

# Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**“The  
LORD is my  
shepherd;  
I shall not  
want.”**

**Psalm 23:  
1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**



**Second Collection this Weekend: Help a Priest in Need** (Details on page 4.)

## **Holy Mass\***

**SAT. VIGIL** 5:30 PM  
**SUNDAY** 7:15 AM,  
8:45 & 10:45 AM,  
5:30 PM

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**SAT.** 8 AM

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**WED.** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)  
**SAT.** After 8 AM Mass  
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calling the parish office.

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- Mon./Wed., 5:30 PM
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## From Our Pastor

**ON THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,** I find myself reflecting on the deep spiritual hunger that is part of our common human journey. Our world can leave us feeling weary, anxious, or uncertain about what lies ahead. Yet the Word of God gently reminds us that we are never left to fend for ourselves. God has prepared an abundant life for us and lovingly invites us to receive it anew each day. The Prophet Isaiah offers us a magnificent promise: the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6-10a). This is far more than a promise of physical nourishment. It is a vision of healing and hope – a day when God will destroy death forever and wipe away the tears from every face. Whatever trials we may be carrying, God’s final desire for

us is communion, restoration, and joy. Today’s Psalm draws us more deeply into that promise: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want” (Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6). Even when our path leads through dark valleys of grief, illness, or doubt, we need not be afraid, for the Lord remains close beside us. His rod and staff give us courage. He spreads a table before us, anoints our heads with oil, and fills our cups to overflowing. As the Catechesis on Psalm 23 from Pope Benedict XVI included in this week’s bulletin reminds us, Psalm 23 is more than poetic comfort; it is a spiritual roadmap for the weary soul: “Psalm 23 invites us to renew our trust in God, abandoning ourselves totally in his hands.” Christ our Shepherd does not watch us from afar. He restores our souls, guides us along right paths, and leads us beside restful waters. The Psalm makes room for our real sorrows while assuring us that goodness and kindness will accompany us all the days of our lives. I invite you to spend a little time this week praying with this beloved Psalm and the accompanying bulletin reflection. Trust in the Lord’s tender care helps us embrace the faith of Saint Paul. Writing from imprisonment and hardship, Saint Paul shares a profound secret of the Christian life: “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance” (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20). His peace did not depend on his circumstances because he drew his strength from Christ – and so can we. Saint Paul assures us that “my God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” When we anchor our lives in Christ, when we build our faith foundation on Christ, we can meet life’s unexpected highs and lows with grace, trust, and contentment. Finally, Jesus brings these themes together in the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14). The king prepares a banquet for his son – the feast Isaiah foretold and the table of which the Psalmist sang. When the first guests refuse the invitation, the king sends his servants to the main roads to invite everyone they find, “bad and good alike.” We, too, are welcomed to God’s table, which we encounter most intimately on earth in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Yet Jesus also offers us a loving challenge: God’s gracious invitation asks for our response. We cannot remain indifferent to the feast; with the help of grace, we must allow the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive Him.

What does it mean, then, to allow the Lord to prepare our hearts? In our Catholic tradition, the “wedding garment” helps us understand the transformed heart and life that flow from cooperating with God’s grace. This image recalls our Baptism, when we were clothed in a white garment as a sign of new life in Christ and called to bring that dignity unstained into eternal life. We live out that baptismal dignity whenever our faith becomes visible in charity, forgiveness, prayer, and service. Folks, try as we may, and in all honesty, none of us responds perfectly; that does not mean that we throw in the towel and give up. Instead we persevere. We keep turning to Christ over and over again knowing when we sin or lose our way, Christ does not abandon us; He calls us home time and time again with His mercy. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest acting in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) forgives us of our sins, heals the wounds caused by sin, and restores our communion with God and His Church. When we are conscious of grave sin – mortal sin – the Church calls us to receive sacramental absolution before approaching Holy Communion. The Eucharist, received with reverence and proper disposition, deepens our union with Christ and nourishes and strengthens us for the lifelong journey of conversion. The wedding garment therefore reminds us that God meets us with love as we are and, precisely because He loves us, continues to draw us toward holiness. Folks, the feast is ready, the Shepherd is guiding us, and Christ promises the strength we need for whatever this week may bring. Let us place our trust in Him and answer His call with a joyful and wholehearted “yes.”

**We had a wonderful experience last week** with our Eighth-Grade Students and members of our Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministries when we attended the October 2 Mass for Life at Saint Joseph Cathedral, followed by the Rally for Life at the Ohio State House. What a great witness for our students! Photos from this event are included in this bulletin (on page 16).

**This week's "October: Respect Life Month" article** focuses on the issue of Capital Punishment.

**In this Month of the Rosary...** I am including articles on various aspects of the Rosary, including the prayer at the beginning of the Rosary for an increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, expanding on what these mean. In addition, I am including different “Scriptural Rosaries” to help us walk the journey of Jesus – this week is the Joyful Mysteries.

**We blessed a record number of pets,** I’m told, on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi – check out the photos inside this bulletin (on page 17). God bless!

*Fr. Mike*

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

# Catechesis on Psalm 23: Pope Benedict XVI

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAINT PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 5, 2022

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Turning to the Lord in prayer implies a radical act of trust, in the awareness that one is entrusting oneself to God who is good, “merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6-7; Ps 86[85]:15; cf. Joel 2:13; Jon 4:2; Ps 103 [102]:8; 145[144]:8; Neh 9:17). For this reason I would like to reflect with you today on a Psalm that is totally imbued with trust, in which the Psalmist expresses his serene certainty that he is guided and protected, safe from every danger, because the Lord is his Shepherd. It is Psalm 23 [22, according to the Greco-Latin numbering], a text familiar to all and loved by all.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”: The beautiful prayer begins with these words, evoking the nomadic environment of sheep-farming and the experience of familiarity between the shepherd and the sheep that make up his little flock. The image calls to mind an atmosphere of trust, intimacy and tenderness: the shepherd knows each one of his sheep and calls them by name; and they follow him because they recognize him and trust in him (cf. Jn 10:2-4).

He tends them, looks after them as precious possessions, ready to defend them, to guarantee their well-being and enable them to live a peaceful life. They can lack nothing as long as the shepherd is with them. The Psalmist refers to this experience by calling God his shepherd and letting God lead him to safe pastures: “He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Ps 23[22]:2-3).

The vision that unfolds before our eyes is that of green pastures and springs of clear water, oases of peace to which the shepherd leads his flock, symbols of the places of life towards which the Lord leads the Psalmist, who feels like the sheep lying on the grass beside a stream, resting rather than in a state of tension or alarm, peaceful and trusting, because it is a safe place, the water is fresh and the shepherd is watching over them.

And let us not forget here that the scene elicited by the Psalm is set in a land that is largely desert, on which the scorching sun beats down, where the Middle-Eastern semi-nomad shepherd lives with his flock in the parched steppes that surround the villages. Nevertheless the shepherd knows where to find grass and fresh water, essential to life, he can lead the way to oases in which the soul is “restored” and where it is possible to recover strength and new energy to start out afresh on the journey.

As the Psalmist says, God guides him to “green pastures” and “still waters,” where everything is superabundant, everything is given in plenty. If the Lord is the Shepherd, even in the desert, a desolate place of death, the certainty of a radical presence of life is not absent, so that he is able to say “I shall not want.” Indeed, the shepherd has at heart the good of his flock, he adapts his own pace and needs to those of his sheep, he walks and lives with them, leading them on paths “of righteousness,” that is, suitable for them, paying attention to their needs and not to his own. The safety of his sheep is a priority for him and he complies with this in leading his flock.

Dear brothers and sisters, if we follow the “Good Shepherd” – no matter how difficult, tortuous or long the pathways of our life may seem, even through spiritual deserts without water and under the scorching sun of rationalism – with the guidance of Christ the Good Shepherd, we too, like the Psalmist, may be sure that we are walking on “paths of righteousness” and that the Lord is leading us, is ever close to us and that we “shall lack nothing.” For this reason the Psalmist can declare his calm assurance without doubt or fear: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me” (v. 4).

