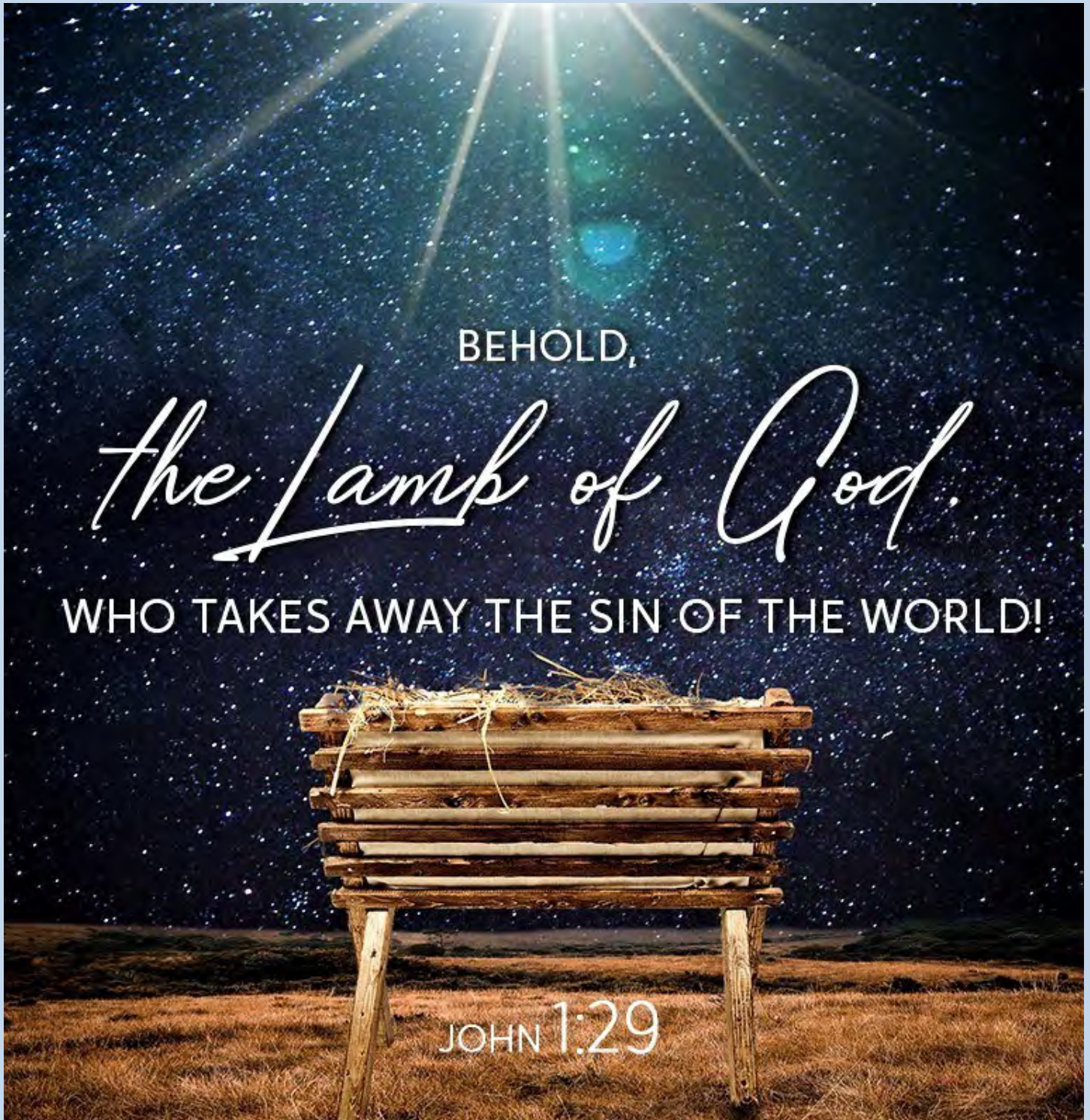




*Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish*  
*Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Peter,*  
*and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Our parish website: [maryqueenofmartyrs.org](http://maryqueenofmartyrs.org)**  
*Sunday January 18, 2026*



BEHOLD,

*The Lamb of God.*

WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

JOHN 1:29

# Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish

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### Monthly Income for Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Weekly and Online Donations:

#### January Offertory Income and Expenses:

Offertory: \$76,128.00

Expenses: \$93,643.00



Message from Saint Kateri Food Pantry:  
Because of your generosity the Saint Kateri Food Pantry last year in 2025, helped 1466 people. We distributed 31,860 lbs. of food. The cost of food for the year from Boston Food Bank was \$12,675. Thank you again

for your generosity, without you we could not have done this.

