



# The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

*A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 &  
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*18th & 19th Sundays in Ordinary Time*

*“For the bread of God is that which  
comes down from heaven and gives  
life to the world.” – Jn 6:33*



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Just a Thought | *Sunday, August 1 & Sunday, August 8*  
Fr. Ken Simpson

Dear people of Old St. Pat's,

It is a very exciting time at Old Saint Patrick's!

We continue to reverberate from the wonderful celebration of Sunday's Mass and the Welcome Back Brunch on the Block. Thank you to all who participated, supported and made it happen.

This event also reminds us that it is time to look a bit more into the future as to what we are welcoming and what will be back. Wisely, many have been referring to the "next reality", as we are in a very dynamic period as a parish and a culture, we know there will not be a singular new reality.

For one thing, as new concerns rise about Coronavirus variants infecting much of our country, we know that all decisions are subject to new instructions as to safe practices.

So what is "next" in very concrete terms of the life of OSP?

**Mass times**

**The Sunday Mass schedule will return to the pre-pandemic lineup on September 12.**

The familiar 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 (sometimes two at that time) 11:15, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm will first of all allow for a touch of the familiar, both in timing and the programming that has surrounded those Masses.

That being said, we will be watching attendance at all our Masses all year so that a possible 'next' mass schedule can be determined. Nothing rash and nothing without deliberation and consultation. We will need to consider our realistic next.

**Such discernment will be guided by many factors in addition to Mass attendance, including a realistic assessment of how much we are asking of our priests who regularly preside here. We are extraordinarily gifted to have priests of such exceptional generosity; we also recognize that each of them has additional responsibilities outside of OSP. We intend to respect their time while acknowledging the broader reality of scarcity of ordained leaders. Even Fr. McGrath tells me he's not planning to bring a full squad of Jesuits with him.**

This reality also relates to the ability to offer multiple daily Masses in addition to funerals, weddings, and other special occasions.

Part of our considerations for the future will include a more neighborhood view of other churches where Eucharist and Reconciliation are offered to a mobile population.

And of course, all our liturgies are celebrated so exquisitely, beautifully and prayerfully due to the exceptional work of our dedicated staff and volunteers performing the numerous ministries required at every liturgy. All are necessary and all are part of any such decision.

**Livestream Masses and Zoom Programing**

**The 9:30 am and the 5:00 pm OSP Masses will be Livestreamed.**

The 'next reality' will be livestreaming the Sunday Mass at Old St. Pat's – whatever may be taking place in that context as a part of the life of the parish.

There are innumerable stories of how the livestream Mass has sustained people during the shutdown and shut-in experience of the COVID restrictions and continues to sustain many. OSP was uniquely prepared and intentionally decided to fill such a need. **OSP has been Livestreaming Mass every Sunday since 2015.** As there were already instincts about livestreaming before church doors were closed, why would we walk that back? **Yet we also have much yet to learn** about the effect of the normalization of worshiping, learning, and sharing virtually! The Eucharist, the experience of communion, is meant to be celebrated in each other's physical presence. It is part of our understanding and embrace of the mystery of the Incarnation. At the same time we are aware of wonderful connections that have been made in ways we would never have imagined.

The staff is currently considering how we can continue to offer ministries that have proved to be (even surprisingly) effective over Zoom. The "next reality" will be hybrid in many cases. While other experiences are best in person. More to come as we experiment and determine the best use of our resources.

It is truly an exciting time. Old St. Pat's continues to determine what is next and is committed to listen, learn, and lead in reading the signs of the times and sharing a way to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and all God's children.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Ken Simpson  
Administrator





Awakenings: Sunday, August 1 & Sunday, August 8, 2021  
 By Bernadette Gibson | Director of Pastoral Care

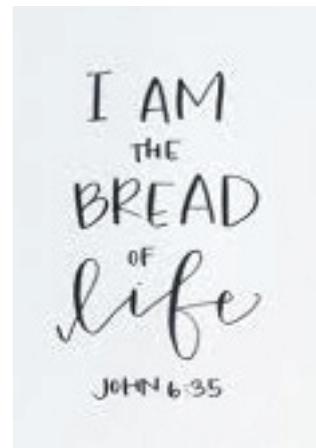
**“WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.”**

We live as hungry people in a hungry world. Everyone is looking for something that will sustain and nourish life, something that will feed and energize, something that will fill and satisfy. The gospel today is a mixture of two foods - people came for more bread from Jesus. He knows their needs and many times he feeds people. He also knows the need of the soul and the life for the soul which the food of the Eucharist brings.