Those who walk with the Lord, even in the dark valleys of suffering, doubt and all the human problems, feel safe. *You are with me*: this is our certainty, this is what supports us. The darkness of the night frightens us with its shifting shadows, with the difficulty of distinguishing dangers, with its silence taut with strange sounds. If the flock moves after sunset when visibility fades, it is normal for the sheep to be restless, there is the risk of stumbling or even of straying and getting lost, and there is also the fear of possible assailants lurking in the darkness.

To speak of the “dark” valley, the Psalmist uses a Hebrew phrase that calls to mind the shadows of death, which is why the valley to be passed through is a place of anguish, terrible threats, the danger of death. Yet the person praying walks on in safety undaunted since he knows that the Lord is with him. “You are with me” is a proclamation of steadfast faith and sums up the radical experience of faith; God’s closeness transforms the reality, the dark valley loses all danger, it is emptied of every threat. Now the flock can walk in tranquility, accompanied by the familiar rhythmic beat of the staff on the ground, marking the shepherd’s reassuring presence.

This comforting image ends the first part of the Psalm, and gives way to a different scene. We are still in the desert, where the shepherd lives with his flock, but we are now set before his tent which opens to offer us hospitality. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows” (v. 5).

The Lord is now presented as the One who welcomes the person praying with signs of generous hospitality, full of attention. The divine host lays the food on the “table,” a term which in Hebrew means, in its primitive sense, the animal skin that was spread out on the ground and on which the food for the common meal was set out. It is a gesture of sharing, not only of food but also of life in an offering of communion and friendship that create bonds and express solidarity.

Then there is the munificent gift of scented oil poured on the head, which with its fragrance brings relief from the scorching of the desert sun, refreshes and calms the skin and gladdens the spirit.

Lastly, the cup overflowing with its exquisite wine, shared with superabundant generosity, adds a note of festivity. Food, oil and wine are gifts that bring life and give joy, because they go beyond what is strictly necessary and express the free giving and abundance of love. Psalm 104[103] proclaims: "You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart" (vv. 14-15).

The Psalmist becomes the object of much attention for which reason he sees himself as a wayfarer who finds shelter in a hospitable tent, whereas his enemies have to stop and watch, unable to intervene, since the one whom they considered their prey has been led to safety and has become a sacred guest who cannot be touched. And the Psalmist is us, if we truly are believers in communion with Christ. When God opens His tent to us to receive us, nothing can harm us. Then when the traveler sets out afresh, the divine protection is extended and accompanies him on his journey: "Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Ps 23[22]:6).

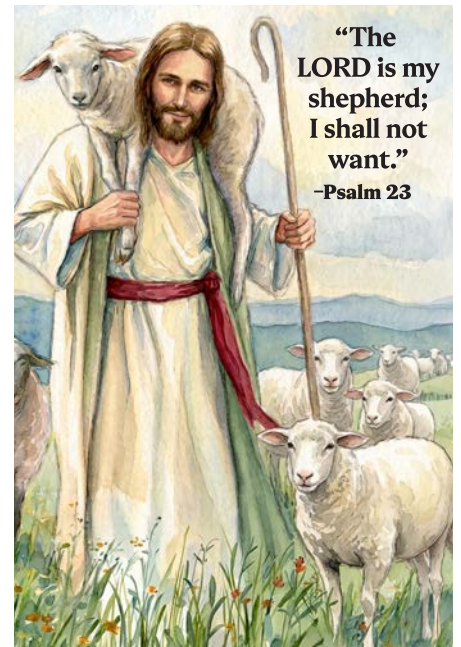
The goodness and faithfulness of God continue to escort the Psalmist who comes out of the tent and resumes his journey. But it is a journey that acquires new meaning and becomes a pilgrimage to the Temple of the Lord, the holy place in which the praying person wants to "dwell" for ever and to which he also wants to "return." The Hebrew verb used here has the meaning of "to return" but with a small vowel change can be understood as "to dwell." Moreover, this is how it is rendered by the ancient versions and by the majority of the modern translations. Both meanings may be retained: to return and dwell in the Temple as every Israelite desires, and to dwell near God, close to Him and to goodness. This is what every believer yearns and longs for: truly to be able to live where God is, close to Him. Following the Shepherd leads to God's house, this is the destination of every journey, the longed-for oasis in the desert, the tent of shelter in escaping from enemies, a place of peace where God's kindness and faithful love may be felt, day after day, in the serene joy of time without end.

With their richness and depth, the images of this Psalm have accompanied the whole of the history and religious experience of the People of Israel and accompany Christians. The figure of the shepherd, in particular, calls to mind the original time of the Exodus, the long journey through the desert, as a flock under the guidance of the divine Shepherd (cf. Is 63:11-14; Ps 77:20-21; 78:52-54). And in the Promised Land, the king had the task of tending the Lord's flock, like David, the shepherd chosen by God and a figure of the Messiah (cf. 2 Sam 5:1-2; 7:8 Ps 78[77]:70-72).

Then, after the Babylonian Exile, as it were in a new Exodus (cf. Is 40:3-5, 9-11; 43:16-21), Israel was brought back to its homeland like a lost sheep found and led by God to luxuriant pastures and resting places (cf. Ezek 34:11-16, 23-31). However, it is in the Lord Jesus that all the evocative power of our Psalm reaches completeness, finds the fullness of its meaning: Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" who goes in search of lost sheep, who knows His sheep and lays down His life for them (cf. Mt 18:12-14; Lk 15:4-7; Jn 10:2-4, 11-18). He is the way, the right path that leads us to life (cf. Jn 14:6), the light that illuminates the dark valley and overcomes our fears (cf. Jn 1:9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46).

He is the generous host who welcomes us and rescues us from our enemies, preparing for us the table of His Body and His Blood (cf. Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25); Lk 22:19-20) and the definitive table of the messianic banquet in Heaven (cf. Lk 14:15ff; Rev 3:20; 19:9). He is the Royal Shepherd, king in docility and in forgiveness, enthroned on the glorious wood of the cross (cf. Jn 3:13-15; 12:32; 17:4-5).

Dear brothers and sisters, Psalm 23 invites us to renew our trust in God, abandoning ourselves totally in His hands. Let us therefore ask with faith that the Lord also grant us on the difficult ways of our time that we always walk on His paths as a docile and obedient flock, and that He welcome us to His house, to His table, and lead us to "still waters" so that, in accepting the gift of His Spirit, we may quench our thirst at His sources, springs of the living water "welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14; cf. 7:37-39).



## Fr. Mike Requests Your Help for a Brother Priest...

I was in Cleveland on Tuesday for a Funeral Mass for the son of my friend and old college roommate at John Carroll University, who died suddenly of cardiac issues. Across the hall in our dorm lived Joe Callahan – a friend and now priest of the Diocese of Cleveland; he also concelebrated Tuesday's Funeral Mass. Fr. Joe is Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Cleveland (once a thriving neighborhood of Czech immigrants who worked in the nearby steel mills). His parish church is one of those beautiful old inner-city churches in need of much-needed major repairs: masonry and restoration of the Church building. He was able to secure a \$175,000 "Sacred Places Grant," a matching grant, from the National Fund for Historic Places. While they are close to their goal with \$169,000 raised thus far, it has been a struggle to raise these funds. Out of the generosity of St. Brendan Parishioners, I am reaching out to see if we can help Fr. Joe cross the finish line with the remaining \$6,000 so that this matching grant can be reached. After the Masses this weekend, our Knights of Columbus will be accepting your donations. If you would like to write a check, make it payable to St. Brendan Parish with "Sacred Places Grant" in the memo line. Or, make your secure online donation via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/helpfrjoe>. Please, folks, let's help Fr. Joe continue his ministry of bringing the message of the Gospel and celebrating the sacraments to the people in this poor neighborhood in Cleveland. God bless! ~ Fr. Mike



# October: A Marian Month Dedicated to the Rosary

## THE PRAYER TO INCREASE THE THREE DIVINE VIRTUES

*Article excerpted from the classic: The Excellence of the Rosary: Conferences for Devotions in Honor of the Blessed Virgin by Rev. M.J. Frings and published in New York by Joseph F. Wagner in 1912*

**“And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.” – 1 Corinthians 13:13**

Dear Brethren, at the beginning of the Rosary one Our Father and three Hail Mary's are said in supplication for the three Divine virtues. These virtues are called Divine because they have God for their Author or their object. In Baptism these virtues are infused into the soul together with sanctifying grace. Through sanctifying grace, received in Baptism, we are made children of God. From that moment there is imposed upon us the duty, as soon as we shall be able to use our reason, of thinking, speaking and acting as behooves the true children of God. This duty we perform if we imitate the example of Jesus Christ, and if we endeavor to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. But as this cannot be done by human power, the Holy Ghost has willed to enable us to do so, by imparting to us, in Baptism, the three Divine virtues. By the infused grace of faith God gives us a supernatural light, in addition to the natural light of our reason, with the aid of which we may comprehend His revelations. God bestows upon us thus, through the virtue of faith, a share in His own wisdom. The supernatural grace of hope turns our thought heavenward, gives us an incentive to co-operate with grace.