We also want to thank you for your kindness this Christmas, we were able to help 150 people have a wonderful and happy Christmas. God Bless!



## WEEKLY PRIEST SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 19, 2026

Saint Kateri – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Paul

### Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Paul

### Wednesday, January 21, 2026

St. Peter - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

Saint Kateri – 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

### Friday, January 23, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

### Saturday, January 24, 2026

St. Peter - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

St. Peter - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Joe

Saint Kateri - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Paul

Our Lady of Lourdes - 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Don

### Sunday, January 25, 2026

St. Peter - 9:30 a.m. - Fr. Paul

Saint Kateri – 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Harkins

Our Lady of Lourdes – 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Joe

St. Peter – 11:30 a.m. - Fr. Paul

### Our Parish Prays for Life on Sunday, January 18, 2026 A Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing



Will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 3PM - 4PM at St. Peter Church, as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. Led by Deacons Dick Cussen and Dan O'Toole, we will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death; for those who have been wounded by abortion; for those facing death; and for increased holiness in the Church.

The **Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing** is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Also, as part of January's Human Trafficking Awareness Month, we will pray for all victims of trafficking and for an end to this scourge. Please join us! All are welcome!



# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, January 17</b>	St. Peter's	9:00 a.m.	
	St. Peter's	4:00 p.m.	Ann Meserve (D)
	Saint Kateri	4:00 p.m.	Paul Cooke (Living)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Westfield (D)
<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	St. Peter's	9:30 a.m.	James McIntyre (D)
	Saint Kateri	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Jacques Baillargeon (D)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	10:00 a.m.	Franics McCaffrey (16th Anniv.) (D)
	St. Peter's	11:30 a.m.	Evelyn Doyon (D)
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	Saint Kateri	5:30 p.m.	Ultreya Mass
	Saint Kateri	9:00 a.m.	Terri Mello (D)
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	9:00 a.m.	Norman Bolduc (D)
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	St. Peter	9:00 a.m.	Edward Balzarini (D)
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	St. Kateri	9:00 a.m.	Kalen Family (D)
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Sullivan (D)
<b><u>Next Week</u></b>			
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	St. Peter's	9:00 a.m.	
	St. Peter's	4:00 p.m.	
	Saint Kateri	4:00 p.m.	Mike Ahern (9th Anniv) (D)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	5:00 p.m.	
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	St. Peter's	9:30 a.m.	Philip & Marguerite Boyle (D)
	Saint Kateri	10:00 a.m.	
	Our Lady of Lourdes	10:00 a.m.	Deacon Paul Jones (16th Anniv.) (D)
	St. Peter's	11:30 a.m.	Michael Umamo (Birthday) (D)



### Looking for Volunteers to sew Baptismal Robes

The Baptismal Robe Ministry sews Baptismal robes for the newest members of our church. All materials and instructions are provided. If you are interested and would like more details please email Donna at [djm11382@gmail.com](mailto:djm11382@gmail.com)

### Hospitality at St. Peter's



Please consider being part of a wonderful hospitality team at St. Peter's lower Church after the 9:30am Sunday Mass.

The team is willing to train new members for this ministry in hopes of creating a once per month rotation.

Needs: setting up, making the coffee, baking/purchasing some goodies and clean up.

