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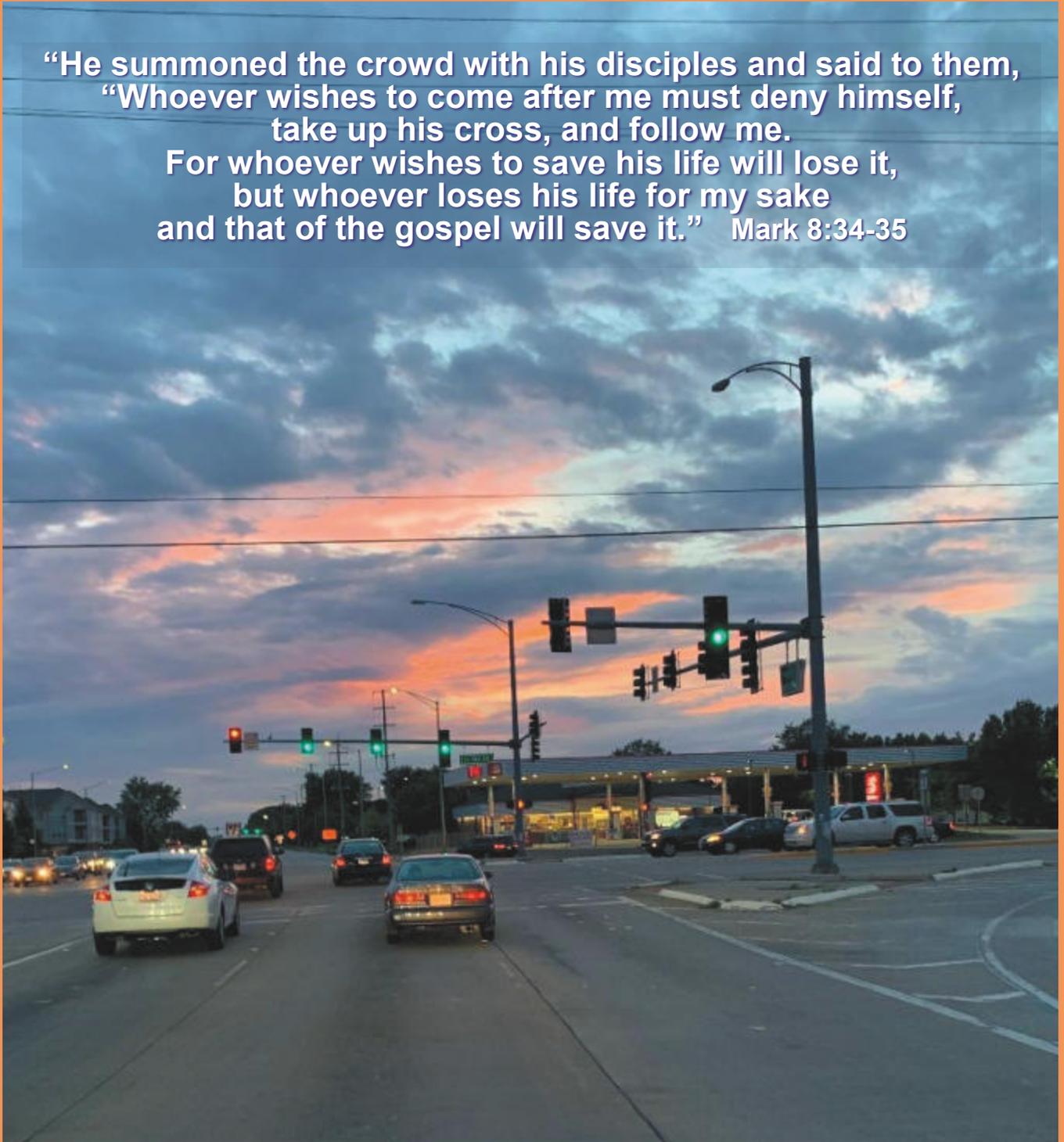
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IN THE WORLD, BY LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE
OF GOD'S LOVE IN MINISTRY AND SERVICE +*