The supernatural virtue of charity renders us capable of loving God in a worthy and meritorious manner and of loving that which God loves.

As the child arrives at the age of discretion, and obtains the right use of reason, he is obliged to practice these virtues, and thus strengthen his soul and grow in grace.

We are obliged to awaken frequently faith, hope, and charity towards God and our neighbor, in a practical manner. By the possession, practice and application of these three Divine virtues we attain to Christian perfection. The more we learn to know these virtues, the more zealous we shall be in practicing them, the more earnestly we shall strive for their increase, the more incessantly shall we pray for them.

Let us, therefore, take these three Divine virtues for the subject of our consideration.

**I. Faith is the first of the three Divine virtues;** it is the foundation of the other virtues. Without faith in God, in His revelations and promises, there can be no Christian hope, no Christian charity. For this reason, faith is the foundation of virtuous living: Christian faith is a virtue infused by God into our souls by which we are enabled to believe firmly all that which God has revealed and which the infallible Catholic Church proposes for our belief.

An act of faith requires the use of the understanding and the use of the will. The mysteries surpass our natural understanding; they are, furthermore, to be believed in a supernatural manner, and we require, therefore, the supernatural light of faith, added to the natural light of our understanding, and we require also that our natural willpower be strengthened by the supernatural power of grace. This light and this power we receive in Baptism. The supernatural light of faith qualifies us to understand that the truths revealed by God are Divine.

In order to believe, it does not suffice to know the Divine truths as the Church teaches them; we must also, of our own free will, assent to them, and acknowledge as Divine truths even those mysteries which surpass our Human understanding. To that extent faith is a matter of the will. God, through the light and the power of the grace of faith, comes to the assistance of our reason and will, in order that we may confidently submit both to Divine revelation, that is, to God. In order that the infused virtue of faith may be meritorious for us, we must cooperate with grace by readily submitting our understanding and our will to Divine revelation. Then this virtue of faith will not only be an infused one but, also, will be an acquired one and thus become a meritorious virtue. This actual and acquired virtue is for every adult the first condition of salvation. Still, the acceptance of the Divine doctrine is alone not sufficient for salvation. We must live in accordance with our faith; we must do good and shun evil. Such is the teaching of faith. “He truly believes who practices what he believes,” says St. Gregory, and St. James tells us that “Faith without works is a dead faith and avails nothing to salvation.” A living faith is the first condition and the beginning of salvation. Eternal happiness consists, as we are aware, in the vision of God. The living faith is a beginning of this vision. We know God through the Christian faith, but only as in a mirror. “Now I know in part: but then I shall know even as I am known” (1 Cor. 13:12).

**II. The second of the Divine virtues is hope.** Christian hope is a virtue infused into our souls by which we confidently expect of God everything which He has promised us through the merits of Christ. God has promised us eternal happiness, also all things which we stand in need of, and that are profitable for us in our endeavor to attain eternal happiness. Jesus has merited these for us, and God has promised them to us for the sake of the merits of Jesus Christ. And because God has promised them to us, we must confidently expect and hope for them, because God is omnipotent, merciful and faithful to His promises.

This Christian confidence in God is bestowed by the virtue of hope, infused into our souls at Baptism. We must frequently exercise it in order to make it conducive to salvation.

The virtue of hope is based upon the virtue of faith. Faith informs us of the promises of God, and that He is all-powerful and faithful in fulfilling His promises. Without faith Christian hope would not be possible. This the Apostle Paul teaches in his Epistle to the Corinthians, in plain words: “Faith,” he writes, “is the substance of things hoped for” (Heb. 11:1). Hope is really, therefore, an active faith in the mercy and generosity of God. Christian hope is just as necessary for salvation as faith. “For we are saved by hope.” Thus, the Apostle writes in the Epistle to the Romans (Rom. 8:24). Hence, when we lose hope, we forfeit our salvation.

Christian hope is in part desire, in part confidence. It is a lively desire for eternal happiness, for the possession of God and for the means which aid us in gaining salvation.

It contains in itself a heartfelt desire for forgiveness of sins, and for liberation from the punishment due to sins. It includes an ardent longing for a virtuous Christian life. It is that hunger and thirst for justice of which Christ speaks in the eight Beatitudes. As God is the supreme good, combining every other good, so our desire for the blessed possession of God must be the sincerest, indeed, the sole, desire of our hearts. All other things we may desire only on God's account, and only in so far as they are the means to help us to the possession of God. Whoever experiences this desire will zealously pray for all things; he will be a man of prayer.

Christian hope is not only desire, but also confidence. God has promised us forgiveness of our sins and the grace to do the good that is required of us. He has promised us after a Christian life the eternal happiness of heaven. He is ready to fulfil His promises. The fulfillment of the Divine promise depends, however, upon our own cooperation, upon our sincere goodwill, upon our cooperation with grace. Our confidence must, therefore, never become presumption. The Apostle admonishes us to work out our salvation in fear and trembling. St. Francis de Sales calls confidence in God and distrust in ourselves the two balancing poles by the help of which we are enabled to keep our equilibrium. To distrust ourselves, and to have the fullest trust in God, this is the essence of Christian hope.

Christian hope is an essential condition for eternal happiness. By hope we anticipate life eternal. It is to us a pledge and a foretaste, and when we shall pass into eternity with this living hope, our hope will be transformed into possession of that which we have hoped for – the possession of God, the supreme good.

**III. Charity, the third of the Divine virtues,** is the virtue infused by God into our souls which enables us to love God above all things, and for His sake to love our neighbor as ourselves. That such Divine charity surpasses human power is quite evident. It is inseparably united to sanctifying grace. He who possesses sanctifying grace possesses also the virtue of Divine charity. He who loses sanctifying grace through mortal sin, loses also Divine charity. The virtue of charity is a participation in the Divine charity with which God loves us. It is a Divine commandment that we must love God with our whole heart, with our whole soul, with our whole strength, and that we must love our neighbor as ourselves, for God's sake. To give oneself wholly to God, to prefer Him to all things, rather lose all things than offend Him, to seek to accomplish His holy will in all things, to observe His commandments, to offer up to God every thought, word, and deed, to work and suffer for God, to live and die for God, this is the true love of God.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them; he it is that loveth me." Thus speaks the Son of God (John 14:21). To love God in this manner is made possible for us by the Divine virtue of charity, received in Baptism. We may, however, cooperate with it and so fulfil God's commandments. Only in this manner does the infused virtue become an acquired and meritorious virtue. The Christian virtue of charity is the greatest of all virtues. It presupposes faith and hope because we must believe and hope in God before we can love Him: charity gives life to faith and hope. Without charity, faith and hope are dead and availed not for salvation. Who so loves not remains in death. Charity is not merely the greatest of all virtues, but it contains all Christian virtues; it is the essence of the Christian life. Through Christian faith we participate in the Divine knowledge, through hope in the Divine power, and through charity we participate in the Divine justice and sanctity. Christian charity renders us holy, as the heavenly Father is holy, and perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect. It is charity which here on earth unites us with God. "He who abides in charity abides in God and God in him." It is a virtue which continues for all eternity, when faith has become the vision, and hope the possession, of God.