#### **Volunteer commitment: once per month**

If you would like to be part of this very popular ministry, please call the Parish Office or speak with the team after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

## FAITH FORMATION

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

January 19	Open Gym St. Peter 10 am - 2pm w/ parent
January 24	Confirmation Retreat St. Bonaventure 9:45 am - 5:00 pm
January 25	Class for Gr K-5 St. Peter 8:15 am Class for Gr K-5 OLOL 8:45 am Parent Session Lower Church 4:30 pm - Prayer
January 26	Edge Gr 6 & Conf I only St. Peter 4:30 pm Class for Gr 1-5 St. Peter 4:45 pm Sac. Prep Class St. Peter 6:00 pm w/ parent
January 28	Youth Bible Study OLOL 6:00 pm
February 1	Class for Gr K-5 St. Peter 8:15 am Class for Gr K-5 OLOL 8:45 am Edge Gr 6-9 St. Peter 4:30 pm Parent Session Lower Church 4:30 pm - Promise of Salvation
February 2	Youth Mass St. Peter 5:30 pm Class for Gr 1-5 St. Peter 4:45 pm Sac. Prep Class St. Peter 6:00 pm w/ parent



### OPEN GYM

Need a reason to get out of the house on Monday, January 19 the gym in the parish center will be open for any who would like to come by for fun and games. We have toys and games for all ages. The gym will be open for little ones from 10-noon and then for basketball, soccer, or volleyball from noon-2.

Bring some friends or come as a family. Board games are also available for use in the classrooms downstairs.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please keep the 40+ youth from our parish in your prayers as they learn to search for God through everything they may encounter. Families are welcome to join us at 4 pm for Mass to conclude the retreat.



### GOD LOVES ME 1ST GRADE RETREAT

Reminder: all palanca is DUE! Please make sure to write a letter to your little one telling them how much they are loved and a gift from God to your family and our parish. Anyone who would like to drop off letters or little messages of love for our first graders can do so during all class times in the boxes labeled "LETTERS" or during regular office hours at each of the churches.

### PARENT SESSION - JAN. 25 ON PRAYER

Join Dave Noyes at 4:30 on January 25 in the hospitality area at St. Peters to learn more about Prayer, types of prayer, and how to pray with your family.

### Prayer



### EDGE January 25 - Dinner Served

In our series on Hospitality with the Saints, during our next class the 6th grade and Confirmation I youth will be preparing and serving dinner to one another while learning about several of the saints and the way they practiced hospitality.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

We are people of faith, called to live the Gospel!

### MARY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS DIAPER PANTRY



The added expenses of the winter months make this time especially difficult for our most vulnerable neighbors and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who contribute to our Diaper Pantry.



**Our mission is to provide supplemental support to families in need of baby diapers...thank you for your support!**

### To make a monetary donation...

- use one of the 'Diaper Pantry' envelopes, found at the church entrances, and place either in the offering basket, the St. Vincent de Paul donation box, or drop off at one of the church offices;
- New! You may donate online by visiting [maryqueenofmartyrs.org/donations-for-diaper-pantry](http://maryqueenofmartyrs.org/donations-for-diaper-pantry) or scan the QR code.



### If you'd rather donate diapers directly...

- they can be dropped off at the entrances of our three churches before or after Mass or at the church offices during open hours. (St. Kateri: Monday and Thursday 8:30 – 12:30, Our Lady of Lourdes: Tuesday and Friday 8:30 – 12:30, St Peter: Monday through Friday 9:00 – 12:30.

### THANK YOU!

### Diaper Pantry Hours

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 – 11:00 at St. Kateri Church

For more information call Jeanne@ 508-591-3510 or email [PCCDiaperPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:PCCDiaperPantry@yahoo.com)

**Diaper size needed this week: 5 and 6**

### JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

For over a decade, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been a national leader in advocacy and education to eradicate sex and labor trafficking. How can you help? **Pray** for an end to this terrible crime, with special prayers to St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of slavery; **support our parish efforts** to assist those affected, including our Bags of Love and Hope project; **educate yourself and others** by visiting the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking>.



### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH SERVICE DAY!