**“He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.**

**For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it.” Mark 8:34-35**



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021



From our Pastor

The Fulfillment of Their Hope

While the Year of St. Joseph continues, I realized that I hadn't written anything on our patron in a while. So today I'd like to write about the hopes and expectations that Joseph and his family had because they were descendants of King David. While Joseph is the foster-father of Jesus, Jesus was by legal right a descendent of David because he was adopted by

Joseph. He is also of David's blood through Mary. The promises made to king David were truly amazing. God said of David: *I will establish his line forever and his throne as the days of the heavens...I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. His line shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. Like the moon it shall be established forever; It shall stand firm while the skies endure.* (Ps 89) And yet the kingdom ended and the last king of David's lineage was blinded and taken captive by the Babylonians.

But many descendants of David lived on in exile in Babylon. They learned trades in the meantime, but lived in hope that they would be able to go back to Jerusalem and that God would somehow fulfill the promises He made to David's line. They trusted that as God had fulfilled His promise to Abraham of numerous descendants and to Moses of the Promised Land that God would also fulfill His promise to David. A descendent of his would be enthroned forever.

Predictions of a future Anointed One (Messiah) were made by the prophets. Daniel was among the earliest of the exiles and he prophesied that the nation would be restored after "70 weeks of years" (490 years later, Daniel 9:24). Then an anointed one would arise and reign in Jerusalem. Jeremiah prophesied that the Lord still had plans for them and that he would restore them. (Jer 29:11-15)

When the Babylonians were defeated by the Persians, the Jews were allowed to return to their land. However, many of the Jews did not return at the end of the exile. Their generation had never even been to Israel. They had gotten comfortable and the idea of rebuilding their lives from scratch was not appealing to many. But several hundred years later, a ragtag group of Jews had a surprising victory (as related in the book of Maccabees). They reestablished Israel and the Hasmonean dynasty began in 160 BC. They invited the Jews that lived elsewhere to return home to Israel. The 490 years were coming to an end and the predicted gathering of the scattered remnant of the tribes was happening. Perhaps this was the time to return to the land of promise. The ancestors of Joseph decided to make the 700 mile trip to Israel. These descendants of David settled in two villages Kochba ("the star") and Nazareth ("the shoot"), demonstrating their messianic hopes. These two symbols had prophetic meanings: "A star shall come forth out of Jacob" (Numbers 24:17) "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1)

There they quietly worked and prayed that God would fulfill their hopes and it was to these descendants of David that Joseph and Mary were born.

At the same time as Joseph was growing up, king Herod had rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem and was reestablishing the power and independence of Israel. Herod wanted the Jews to see him as the fulfillment of the prophecies and the awaited messiah; he even put a star on his coins next to his face. But Herod was not Jewish and most of the Jews rejected his claims. Thus setting the stage for his rage when a Jewish king is heralded by a star at his birth. Herod rushes to destroy this rival, but Joseph has a dream which leads him to take Mary and their baby to Egypt. The family returned when Herod died, and years later it is in the synagogue of Nazareth that Jesus declares that the wait is over and the prophecies are fulfilled.

The source for most of this article is St. Joseph and His World by Mike Aquilina, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

St. Joseph, Guardian of our parish family, Pray for us!

In Christ's Peace

Fr. Matthew

Saint Maria Goretti Relic Enshrined

This Sunday, September 12, during the 9:00AM Mass, there will be a special ceremony to reinsert the reliquary of Saint Maria Goretti into its shrine in our church.

During the ceremony, her reliquary will be:

- Fixed to its marble base that is attached to the shrine
- Incensed; which represents the symbolism of our prayers of thanksgiving for Saint Maria Goretti's spiritual presence as her first class relic is reshrined
- Blessed with the water of everlasting life

The ceremony will close with the rededication prayers.

Please see the last page of this bulletin for more information on Saint Maria Goretti and this relic.