The love of God is inseparably united to the love of our neighbor; for, as St. Augustine says, there are two commandments but only one charity, because there is no other charity with which we love our neighbor than that with which we love God. Who so says that he loves God, but does not love his neighbor, in him there is no Divine charity.

We have seen, therefore, how the three Divine virtues are the foundation of the Christian life, and that their practice constitutes Christian life. The true worship of God consists in practicing these virtues which, at the same time, are the sole way to eternal bliss. Progress in the Christian life keeps pace with the activity of these virtues. This increase of virtue is, likewise, a gracious gift of God. We are ever obliged to cooperate with grace. We must strive for the increase of our faith, hope, and charity, by frequently practicing these virtues, by the worthy reception of the holy Sacraments, by attentively contemplating the Divine truths and, especially, by humble and heartfelt prayer.

How feeble, indeed, is our faith, how wavering our hope, how insufficient our love of God and our neighbor. They need the strengthening grace of God.

To pray rightly, and to be worthy of being heard, we must awaken these fundamental virtues. Therefore, at the beginning of the Rosary we say devoutly one Our Father and three Hail Mary's to ask God for an increase of these virtues. Because faith, hope, and charity should be both the basis and the fruit of the Rosary. Amen.



# **A Scriptural Rosary**

## **The Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary**

*(Traditionally prayed on Mondays and Saturdays)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **The "Our Father"**

Leader: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **The "Hail Mary"**

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL: Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### **The "Doxology"**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

ALL: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The "Fatima Prayer"**

ALL: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

### **The First Joyful Mystery + The Annunciation**

1. In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. (Lk 1:26-27)
2. And Gabriel came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Lk 1:28)
3. But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. (Lk 1:29)
4. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." (Lk 1:30)
5. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." (Lk 1:31)
6. "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1:32-33)
7. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (Lk 1:34)
8. And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Lk 1:35)
9. "Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Lk 1:35)
10. Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38)

### **The Second Joyful Mystery + The Visitation**

1. In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk 1:39-40)
2. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:41)
3. She exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Lk 1:42)
4. "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Lk 1:45)
5. Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden." (Lk 1:46-48)
6. "For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me." (Lk 1:48-49)
7. "And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation." (Lk 1:49-50)
8. "He has shown strength with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts." (Lk 1:51)
9. "He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree." (Lk 1:52)
10. "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away." (Lk 1:53)

### **The Third Joyful Mystery + The Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God**

1. And while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to be delivered. (Lk 2:6)
2. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes. (Lk 2:7)
3. She laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn. (Lk 2:7)
4. In that region there were shepherds out in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. (Lk 2:8-9)
5. The angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you news of a great joy which will come to all the people." (Lk 2:10)
6. "For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:11)
7. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2:14)
8. And going into the house the Wise Men saw the child with Mary his mother. (Mt 2:1, 11)
9. And they fell down and worshiped him. Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Mt 2:11)
10. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. (Lk 2:19)

### **The Fourth Joyful Mystery + The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

1. And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Lk 2:22)
2. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (Lk 2:25)
3. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (Lk 2:26)
4. Inspired by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God. (Lk 2:27-28)
5. "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word." (Lk 2:29)
6. "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." (Lk 2:30-31)
7. "A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." (Lk 2:32)
8. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against." (Lk 2:34)
9. "And a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk 2:35)
10. When they performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:39-40)

### **The Fifth Joyful Mystery + The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**

1. Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. (Lk 2:41-42)
2. When the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind. His parents did not know it. (Lk 2:43)
3. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem. After three days, they found him in the temple. (Lk 2:45-46)
4. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)
5. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Lk 2:47)
6. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." (Lk 2:48)
7. And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49)
8. They did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. (Lk 2:50)
9. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Lk 2:51)
10. Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man. (Lk 2:52)

### **Concluding the Rosary:**

ALL: HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

ALL: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

ALL: Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 AM Casey Wilson †  
 8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week  
 5:30 PM Ann Thissen †

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30 AM Alba Arellano †  
 8:00 AM Intention for the Bellaire Family

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30 AM Anna D'Ettorre †  
 5:30 PM Don Edwards †

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:30 AM Bunny Bagnoli †  
 8:00 AM Beth Latella †

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 AM Robert Stach †  
 8:00 AM Intention for the Rodriguez Family

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM Pietro Giuliani †  
 5:30 PM Beatrice Furner †

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:15 AM Mary M. Deeks †  
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish  
 10:45 AM Jack Pugh †  
 5:30 PM Joanne Paesano †

(† Intention is for someone deceased.)

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Sean Grier  
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 Dixon Aarellano  
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 Richard Torok  
 Jerry Price  
 Dolores Lynch  
 Sarah Ortlieb  
 James Jimenez  
 Francis Drlik

...we also pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

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Thomas Dye  
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**MONDAY 6 PM-10 PM**

**TUE./THU./FRI. 8:30 AM-10 PM** (First Fridays, 8:30 AM-Saturday, 1 PM)

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**SUNDAY 6:30 PM-10 PM**

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# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The Month of October – a Marian Month – is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.*

***“I am pleading with you to become apostles of the Rosary. Promote the Rosary. Urge the Rosary. Teach the Rosary. Shall I say, advertise the Rosary. It is through the Rosary that we can bring countless souls back to Christ from whom they have strayed. It is through the Rosary that we can make them lovers of Christ through the mediation of His Mother, the Mother of Miracles since the marriage feast at Cana even to the dawn of eternity.”***

**+FATHER JOHN HARDON, S.J., “THE ROSARY: THE INDISPENSABLE PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES”**

### **Monday, October 12 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32** While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, “This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

**Meditation:** In the busyness of our lives, jumping from one thing to another, sometimes with the attention span of a gnat, multi-tasking all throughout the day, do you pay attention to warning signs? Much harm could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded “signs” from God’s messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God’s sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person.

**Prayer:** May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are - a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that “the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity”(James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone - God’s pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love.

### **Tuesday, October 13 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:37-41** After Jesus had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, “Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.”

**Meditation:** after hearing Jesus preach, the Pharisee in today’s Gospel invited Jesus to dinner, no doubt, because he wanted to hear more from this extraordinary man who spoke the word of God as no one else

had done before. It was not unusual for a rabbi to give a teaching over dinner. Jesus, however, did something which offended his host. He did not perform the ceremonial washing of hands before beginning the meal. Did Jesus forget or was he deliberately performing a sign to reveal something to his host? Jesus turned the table on his host by chiding him for uncleanness of heart. Which begs the question (and a simple one at that!): which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart?

**Prayer:** May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus chided the Pharisees for harboring evil thoughts – greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like – which can be sinful in and of themselves, but can also lead us to commit sins. Why does he urge them – and us – to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. So you might ask yourself today: Do I allow God's love to transform my mind, my heart, and thus undertake actions toward my neighbor? If not, why not?

### **Wednesday, October 14 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Callistus, Pope and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:42-46** The Lord said: "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others. Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces. Woe to you! You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk."

Then one of the scholars of the law said to him in reply, "Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too." And he said, "Woe also to you scholars of the law! You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them."

**Meditation:** Why did Jesus lament and issue such a stern rebuke? Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to guide in the ways of God. The scribes devoted their lives to the study of the Law of Moses and regarded themselves as legal experts in it. They divided the Ten Commandments and precepts into thousands of tiny rules and regulations. They were so exacting in their interpretations and in trying to live them out, that they had little time for anything else. By the time they finished compiling their interpretations it took no less than fifty volumes to contain them! In their misguided zeal, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbor. They were leading people to Pharisaism rather than to God. Jesus used the example of tithing to show how far they had missed the mark. God had commanded a tithe of the first fruits of one's labor as an expression of thanksgiving and honor for his providential care for his people (Deuteronomy 14:22; Leviticus 27:30). They were very attentive to minute matters of little importance, but they neglected to care for the needy and the weak. Jesus admonished them because their hearts were not right. They were filled with pride and contempt for others, neglecting to show charity, especially to the weak and the poor.