We have a great opportunity to help our neighbors in need by supporting our **Parish Service Day on February 28, 2026**, where we hope to assemble **over 28,000 packaged meals!** The funds we raise will buy the foodstuffs that parishioner volunteers will package into meals. It's easy to donate – either use the envelopes at the church entrances and drop them in the regular Offertory Collection, or donate online at [maryqueenofmartyrs.org/donations-for-ehne](http://maryqueenofmartyrs.org/donations-for-ehne) or scan the QR code. Please pick up a Parish Service Day flyer for more details and how you can sign up to volunteer. Volunteering at this event is a great way for young parishioners to get community service hours!

## Prayer Initiative Corner

### Prayer Requests

There is NOW a link on our Mary, Queen of Martyrs website available for prayer requests. Please click on the link and you may write out your request.



(<https://www.maryqueenofmartyrs.org/prayer-requests>)

There is also a Book of Intentions available at each of our churches. You may write your prayer intention directly in the book.

There are prayer angels in our parish community praying for all the intentions and ALL intentions are remembered at all the Masses in our parish community!



**Ultreya**  
JANUARY 18TH, 2026

St. Kateri at 5:00 pm  
126 South Meadow Rd, Plymouth

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A Very Special Friend of Cursillo is visiting!

### Witness: Mary Beth (Hohler) Pusateri

Mary Beth is married to Brian Pusateri, a mother of seven, and a grandmother to eleven and a half grandchildren. She lived her Cursillo in 1988 in Orlando, FL. At present, she cherishes her role as a grandmother while also collaborating with her husband, Brian, in managing Broken Door Ministries.



Stay warm this January through this wonderful night of faith and friendship!  
Mass, Witness, and Potluck Buffet.  
Donations for Buffet Always Welcome!



### Irish Set Dancing Classes (NOT to be confused with Step Dancing.)

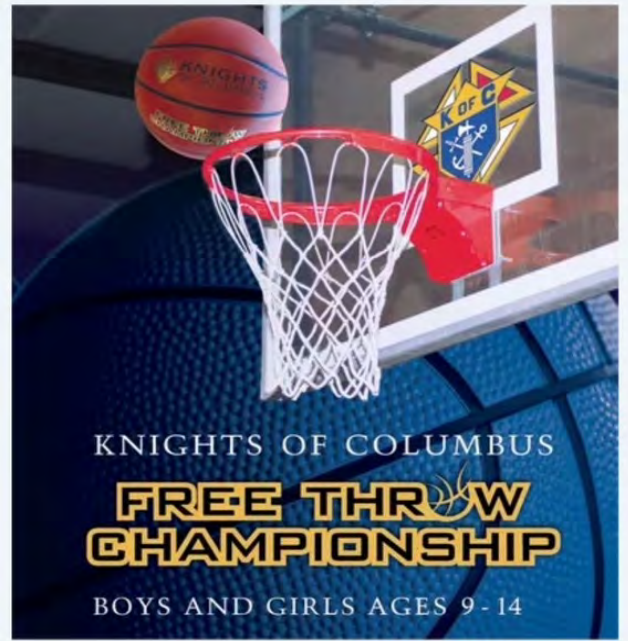
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## Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Classes and Programs



January 24, 2026  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
@ St. Peter's Gym  
10 Memorial Drive ~ Plymouth, MA

### ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026



*Losing a child under any circumstance is devastating. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help. The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age, have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.*

Please join Fr. Joe and other parent companions at  
Mary Queen of Martyrs Parish  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
130 Main St. Carver, MA  
9:30am-6:30pm

Retreat agenda includes prayer services, optional sharing, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Mass, and time for reflection

Participation in all sessions is totally optional. You will not be required to introduce yourself, tell your story, or share anything at all. Many parents participate by listening.

The purpose of the retreat is to give yourself this gift of time on your spiritual journey, inviting you to consider ~ *Where is God in my pain? ~ Where is my child now? ~ How can my faith help me through this new reality of life without my child? ~*

Registration includes lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, and all retreat materials

Cost: Free-Will Offering (online or at the retreat)  
For more information or to register please contact  
Betty Whittaker 508-747-8917  
or Diane Monaghan 800-919-9332

**Parish Mission Talk on:  
Missions come to us in different ways**

a. Mission that Comes Accidentally/Out of the Blue

And example of this comes from the story of the Salwen family - parents Kevin and Joan, children Hannah and her younger brother.