MASKS NOW REQUIRED IN ALL INDOOR SPACES

August 27, 2021 All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, age two or over and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) are required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors on the premises of our churches, schools, and diocesan facilities.

Masks are to be worn by all at Masses, as well as inside the Church building. Masks may be removed during Mass by priests, deacons, and lectors when they read at the ambo, proclaim the gospel, and preach. The faithful may remove or lower their masks when receiving Holy Communion.



Most Reverend David J. Malloy Bishop of Rockford

Our Religious Education program is still accepting students for the 2021-22 year.

There will be a parent meeting about our Religious Education Program on Sept. 12 at 10:00AM in the parish center

Religious
Education

**Classes begin Sunday, September 19,
and will follow appropriate safety guidelines.
Students will be wearing masks.**

Visit saintjosephaurora.org/faithformation for registration forms and more information.



Have you ever thought about being a Lector?

We are in need of lectors- especially for our Saturday, 5:00PM Mass.

Contact Sandy at the parish office-630-844-3780 for more info.

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, September 15 in church from 1:00PM-7:00PM

"The wise men adored this body when it lay in the manger; ...they prostrated themselves before it in fear and trembling....Now you behold the same body that the wise men adored in the manger, lying upon the altar; ...you also know its power."

St. John Chrysostom (344 to 407) September 13
Doctor Of The Church and Archbishop of Constantinople

We invite you to stop by and spend some time with God.



Pope Francis @Pontifex September 8

Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.



Grandparents Day Blessing

God of our ancestors,
we thank you for our children and our children's children.
They are reminders from you about how
precious life can be.

We humbly ask for wisdom and patience
as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.
Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon
these men and women who are our grandparents
or who act in place of grandparents.

Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents
with your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of
Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

- September 10 & 11 and September 17 & 18
at Wal-Mart and Jewel stores for 1 or 2 hour shifts
- Sign up after Mass this weekend
- We welcome any students needing service hours

Questions? Contact Denny Monaco at 630-768-8034



September 4 and 5

Sunday Envelopes.....107
Contributions.....\$ 7,734.00
Special Haiti Collection.....\$ 786.00

Our money counters kindly ask that you
do not use staples or tape on your Sunday envelopes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Please remember in
your prayers all who
are suffering from:
the earthquake in Haiti
the wildfires in the
western United States
the ravages of
Hurricane Ida
the perils of being
refugees
disasters and conflicts
all across the world



Pray the Rosary

- Please pray the Rosary
with us in church during
our Prayer Service on
Tuesdays at 12:15PM
- Our intention
this week is that Jesus
sends his spirit upon all
students and teachers and
fills them with his wisdom
and blessings.

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you.

This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come
inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all
kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and
developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human
venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and
beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer
appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's king-
dom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One
allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something
bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and
magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to
this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and
brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the
dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challeng-
ing, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot
understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God,
however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection
joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking,
Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.



UPDATE

We need Donations

**Our Silent Auction and Raffle rely on donations for all the
great items and packages available.**

Don't know what to donate? Looking for a new idea?

Combine with other people:

Get together with 3 or 4 or more friends/family and buy a more
expensive item item-such as Apple Air Pods, Ring Camera,
you decide.

Gift Certificates/Cards

Favorite local business can benefit and new customers are always
a plus (include a list of your favorite menu items)

Theme

Pick a theme-wine, relaxation, gift cards, children, luxury, bath,
favorite foods, cooking-the sky is the limit. Purchase the related
items. Bring us a box full of goodies and we will put them
together or arrange them yourself.

Busy time for you? Cash donations are greatly appreciated.
Put in envelope marked: Oktoberfest donation and put in
collection or mail to parish at 722 High Street, Aurora IL 60505

Important Dates

Next Oktoberfest organizational meeting:
Thursday, September 23, 7:00PM in the parish center
Come help make: Tamales on October 2; time TBA
Cabbage rolls on September 25, time TBA
No experience or recipe needed



Saturday, November 20, 9AM -3PM
St. Joseph Parish Center

Applications are available from
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Marie Geltz 630-624-0903

or email: Geltz30@aol.com Reserve your table now



Joins us, September 29 at 7:15pm
in the parish center
for an informational meeting.