**Prayer:** O God, who raised up Pope Saint Callistus the First to serve the Church and attend devoutly to Christ's faithful departed, strengthen us, we pray, by his witness to the faith, so that, rescued from the slavery of corruption, we may merit an incorruptible inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Always remember that the essence of God's commandments is love - love of the supreme good - God himself and love of our neighbor who is made in the image and likeness of God. God is love (1 John 4:8) and everything he does flows from his love for us. God's love is unconditional and is wholly directed towards the good of others. True love both embraces and lifts the burdens of others. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us" (Romans 5:5). Do you help your neighbors carry their burdens? God gives each of us sufficient grace for each day to love as he loves and to lift the burdens of others that they, too, may experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday, October 15 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13** The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to

them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

**Meditation:** How can God's wisdom free us from being double-minded and spiritually blind? God sent his prophets to open the ears of his people to hear and understand God's word and intention for their lives. God's wisdom is personified in the voice of the prophets, a voice that often brought rejection and death because they spoke for God rather than for human favor and approval. Jesus chastised many of the religious leaders of his day for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets from the past by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the message that the prophets spoke in God's name. They rejected the prophets' warnings and closed their ears to the word of God. Are you guilty of doing the same?

**Prayer:** O God, who through your Spirit raised up Saint Teresa of Jesus to show the Church the way to seek perfection, grant that we may always be nourished by the food of her heavenly teaching and fired with longing for true holiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The religious lawyers and scribes held the "key of knowledge" since they were the official interpreters of the Scriptures. Unfortunately their interpretation of the Scriptures became so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the Scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven - they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet and Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Revelations 3:7) who opens heaven for those who accept him as Lord and Savior. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart - those who thirst for God and acknowledge his word as truth - can truly understand the wisdom which comes from above [see Psalm 119:99ff: "I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation."]. God is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us true wisdom and understanding so that we make seek perfection as did Saint Teresa of Jesus. These well-known lines she composed are worth contemplating: "Let nothing disturb thee, nothing dismay thee. All is passing, God ever remains. Patience obtains all. Whoever possesses God cannot lack anything for God alone suffices."

### **Friday, October 16 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; Saint Gerard Majella, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 12:1-7** At that time: So many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear. Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one. Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

**Meditation:** What does leaven have to do with hypocrisy? To the Jews leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough from left-over bread which fermented. Fermentation was associated with decay and rotting - the state of foul-smelling decomposition. Why did Jesus warn his disciples to avoid the ways of the Pharisees? The Pharisees wanted everyone to recognize that they were pious and good Jews because they meticulously and scrupulously performed their religious duties. Jesus turned the table on them by declaring that outward appearance doesn't always match the inward intentions of the heart. Anyone can display outward signs of goodness while inwardly harboring evil thoughts and intentions. The word "hypocrite" means "actor" - someone who pretends to be what he or she is not. But who can truly be good, but God alone? Hypocrisy thrives on making a good appearance and masking what they don't want others to see. The good news is that God's light exposes the darkness of evil and sin in our hearts, even the sin which is unknown to us. And God's light transforms our hearts and minds and enables us to overcome hatred with love, pride with humility, and pretense with integrity and truthfulness. God gives

grace to the humble and contrite of heart to enable us to overcome the leaven of insincerity and hypocrisy in our lives.

**Prayer ~ Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:** Pour out on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you so remarkably endowed Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may come to know that love of Christ which surpasses all understanding and be utterly filled with your fullness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella for an Expectant Mother:** Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of Jesus, and devoted child of the Mother of God, enkindle within my heart one spark of that Heavenly fire of charity which glowed in yours. Because you bore, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men when falsely accused of crime, you have been raised up by God as the patron and protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me/her in the dangers of motherhood, and shield the child I/she now bear(s), that it may be brought safely to the light of day, and receive the sacrament of baptism. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy, compassion, love and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's soul and life to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom, and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, deceit, and cowardice - especially in the face of evil, falsehood, and deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and do you submit to his life-giving word of truth and righteousness? Why settle for anything less?

**About Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:** A self-effacing nun in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial, France, was inspired by the Lord Jesus to establish the devotion of the Holy Hour; her name was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Our Lord appeared to her often, usually as the Crucified Christ. Her simplicity caused her to feel that these apparitions were also granted to others who had recourse to Jesus in the sacrament of His love. When twenty-four years of age, Margaret entered the cloister. Our Lord entrusted to her the mission of establishing the reign of the Sacred Heart among the children of men. Criticism did not hamper her zeal, and her charity toward her opponents won them over to the cause of the Master. In the first revelation of the Sacred Heart to the nun, Our Lord made known His burning desire to be loved by all men, and His design of manifesting to them His Sacred Heart with its treasures of mercy. Margaret Mary communicated Our Lord's wish that the faithful receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month and observe the Feast of the Sacred Heart on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi. After nineteen years in the convent, St. Margaret Mary died October 17, 1690. Many pilgrims to her tomb have sought and obtained favors. Through her apostolate of devotion to the Sacred Heart many sinners have repented and found grace with God.

**About Saint Gerard Majella:** St. Gerard was born in southern Italy on April 6, 1726. His father died while Gerard was still young, forcing him to be apprenticed to a tailor. His frail health, quiet disposition, and gentle ways led him to being bullied by fellow workers and by his employers. He was refused admission to the Capuchin Order on account of his youth, so he lived for a time as a hermit. His great love for Jesus crucified caused him to lead a very ascetical lifestyle. Getting to know the Redemptorists, he applied to them but was initially rejected because of his poor health. On his insisting, however, he was reluctantly accepted and sent to the novitiate with a note saying: "I am sending you a useless lay brother." Gerard was professed in July 1752, and quickly disproved the prediction of his uselessness by his excellent service as porter, tailor, and sacristan. His prayerfulness and dedication began to be too great to overlook and so he gained a reputation for sanctity. This brought a large number of persons to him for guidance in the spiritual life. He readily responded, revealing a remarkable gift for sensing the deep interior reality of a person. Because of this genius, of his ability to bring relief to the sick, and of his care for women in childbirth, many miracles were attributed to him and he gained the nickname "The Wonderworker." His popularity eventually led to accusations of sexual misconduct, which he bore patiently until they were proven false. He died on October 16, 1755, worn out by his austerities and by tuberculosis. Very many Catholics throughout the world honor him as the special patron of new mothers and of families, and his reputation as "The Wonderworker" continues to our day.

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# Community Calendar

## Monday, October 12

6:30 AM Daily Mass  
 8:00 AM Daily Mass  
 9:00 AM Catholic Way: The Book of Revelation  
 9:00 AM Church Cleaning  
 12:00 PM Seniors NOW: October Italian Fest  
 5:30 PM Daily Mass  
 6:00 PM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Seek & Root Family Session  
 7:00 PM Adult Study: The Bible Timeline

Adoration Chapel Church  
 Wellnitz, Room 1 Church & Chapel  
 Davidson, Rms. A & B Church  
 Adoration Chapel Davidson, Rms. A & B  
 Wellnitz, Room 1

## Tuesday, October 13

6:30 AM Daily Mass  
 6:30 AM Esto Vir Men's Ministry  
 8:00 AM Daily Mass  
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 3:30 PM ROOTS Community Night Fall Party  
 6:30 PM OCIA Immaculate Conception Cohort Mtg.  
 6:30 PM OCIA Vigil Cohort Meeting  
 7:00 PM Adult Study: Introduction to Prayer

Adoration Chapel Davidson, Room A Church  
 Adoration Chapel Wellnitz, Rms. 1 & 2  
 Davidson, Room B Davidson, Room A  
 School Library