Kevin and his daughter, Hannah, were traveling by car near their Atlanta suburb home. They passed a homeless man on the street corner begging for food. Hannah, 14 at the time, thought that if her parents had a less expensive car, this man might have a meal to eat.

The light changed, the car moved on, but Hannah seemed to remain back at that light. She started to pester her parents about inequity, insisting she wanted to do something. Her mother at one point in exasperation, said: "What do you want to do? Sell our house"

Perhaps the lesson is to never pose such an extravagant question to an idealistic teen, because Hannah seized on the idea and didn't let it go.

After a lot of conversation within the family, especially with a younger brother who initially didn't want to go along with the idea, they sold their 6,5000 square foot, 1912 historic dream house with Corinthian columns in the front, 5 bedrooms, 8 fireplaces, 4 bathrooms, and even a private elevator to Hannah's bedroom.

They researched charities and came up "The Hunger Project" that helps lessen the hunger of 30,000 people in over 30 villages in Ghana in western Africa, helping villagers move from poverty to self-reliance. They donated half the income from selling their house (\$850,000).

And interestingly they discovered that living in a smaller home brought their family closer together. There were less places to retreat to. They became happier with less. They even wrote a book about their experience called, *The Power of Half*, published in 2010.

Kevin Salwen clarified their intentions by saying: "We want our kids to be idealistic, but we also say, 'Let's not go too nuts here.' We're not Mother Teresa. We're not taking a vow of poverty, or giving away half of everything we own. We gave away half of one thing, which happened to be our house. Everybody can give away half of one thing and put it to use. You'll do a little bit of good for the world - and amazing things for your relationships."

Last word goes to Hannah: "Everyone has too much of something, whether it's time, talent or treasure. Everyone does have their own half, you just have to find it."

Quiet

While some missions come upon us accidentally, as the Salwens, many come through work.

Take Kent Nerburn, a cab driver. He got a call for a pick up at 4 AM. He pulled up, the building was dark, he was tempted not to get out of the cab. He did and found an elderly woman in her 80's waiting for him. She had all her belongings packed into a box and a suitcase.

He helped her into the cab and he said that she kept thanking him for his kindness. When they got in the cab, she gave him an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," he answered quickly.

"Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice."

I'll let Kent Nerburn tell the rest of the story...

"I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city.

We saw the building where she had once worked.

The neighborhood where she and her husband had lived.

The building where she had once gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and she would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As sun was rising, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now."

The address was a home for the elderly.

Orderlies came to the cab with a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said. "You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

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I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware -- beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-27 ff by some segments of Bo Caldwell's article, "Change of Heart"

It turns out that God isn't at all who I thought He was...I've been continually surprised at who it is that is really calling, beckoning me to come with Him. He is far more wonderful than I ever expected, and once again, I am amazed.

(Growing up) What I understood of my faith, but never could have articulated, was that God was someone separate from and outside of me, a being almost as different and far away as my missionary grandfather. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts" was putting it lightly; his logic was not my logic either.

He was like the maid; It was best to tidy up a bit before you let Him in, which I did, and my prayers were tidy as well, polite as guest-manners; Dear God, please God, thank you, God, I'm sorry, God. And what God wanted of me - what it meant to follow Christ - was to be good. My guess was that He wanted me to be like Nancy Drew: honest and kind, with high morals and solid judgment.

...I was doing a few things I didn't want God to know about. I began to turn away, figuring that if I couldn't see Him, He couldn't see me. No anger, just distance, like losing touch with a friend.

...I adopted an all-or-nothing philosophy, and would alternate between following Jesus and denying my desires, and following Jesus and denying my desires and ignoring my faith.

...Somehow, because of the distance, God became like a close family friend on the other side of the country who sent me so many gifts that after a while I hardly noticed them. While I didn't doubt his love, it never felt real to me because He didn't know me...I didn't tell Him about the things that hurt, or how I sometimes hated the way I looked, or how lonely I was, even with family and friends who loved me. I simply accepted that distant friend's gifts, and tried to deserve them by being good.