When we believe in Jesus – eating, ingesting, and taking him into our lives, we live differently. We see ourselves and one another as persons created in the image and likeness of God rather than as obstacles or issues to be overcome. We listen for God’s voice rather than our own. God prepared us for the mystery of the Eucharist in several ways. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a town whose name means “House of Bread.” His mother laid him in a manger, a feeding trough, a hint that someday he would be bread for the world. Jesus understood in the Gospel today, as he does now, that many of us face struggles in our faith. Sitting on the ground, he taught and fed the large crowd which later dispersed. Jesus withdrew by himself to pray. That night disciples set out in a boat to the busy waterfront fishing town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus shares with those awaiting his return “I am the bread of life,” Jesus tells the people, “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” He is offering the people himself. He is the imperishable bread that nourishes and sustains a challenged life. We can so easily give in to discouragement or forget our visions and dreams when we do not take time to integrate our outer world with our inner world. We remain fragmented instead of drawing together all the pieces into a wholeness that gives our life meaning. The table is one of the most intimate places in our lives. It is there that we give ourselves to one another. When we say, “Take some more, let me serve you another plate, let me pour you another glass, let us feed each other with togetherness”, we say a lot more than our words express. We invite our friends to become part of our lives. We want them to be nurtured by the same food and drink that nurture us. We desire communion together.

Life experience is vital to Jesus. Recently my husband was diagnosed with the tonsil and base of tongue cancer. As his chemo and radiation continue his ability

to eat becomes more limited. Everyone suffers somehow. It might be chronic pain, cancer, broken relationships, disability. One way God preserves our joy in him in the midst of suffering is through one another. I believe that this “knowing God” comes about in many ways but that it can only be deeply rooted in us with the nourishment of friends who are literally feeding us with support on the journey. When we hold our suffering in a way that opens us to greater compassion, heartbreak becomes a source of healing, deepening our empathy for others who suffer and extending our ability to reach out to them.



In the Gospel today, Jesus is talking about being the one who can feed us when we are emptied. Unlike other food, which becomes part of us, Jesus is the sacred bread and wine who wants to make us more like Him. Therefore we, too, are to be bread for the world. God wants our lives to overflow with mercy, love, and compassion - the marks of His kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we have a choice to respond to unsettling realities in fear and withdraw, or follow Jesus in responding to the greatest needs of our day with love and hope. Even now, *especially* now, Jesus uses the languages of love to connect with us, to change and restore us, and to turn us in love toward one another. So great is our God, and so deep is God’s love, that even the absence of food is a feast; even the absence of togetherness is an embrace. Jesus transforms even the absence of Eucharist into a way of expressing and receiving love. Jesus is an invaluable companion on our journey of faith, leading us to the One who has been encouraging and wooing us to enter more fully into relationship, and helping us to respond in hope and joy to the love that God constantly offers. Jesus awaits us to return us to our sacred home and be fed. In times of plenty and times of deep need; Jesus will be our nourishment in the wilderness. “Love one another,” Jesus commands us. And that will be food enough.



## GIVING TO OSP

### Thank you!

[oldstpats.org/giving](http://oldstpats.org/giving)



We are humbled by your amazing generosity over the past sixteen months!

When we abruptly shut down in March 2020, we were worried. Would we be able to fully engage as a virtual community? Would we be able to meet the growing needs of the most vulnerable throughout our City? Would we be able to minister to our people in necessary and meaningful ways? Would we be able to host joyful virtual events?

Then, when we began to reopen ever so slowly, we asked: how will we ensure the safety of those in our church and on our campus? How will we help people celebrate the sacraments in life-affirming and transformative ways?

As the months dragged on, we wondered whether fatigue would set in. Will our community keep showing up? Will they continue to support us? Will we be able to continue God's work?

The answer to all of these questions was a resounding yes. The reason: YOU! Because of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we grew in unexpected and significant ways and welcomed new community members near and far along the way.

Undoubtedly, the road ahead is uncertain and surely rocky.

Yet together, we are emerging stronger than ever, and are committed to leading a movement of change within the Catholic church, marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship and transformative kinship.

Thank you.

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## A MEDITATION ON TRANSFORMATIVE KINSHIP

The following is an excerpt from the **Henri Nouwen, Now & Then**, daily meditation podcast.

We who want to bring about change have first of all to learn to be changed by those whom we want to help. This, of course, is exceptionally difficult for those who are undergoing their first exposure to an area of distress. They see poor houses, hungry people, dirty streets; they hear people cry in pain without medical care, they smell unwashed bodies, and in general are overwhelmed by the misery that is all around them. But none of us will be able to really give if he has not discovered that what he gives is only a small thing compared to what we have received.



When Jesus says: “Happy the poor, the hungry, and the weeping” (Luke 6:21), we have to be able to see that happiness. When Jesus says: “What you did to the least of my brothers, you did to me” (Matthew 25:40), he is addressing to us a direct invitation not only to help but also to discover the beauty of God in those who are to be helped. As long as we see only distasteful poverty, we are not really entitled to give. When, however, we find people who have truly devoted

themselves to work in the slums and the ghettos and who feel that their vocation is to be of service there, we find that they have discovered that in the smiles of the children, the hospitality of the people; the expressions they use, the stories they tell, the wisdom they show, the goods they share; there is hidden so much richness and beauty, so much affection and human warmth, that the work they are doing is only a small return for what they have already received.