## Wednesday, October 14

5:30 AM Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry  
 6:30 AM Daily Mass  
 7:00 AM-5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:30 PM Daily Mass  
 6:00 PM Adoration with Confession  
 7:00 PM Young Adult Men's Group  
 7:00 PM Young Adults Women's Group  
 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Campus Parking Lot Adoration Chapel  
 Adoration Chapel Church  
 Church  
 Wellnitz, Room 1 Off-Site  
 Church

## Thursday, October 15

6:30 AM Daily Mass  
 8:00 AM Daily Mass  
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 8:45 AM Women's AM Studies: Chosen 5  
 5:30 PM Dementia Series  
 6:30 PM Communion/Liberation School of Community  
 6:45 PM Women's PM Studies: Chosen 5  
 7:00 PM SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless

Adoration Chapel Church  
 Adoration Chapel Davidson, Rms. A & B  
 School Library Wellnitz, Room 2  
 Davidson, Rms. A & B Wellnitz, Room 1

## Friday, October 16

6:30 AM Daily Mass  
 8:00 AM Daily Mass  
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:45 PM Kairos Ministry Meeting

Adoration Chapel Church  
 Adoration Chapel Davidson, Room A

## Saturday, October 17

5:30 AM World Mission Sunday – Diocesan Collection  
 6:30 AM Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry  
 8:00 AM Men's Ministry: Esto Vir Meeting  
 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Daily Mass  
 9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 10:00 AM Confession  
 5:30 PM VINE: Waffles & Praise  
 Vigil Mass

Campus Parking Lot Davidson, Rms. A & B Church  
 Adoration Chapel Confessional  
 Wellnitz, Rms. 1 & 2 Church

## Sunday, October 18

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM Sunday Masses  
 During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass POD Nursery  
 During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass Coffee & Donuts  
 12:00 PM Baptisms  
 6:30 PM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:30 PM VINE Night  
 6:30 PM The ROOTS

Church Childcare Center  
 Adoration Chapel Davidson, Rms. A & B Church  
 Adoration Chapel School Gym  
 Davidson, Rms. A & B

## Weekly/Monthly Parish Ministries

### Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry

Meet in the parish parking lot on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5:30 AM to workout with other men of faith. To join, email Nick Hasou at [njhasou@gmail.com](mailto:njhasou@gmail.com)

**Church Cleaning** – Meet weekly on Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies are provided. Questions? Email Lisa at [lisaplong@gmail.com](mailto:lisaplong@gmail.com)

**Prayer Shawl Workshop** – Meet 1st Saturdays & 3rd Wednesdays in Wellnitz, Room 2. Lessons and yarn are provided. To join, email: Kathy at [kendrizz@aol.com](mailto:kendrizz@aol.com) or Karen at [kkessmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kkessmith@yahoo.com)

**M.A.S.T.** – (Mature Active Singles Together) for single/widowed/divorced, age 45+. To join, email Chris: [chrishauck0522@gmail.com](mailto:chrishauck0522@gmail.com)

**St. Brendan Young Adults**  
 Those in their 20s/30s meet on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly, at 7-9 PM. Men meet in Wellnitz Hall, Room 1. Women meet off-campus. To join, email Jordan at [jfreydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:jfreydesigns@gmail.com)

**SVdP Sandwich Making**  
 Meet in Wellnitz: 1st Thursdays at 10 AM; 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM

**Grief Support Lunch** – Meets monthly, 2nd Thursdays at 1 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin. Questions? [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com)

**Grief Support Study** – Meets 1st & 4th Sundays monthly in Wellnitz, Room 1 at 7 PM to learn about grief care. Questions? Email Nell at [doconnell@stbrendans.net](mailto:doconnell@stbrendans.net)

### OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 20

Our Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 20, as some staff will be participating in a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

### MASS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC\*

5:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
 5:30 PM, Sundays

\*Masses with contemporary music will utilize the screens.

# October: Respect Life Month

## A Culture of Life: Recognizing & Supporting the Dignity of Every Human Person – Capital Punishment

### PART TWO IN A FOUR-PART SERIES FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Article is courtesy of The Catholic Sun newspaper, Diocese of Phoenix

*Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person. Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm – without definitely taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself – the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically non-existent'." – Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2267*

Since the Supreme Court reinstated the constitutionality of capital punishment (or the death penalty) in 1976, more than 1200 people have been executed by the state. According to groups like The Freedom Project, there is evidence that hundreds of people who have been executed, or who await execution, have been wrongly convicted of capital offenses and are actually innocent. For example, in 2002 Arizona released **Ray Krone** from Death row after DNA evidence proved he was innocent. Krone had spent ten years in prison prior to his release and became the 100th person exonerated from receiving the death penalty since 1973.

However, there can be no doubt that some people on death row have committed terrible actions and deserve to be punished for their crimes. The question Catholics must ask is this – is the death penalty a licit form of punishment for those who commit capital crimes like murder? Pope Saint John Paul II taught in *Evangelium Vitae* that taking human life may not be done to merely punish or “send a message” but only in the narrow circumstances where it is impossible to protect other human lives without lethal force. He writes:

“It is clear that, for these purposes to be achieved, the nature and extent of the punishment must be carefully evaluated and decided upon, and ought not go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity: in other words, when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent.

“In any event, the principle set forth in the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church* remains valid: ‘If bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor and to protect public order and the safety of persons, public authority must limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person’ ”(CCC, 56).

**Q: But doesn't the Bible say “an eye for an eye” and “a tooth for a tooth”? If someone kills someone else, it's only fair that they be killed as a punishment.**

A: The principle of *lex talionis*, or “an eye for an eye” was a temporary law given to ancient Israel under very specific conditions.

In the Old Testament we find that God often issues laws that, while not ideal, can be followed by fallen creatures and still create a moral order. This is known as divine accommodation and condescension, or God coming to our level to meet us. Jesus refers to this principle when he is asked about divorce and says that Moses only tolerated divorce because the people had hard hearts, but this was not the ideal situation for marriage in God's plan.

Much the same, *lex talionis*, was a temporary measure designed to ensure fair retribution. In the ancient world, if someone killed another person, sometimes not only would they be killed, but their whole family or clan would be punished by execution as well. *Lex talionis* ensured that only the guilty would be punished for their deeds. But this was not meant to be the ideal, as is evidenced in Jesus' statement, “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well” (Matthew 5:38-39). Jesus is *not* teaching radical pacifism, or inaction in the face of evil, only that we need not strike back against evil in an evil manner.

**Q: Isn't it cruel to the families of murder victims to keep murderers alive in prison?**

A: We should be sensitive to the grieving of families who have lost a loved one to the violence of another, but we also cannot let our emotions override our moral judgment. It is common and natural for victims of injustice to lash out in anger against those who have hurt them. However, we are called to follow the example of our Lord who did not angrily strike back against his unjust accusers during his passion. Instead, he prayed, “Father forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 22:34).

There are also numerous testimonies from victim's families who say that the death penalty did not give them closure and some have even fought for the abolition of death penalty. Consider this example from the **Death Penalty Information Center**:

“Ronald Carlson wanted vengeance when his sister was murdered in 1983 in Texas. But when he witnessed the execution in 1998 of the person who committed

the murder, he changed his mind. In a recent op-ed in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Carlson said he had no opinion on capital punishment before his sister's death and remembers feeling hatred and 'would have killed those responsible with my own hands if given the opportunity.' But he later discovered that, 'Watching the execution left me with horror and emptiness, confirming what I had already come to realize: Capital punishment only continues the violence that has a powerful, corrosive effect on society.'