...In the stillness, I began to feel a hunger, for what I didn't know - but I wanted to satisfy it.

...I began to miss God, and little by little - poco a poco - to want to find my way back, not retracing my steps, but, like the wise men, going home by another way.

...I began to see not only that my being good wasn't God's chief concern, but that, in an entirely different way, God was good. Not good as in behave yourself, but good. Like pizza and beer for dinner when you're tired and hungry. Like a hot bath, or a great day, or holding your kids; that kind of good. And I wanted more of Him.

The descriptions in Deuteronomy of God bringing his people to a new land resonated with what was happening to me. I felt I, too, was being brought somewhere new, a place where I would be whole. I often felt discouraged - two steps forward, one step back - but Deuteronomy told me over and over again that it would happen, though it would not happen overnight. Do not be afraid, I read again and again, and my fears eased. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might, ...only now I didn't see it as a command, but as a promise: I was beginning to want to love this God, and that verse seemed to tell me that I would learn how.

I found the Mass beautiful and powerful, and the presence I sensed there was so different from who I'd thought God was. It was as though I had everything upside down: At Mass, God was a mystery, and it seemed that we were called not to figure Him out, but simply to experience Him. We didn't go to please Him; we went to feed ourselves. I came out of Mass in awe, shaking my head. That's what you are like? That was You? And there was a passion and intimacy I hadn't known, as though that distant family friend I'd imagined wasn't just a friend, but a lover, a case of mistaken identity. I felt I was being not called so much, but beckoned, a hard-to-resist and provocative Come over here. Come here. Come. And I began to feel loved. And soon I was going to Mass everyday. I'd take my kids to school and go at 9 o'clock, or, if I ran late, I'd go to another church at 12:15. Or to yet another at 5:30. Each time I came out of Mass, I felt embraced, and I began to see that I'd misread a lot of things. I'd been wrong. He didn't want me to be good. He just wanted me.

This began a frustrating time. When I told friends that I was converting, I got mixed reactions, from both Catholics and non-Catholics. A Catholic friend paused, then leaned close. "The Church," she said in a low voice, "is a very difficult place for a woman." A non-Catholic friend who had considered converting said, "You should really think about it." And while the issues these friends alluded to - the Church's stance on abortion, contraception, homosexuality, the inclusion of women - were points of disagreement for me, they were also secondary. The heart of the Church was the Mass, in which I felt loved and blessed - and which seemed to be of God. Other aspects seemed to be human-inspired, and asking perfection of an institution like the Church seemed as unrealistic as asking it of a spouse.

(Because) As it turns out the Christian story is unabashedly and unashamedly a love story. It's the story of someone being head over heels in love with us, and the story of us falling in love with Him. And the question I hear at Mass every morning is simple in that love: Will you be mine? He asks. By receiving Him I answer, Yes, and when I look into the window of my soul, God and I are dancing.

Blessings,

Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.

(Much of the material presented is from a Scott Hahn book on the Mass, The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth.)

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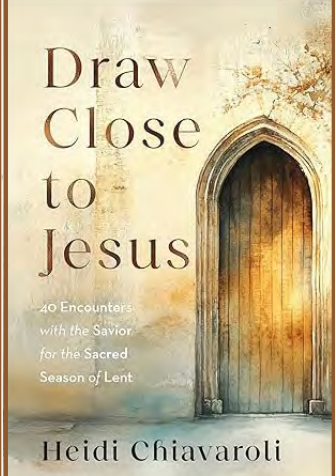


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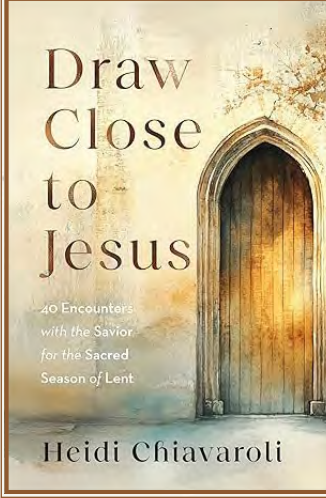
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