Questions? Contact Judy Cicero at 630-692-9204.

2021 PLANT THE SEED CALENDAR WINNERS

Sunday..... (\$100)..Sept 5..... #324...Karen & Kevin Geraghty
Monday..... (\$250) Sept 6.... #434.....M/M Brian Durham
Tuesday..... (\$50)...Sept 7.... #729.....Esther Garza
Wednesday... (\$50)...Sept 8.....#1592.....Donald R Breyne
Thursday..... (\$50)...Sept 9.....#656.....Samantha Gaddis
Friday..... (\$50)...Sept 10... #862...Fran Bell, Rosemary & Donna Scaletta
Saturday..... (\$100)..Sept 11....#844.....Agnes Fayfar



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and Fridays beginning at 7:00AM.
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MANNA NOTES

- School Back Pack program is back.
- Orders due by 9:00AM Wednesdays via email.
- Indicate where you will pick up. Check only-no cash
- Pick up is Thursday evenings from 6:00PM-6:30 PM
- Questions? Contact Judy Fullmer 630-542-4645 or email her at stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com

PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday through Friday-8:00AM to 4:00PM

MASSES-See right column of this page

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION English & Spanish
Wednesday 7:30AM to 8:00AM
Saturday 4:00PM-4:50PM
Sunday 8:00AM-8:50AM

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:

Please contact the parish office for information

Website: www.saintjosephaurora.org

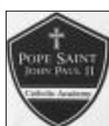
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Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy
is still accepting registration
for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Visit our website, jp2aurora.org,
or call our North Campus, at 630-844-3781
to begin the application process.

For all the latest information:

Check out our Facebook page: @PSJPIIAuroraLL



Phoenix Club BINGO returns on September 13

Doors open at 6:00PM

Early Bird Game at 6:15PM Eyes down at 7:00PM

BINGO food available

Open to the public

Where is God calling you? Come and see life as a Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana
Single, Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Oct. 1-3. Free, in-person weekend retreat to learn about our foundress, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin while experiencing the mission in action today by interacting with the Sisters of Providence. Sign up or learn more at SistersofProvidence.org or call or text Sister Joni Luna at 361-500-9505.

A Women's Retreat in Everyday Life Oct 12-Nov 9 on five consecutive Tuesdays from 8:45AM to 11:30 AM based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola with Retreat Masters Barbara Ritson and Carol Pankros. Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington. For more info visit jesuitretreat.org or call 847-381-1261.

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. Psalm 116

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? James 2:14

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 13, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Greg Bohr by Connie Weber
6:00PM Spanish Mass

TUESDAY, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Brian Lutz by Kay DuPree
7:00PM Mass Livestream-People of St. Joseph Parish

WEDNESDAY, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Weber & Minalga Families
By Anne & Bob Weber

THURSDAY, September 16, Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Estela & Ramon Cerrantes by the Family
8:15AM School Mass

FRIDAY, September 17, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Clarence & Mamie Thill by the Family
SATURDAY, September 18, BVM

5:00PM Mass Livestream-Melvin Kramer by Alice Brent

SUNDAY, September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Mass Livestream-Mary Raices by the Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

During the week of September 12, the sanctuary candle is burning in memory Helen Sibenaller requested by the Family

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Aurora Central Catholic HS Open House, October 28 and November 7. Visit auroracentral.com for more information.

Rosary HS Open House-October 17. Visit rosaryhs.com for more information.

Marmion Open House-November 7. Visit marmion.org for more information.



Need help with your job search?

Employment Assistance is available

Catholic Charities H.I.R.E. program can help with resume writing, cover letters, targeted job search, interview skills, and more.