"Carlson said he sympathizes with other victims' families, understanding how they would want to see those who killed their love ones suffer the same fate. But, he said, '[O]ur justice system should not be dictated by vengeance.' He asked, 'As a society, shouldn't we be more civilized than the murderers we condemn?' Carlson has spent over half of his life examining this issue and has come to believe, 'We as a society should not be involved in the practice of killing people.' "

*Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' Rather, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.' Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good."* – Romans 12:19-21



**Prayer Vigil, Oct. 14** – Our parish is participating in the Columbus **40 Days for Life** campaign, bringing continuous prayer to abortion clinics across the nation to promote life. Our parish has adopted October 14, from 8 AM-2 PM to pray at Planned Parenthood at 3255 E. Main St., Columbus. At least two volunteers are needed to pray at the clinic each hour. Accept a "need" at <https://tinyurl.com/stb-needs> to sign up. Questions? Email Tim at [tireno04@gmail.com](mailto:tireno04@gmail.com)

**Respect Life Novena, Oct. 22-30** – Pray together with thousands of Catholics across the country for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Sign up at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org)

## Mass & March for Life

St. Brendan 8th Graders (and Knights of Columbus members) accompanied by Fr. Mike, attended the **Mass for Life** on Oct. 2 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus and then participated in the **March for Life** at the Ohio Statehouse, where the students were greeted by Bishop Fernandes. We celebrate our students and our parishioners who eagerly promote a culture of life!



## Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

**OCTOBER 12, 12 PM** – Italian Fest in the Davidson Rooms. RSVP to Jerry Price at 614-805-6792 or [pricej62@gmail.com](mailto:pricej62@gmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 6, 8 AM** – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Crème de la Crème in Hilliard (5311 Westpointe Plaza.)



## Women's Retreat, Nov. 14

You're invited to attend the *Hearts on Fire* Women's Overnight Retreat on **November 14-15** at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Explore the fire God places within each of us that refines our hearts and inspires us to live boldly for Christ. Through worship, reflection, prayer and conversation, women of all ages are invited to rekindle their passion for God. Cost of \$145 includes: private room with bathroom, 3 meals, snacks and drinks. Add Friday night to your stay for an additional \$80. To register and pay online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/women26retreat> or, to pay by check, complete a paper form (on the Welcome Desk) with check made to St. Brendan Church (memo: "Women's Retreat") and mail to: Chris Hauck, 2121 Jervis Road, Columbus, OH 43221. A \$10 Early Bird discount applies if you register and pay by **October 27**. Questions? Email Chris Hauck at [chrishauck0522@gmail.com](mailto:chrishauck0522@gmail.com)

## Next Dementia Series Session, Oct. 15

Explore the medical, safety, emotional and the community-resource aspects of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. All are welcome to this informative free series held monthly from 5:30-7 PM on third Thursdays in the School Library. Register via the QR code or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/dementia4part> Questions? Email Nell at [doconnell@stbrendans.net](mailto:doconnell@stbrendans.net) The remaining upcoming sessions to register for are:



**OCTOBER 15:** Tonya Kreml, *Safety at Home While Caregiving*  
**NOVEMBER 19:** Laurie Schier, *Resources Beyond the Home*

## Last Week's Blessing of Animals



**On Oct. 4 & 5, Fr. Mike blessed 116 beloved pets**, including 91 dogs, 14 cats, 9 birds, a hamster & a turtle!

**Above:** A parishioner at Norwich Springs Assisted Living created this fun *Blessing of the Animals* artwork!

## For the men of our Parish:

### Esto Vir Events...

Join us for fellowship and to bolster your faith! Questions? Email Grant: [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

#### Saturdays, 6:30 AM Esto Vir:

Gather in the Davidson Rooms to Experience content from *Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life, The Chosen: season 5 & Sharing Our Story.*

#### Tuesday 6:30 AM study:

Meet weekly in the Davidson Rooms for study series on Scripture, early Church Fathers, lives of the saints & fellowship.

#### Dinner with Esto Vir –

Oct. 24 join Esto Vir at 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 24 in the Davidson Rooms for fellowship, community & maybe catch some football on the big screens!

## Become a Knight!



St. Brendan Knights of Columbus Council 11208 would like to invite our parish men (age 18+) to become a Knight. If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is for you! You can join online in just 5 minutes at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and your initial annual dues are waived when signing up online with Agent Referral Code **GANDERSON**. For questions or for more details, email Council Membership Director, Dean Pfirrmann at [pfirrmann56@gmail.com](mailto:pfirrmann56@gmail.com)

## The Melchizedek Project

*Helping young men discern priesthood.*

First meeting at St. Brendan is Monday, October 19, at 6-7:30 PM in the School Library (dinner provided). Email Fr. Sam at [frseverance@stbrendans.net](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net) to let him know you plan to attend. Future meetings dates are: Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 15 and April 26

## Kairos Cookie Baking Begins Next Weekend



St. Brendan Kairos Prison Ministry will spend four days at London correctional facility, November 5-8. Each resident will receive one dozen cookies as a message of love from our parish. We are also raising money to pay for the volunteer and residence meals that weekend. Cookie bags will be passed out next weekend at all Masses, **October 17/18** and cookies will be collected until **November 1**. Monetary donations to help with meals can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/kairos-donation> or make checks out to "Kairos of Ohio." Questions? Email Tim at [tireno04@gmail.com](mailto:tireno04@gmail.com)



# St. Brendan Council 11208

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

# VETERANS DAY DINNER

 **Saturday, November 14, 2026**

 **St. Brendan School**  
4475 Dublin Rd.

 **7 – 9 PM**



**Food & Drinks Provided**

Guest Speaker  
**Subha Lembach**  
*Eyewitness to 9/11*



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## Craft Show Bakers Wanted

This year, we would like to implore the baking talents of our parishioners in providing baked goods to sell at the **St. Brendan 2026 Fall Craft Show**. Please individually package and label your treats (noting any common allergens such as nuts, eggs, dairy or gluten-free). The baked goods can be dropped off on:

**Rack by POD Nursery – Nov. 6, 8:30 AM-4 PM;**  
**Rack by School Gym – Nov. 6, 4-8 PM & Nov. 7, 7-10 AM.** Sign up to donate your baked goods at <https://tinyurl.com/bake4stb> or via the QR code. Questions? Email Steve Day: [lday1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:lday1@columbus.rr.com)



All funds raised at the Craft Show and Bake Sale help support our St. Brendan Knights of Columbus charities such as: "Measure Up" to benefit Special Olympics, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Coats for Kids, Support Our Seminarians, Kairos Prison Ministry, Hilliard Food Pantry/ Feed the Hungry Mac & Cheese, KofC Family Breakfast, Veterans Day Dinner, American Red Cross Blood Drive, Right to Life/PDHC events, Young Couples Date Night and more!

## Easter Vigil OCIA Cohort Sponsors Are Needed

Our OCIA 2027 Easter Vigil Cohort has recently begun and there exists a need for parishioners who are willing to accompany and sponsor three of our catechumen/candidates who are exploring the Catholic faith. Meetings are Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Sponsors will attend all the OCIA sessions and Rites with their candidates, a commitment of approximately 6 months. No special training is needed, as long as you have received all three Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and are currently a practicing Catholic in good standing, we have all the materials and experts needed to assist you. If God is calling you to this supportive and rewarding role, please fill out the Sponsor form found on our Welcome Desk or at <https://tinyurl.com/stbOCIA> Questions? Contact Wendy at 614-876-1272 ext. 291 or [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)



## Trunks & Treats Are Needed!

Sign up your "trunk" (decorated vehicle) to pass out candy or donate "treats" (individually wrapped) at <https://stbrendan.cbchurch.com/goto/needs/public> or via the QR code above (Note: Trunks should arrive to the parking lot by 5:30 PM to set up.) Candy is needed in large quantities for this event, so please consider dropping off candy donations this month in the marked box in the Gathering Area when you come to Mass.