Contact Cindy Sellen at 630-820-3220 ex. 2
or email her at csellen@rockforddiocese.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL Virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct 4 and Nov 13-14. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Saint Maria Goretti- July 6

Saint Maria Goretti was born on October 16, 1890 in Corinaldo, Italy and baptized the next morning in the village church.

Maria was a pious farm girl, the oldest girl and third of seven children in her family. When she was five, the family was so poor they had to give up their farm and work for other farmers. They shared a home with the Serenelli family who had a son, Alessandro. Her father died when she was nine and Maria would take care of the house and her younger sister while the rest of the family worked in the fields.

On July 5, 1902 she was alone at home with her younger sister. Alessandro knew she would be alone and he approached her intending to rape her. She would not submit, fighting him and screaming that to submit would be a sin. She insisted she would rather die than commit a sin, so Alessandro grabbed a 10-inch awl and stabbed her fourteen times. She tried to run and he stabbed her three more times before he ran away.

Her mother found her on the floor bleeding and took her to a nearby hospital. She underwent surgery with no anesthesia, but her wounds were too severe and the surgery did not prolong her life. She died the next day, but not before she expressed forgiveness to Alessandro and her desire for him to be in heaven with her. She was only 11 years old when she died.

One of the first miracles attributed to her speaks to her character. Nearly six years after her violent murder by Alessandro Serenelli, she appeared to him in a dream while he was imprisoned. She had forgiven him in 1902 as she lay dying but he had remained unrepentant until a local bishop visited him in prison. Alessandro revealed to the bishop that Maria had appeared to him and gave him a bouquet of lilies. After his release, Alessandro visited Maria's mother and asked for her forgiveness. She did forgive him and they attended Mass together the next day. He reportedly prayed to Maria every day.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were reported and Maria was canonized less than half a century later. At her beatification in 1947 her 82-year-old mother, two sisters and a brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica. Three years later, at Maria's canonization on June 24, 1950, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter of a million people there crying tears of joy.

Her feast day is July 6, the day of her earthly death. Saint Maria Goretti is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness.



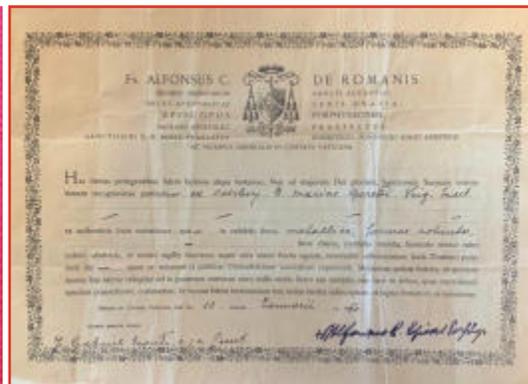
Only known photo of Maria Goretti
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Saint Maria Goretti Shrine at St. Joseph Church

RESTORATION PROCESS OF THE MARIA GORETTI RELIQUARY

- The THECA (container) was remade and constructed to fit and stay in the reliquary and
- The LUNA (glass) was repaired and the entire reliquary was refinished, replated and polished. All work was done by hand; the perfect restoration was completed in two months.



Left: Certificate from the Vatican that states the relic is a first class relic of the Holy Church



Left: the restored reliquary of St. Maria Goretti
Above: Close up of the actual relic, a piece of her bone

RELICS AND THE RELIQUARY

A reliquary is a container for relics. The theca is a round or oval piece in the center of the reliquary that is made of metal with a glass crystal in the cover that allows the relic to be seen. Underneath the back cover of the theca is a red wax seal. It bears the insignia of the issuing authority and their initials.

A first-class relic is a body part of the saint, such as bones or hair.

A second-class relic is something that the saint possessed or some object associated with the saint.

A third-class relic is an object that has been touched to a first-class relic. The memorial donors for the shrine dedicated to St. Maria Goretti in St. Joseph Church were the members of the St. Joseph Study Club under the direction of Father Raymond Hettermann.

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