## VINE & ROOTS Youth Groups

### ROOTS FOR MIDDLESCHOOLERS (GRADES 6-8)

Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Anna at [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net) – Oct. 11: No ROOTS; Oct. 18: "How to Share the Gospel" (in Davidson)

### VINE FOR HIGHSCHOOLERS (GRADES 9-12)

Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Kara at [kshand@stbrendans.net](mailto:kshand@stbrendans.net) – Oct. 11: "Kingdom Series I: Friendships" (School Gym); Oct. 18: Trivia Night

## Elizabeth Ministry Events

Mothers with young children are invited each month in the Childcare Center for... **Playgroup**: 1st Tuesdays at 9:30 AM; **The Upper Room**: 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 AM; **FIAT Hour**: 4th Fridays, 10-11 AM (Adoration time for moms while childcare is provided.) Questions? Email Regina at [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)



## Register Now for Winter Athletics

Registration is open for St. Brendan basketball and cheer. (Please note: we have recently switched to a new registration software.) Find more details and the registration link at: [www.stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics](http://www.stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics)



Families with children grades 1-8, not attending a Catholic school should enroll in Family Faith Formation. Register via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/FFFstB> (late fees now apply.) Questions? Contact Jacob Doran at 614-876-1272, ext. 231 or [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)



**VOLUNTEERS** – Anyone sixth grade or older can help out with our Family Faith Formation program! Please pray about how God is calling you (those age 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant). Visit <https://stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation/> to learn more. Questions? Email Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION** – If you missed the sacrament preparation meeting last month and still need to pick up your at-home box, email Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)

## POD Nursery Volunteers

Our nursery for children 6 mos.-4 yrs. old is in need of volunteers during the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. Email [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net) to sign up. (Those ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.)



## Our School Auction is Feb. 27, 2027... Save the Date!

Planning for our 2027 School Auction Fundraiser, "College Reunion Night" is underway. Find out how to help at <https://stbrendans.net/school/auction/>

## School Scholastic Book Fair

Our school will host a Scholastic Book Fair Thursday, October 15-22. Family Night is 1-7 PM on October 22. Did you know that 25% of every online purchase directly benefits our school? Orders over \$35 ship FREE. Explore our Book Fair website now to preview titles at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stbrendanschool4>



## Damascus Summer Camp Discount...

2027 Summer Camp Pre-Order registration is open now for early access to 90 reserved spaces to receive a \$100 discount (up until Oct. 31, 5 PM.) Pre-register for Week 1, June 6-11 with our group code **BREHILL27**:

**High School** (grades 9-12): <https://tinyurl.com/HSdamascus>

**Middle School** (grades 6-8): <https://tinyurl.com/MSdamascus>

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- For questions, email Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)



## Green Bin Donations

The Green Bin (in the Church Gathering Space) donations all go to the Hilliard Food Pantry Plus now (since JOIN is a part of Catholic Social Services). Please drop off food donations in the right side of the bin and leave personal care items in the left side. Baby wipes are always in need! The donations in both sides of the Green Bin will be delivered to the Hilliard Food Pantry each week by our St. Vincent de Paul members. To make a monetary gift to the HFP+, visit <https://mtyc.co/iayq7f> or scan the QR code above. Every \$1 donated provides \$6 of food for local families!



## Date Night is Oct. 23

Attend the next Knights of Columbus *Date Night for Young Couples & Parents* on Friday, Oct. 23, 6:30-8 PM to build stronger Catholic marriages, families and friendships. We will watch the kids (6 mos.-5 yrs.) while you enjoy a dinner in the Davidson Rooms. **RSVP** to Chuck Heinlen at 224-612-1557 or [chuck436@att.net](mailto:chuck436@att.net)



# Happening Around Our Diocese...

## YCP On Artificial Intelligence, Oct. 21

Join YCP Columbus Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7-9 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes will lead a conversation on Pope Leo XIV's encyclical on artificial intelligence and will explore AI through the lens of faith, human dignity and Catholic moral teaching. Free food and drinks. Register at <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/189752/register/>

## Morning of Reflection, Oct. 24

Join us for a Morning of Reflection, "Praying with Our Hearts," presented by the Women of Ascension with speaker, Emily Jaminet on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 AM-1 PM at Church of Ascension (555 S. Main St., Johnstown 43031). Includes Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, brunch, and Emily's message. Register by Oct. 14: contact Theresa at [shively.t@outlook.com](mailto:shively.t@outlook.com) or 740-403-4070 to RSVP.

## 2026 CCYA Conference, Oct. 24

Those ages 19-35 can join us Saturday, October 24 for the Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference at St. Paul Parish in Westerville – a day of faith, fellowship, fun and food with inspiring Catholic speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors, Adoration, vigil Mass and dinner. Register at [www.ccyac.org](http://www.ccyac.org)

## Bishop Watterson Happenings...

- **BWHS Trick-or-Treat:** Bring the little ones for trick-or-treat, Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3-4:30 PM, free for children 10 and under. Register at [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com)
- All Bishop Watterson moms are invited to **Mothers' Club's annual Fall Dinner** on Thursday, November 5 at Brookside Country Club at 6 PM with social hour, raffle, silent auction and dinner at 7 PM. Details/register at [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com)
- **Bishop Watterson's Open House** for prospective students is Sunday, November 22, 1-3 PM. Save the date!

## Serra Club Essay Competition

The Columbus Serra Club is challenging all eighth-grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Essays are due Monday, Dec. 7. The ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. Catholic schools help administer the competition. Those not attending a Catholic school, email [vocationessays@outlook.com](mailto:vocationessays@outlook.com) or text 614-558-0806 on how to participate.

## Mass for Breast Cancer, Oct. 20

St. Agatha is the Patron Saint of Breast Cancer and October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please Join St. Agatha Parish on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM for a Special Mass to honor those who have been affected in any way by Breast Cancer.

## St. Joseph Cathedral Red Mass, Oct. 29

The Red Mass is celebrated for members of the legal profession—judges, lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants, law professors, law students, lawmakers, and government officials – to seek divine wisdom, understanding, counsel, and fortitude for those responsible for administering justice. Please join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes and the Thomas More Society in celebrating the Annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 29, at St. Joseph Cathedral (parking available behind the Cathedral) at 212 E. Broad St., 5:15 PM. Reception following Mass.

## St. Margaret Christmas Cookie Sale

St. Margaret of Cortona Women's Club is having their 3rd annual Christmas Cookie Sale! Select from beautifully arranged cookie trays in two sizes. Orders will be taken Oct. 31-Nov. 30. Pick up cookies on Dec. 12-13 after St. Margaret of Cortona Masses in Kulp Hall or by previous arrangement. Funds will go toward a new playground for the Preschool! Questions? email [womensclub.stmargarets@gmail.com](mailto:womensclub.stmargarets@gmail.com) Order at <https://tinyurl.com/stmcookies>

## Hope for Healing Retreat, Nov. 6-8

This sacred and confidential retreat on November 6-8 at Newark, Ohio is for post-abortive women, including those who have experienced an abortion or have been involved in facilitating one. Through testimonies, prayer, group sharing, Mass, spiritual direction with a priest, and the support of women who have experienced healing in Christ, encounter God's mercy, peace, and healing. Meals and lodging are provided. For registration, call/text 740-527-0730 or [healing@secondfire.org](mailto:healing@secondfire.org)

## Sacred Heart Congress Retreat, Nov. 7

Sacred Heart Enthronement Network is the host on Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville for the Congress, themed "Come to Me" – a call to the faithful to bring the love of Christ into their homes, parishes, schools and communities. Speakers are Bishop Donald Hying (Diocese of Madison) and Annie Mitchell (Son Rise Morning Show.) Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate Holy Mass. A children's program follows the Mass. Register at [www.welcomehisheart.com](http://www.welcomehisheart.com)

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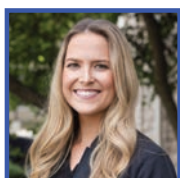
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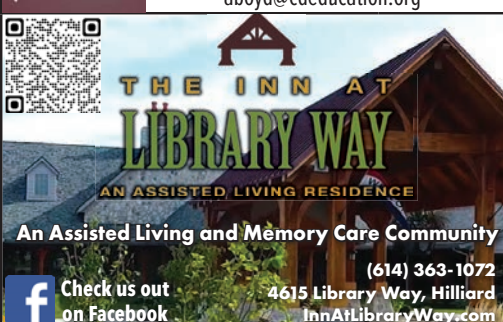
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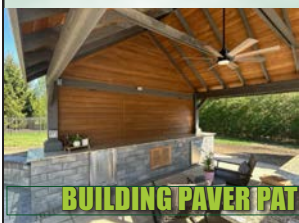
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