**Next Week:** *1000 Beautiful New Homes*

### **Kinship Mission:**



*Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick's Church walk alongside one another in friendship, sharing our talents and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities.*



**SUMMER PRAYER** | *Contemplativecommunity.org*

The season of summer brings with it the experience of freedom, play and gratitude. Surprisingly, these are also the fruits of a regular prayer/meditation practice. If you are desiring to allow your relationship with the Holy One to come into full bloom this summer, we invite you to pray with us. There are daily online chapels that meet Monday-Saturday for Centering Prayer, spiritual enrichment and faith sharing. You are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

Visit [oldstpats.org/contemplative-community](http://oldstpats.org/contemplative-community) for the chapel schedule.

**Sue reflects on her experience in the online contemplative chapel:**

Connection has been a large part of our community. People have the opportunity to join from anywhere. What a gift! I was surprised that such strong connections could be made on Zoom with people I did not know prior to the chapel. When we share, we speak from "I" statements. I was raised in a family (and era) where it was not acceptable to begin statements with "I", nor to talk about myself. I do believe it is an important part of our chapel experience as it prevents advice giving and preaching, while it helps keep the focus on me and what is happening in my relationship with God.

Sharing does not always come easy. My heart sometimes starts beating very quickly as I anticipate sharing. Like any new experience, little by little sharing comes easier and I get braver. I appreciate the silence between the sharing and the fact that no one is obligated to share. Many days I am struck by how a word or phrase from the chapel reading becomes important to my experience later in the day. It adds to the beauty of contemplation.

The variety of poetry, songs, visuals, and readings by various authors has kept the chapel new and vibrant! Many new songs have been added to my playlist and many authors to my list of books to read. I keep brief notes on most chapel days. (obviously very optional). One that immediately pops into my mind is the acronym ... WAIT... why am I talking? So appropriate on many occasions!

The chapel has enlarged my heart. I can now share my heart with joy and sorrow at the same time... there's plenty of room. In more and more situations I'm cognizant of the fact that life is not about me. Contemplation has opened my heart to love more, starting in my own home. My time in the chapel has helped me to pause, to pause before reacting or speaking and has certainly helped me to feel more centered during times of stress.

I love that our community holds our spoken and unspoken requests in prayer. We support each other in a nonjudgmental way, and it just feels safe.

**A DAY OF CENTERING PRAYER: COME TO THE QUIET**

Morton Arboretum | Monday, August 16 | 8 am - 4 pm Facilitator: Al Gustafson



Enjoy a day of Silence among nature with your fellow contemplatives. The day will include structured sitting and walking meditation periods, unstructured time to be "among the trees", and a delicious breakfast and lunch. Our day begins and ends with fellowship and conversation.

For more info and to register use this link: [bit.ly/centeringprayeraugust16](https://bit.ly/centeringprayeraugust16)



## FOUNDATIONS WORKTOUR REFLECTION

By Eliza McHale



Last week I had the privilege of going on a Chicago Worktour with 14 other Foundations teens! Although we worked at many different locations, we maintained a focus on the Catholic social teaching “The dignity of the human person.” Despite staying in our hometown, we were able to explore the Catholic social teaching by serving different parts of Chicago and talking about issues across Chicago that can threaten people’s dignity. The hardships in Chicago were most clear at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR) an organization that “works to build up a neighborhood impacted by violence and incarceration.” One message that has stuck with me from PBMR was our guide saying that a teen my age had been stopped by the police more times than he had been to the beach. That really hit me and I was able to gain a deeper understanding of my privilege and the devastating effects of violence in my hometown.

In a similar way we tried to uphold the dignity of the human person by serving organizations that provide food for those in need. We packed boxes with the Lakeview Food Pantry and Catholic Charities (the branch helping feed the elderly). We also worked at the gardens of Just Roots and Su Casa which provide fresh and healthy food options. One of my favorite Worktour memories was slashing, chopping, and attacking an absolutely massive weed that should more accurately be called a tree. It was immensely rewarding after we finally chopped the weed down - not only because we didn’t lose to a plant but because we knew we were helping the organization.

Our theme for Worktour was “light shine bright.” While serving around the city we witnessed both light and darkness. One of the greatest sources of light was at Port Ministries. At Port we played with and taught little kids who needed a place to go over the summer. Everyone loved spending time with the kids because of their positive, fun, and lighthearted spirits.

Although we were working hard, we also had a lot of fun. We went to the Indiana Dunes to hike and swim in Lake Michigan. On the Worktour we were pushed to TNT - try new things. Some teens accomplished this by going to their first baseball game when we got the privilege of going to the Sox game on Wednesday night.

We created many lasting memories on Worktour: jamming out to our Worktour playlist while driving, making dinner together, WUT (Worktour unity time) games like blindfolded cup stacking and intense scavenger hunts to name a few. We also gained a better understanding of our own city and how we can help create change.

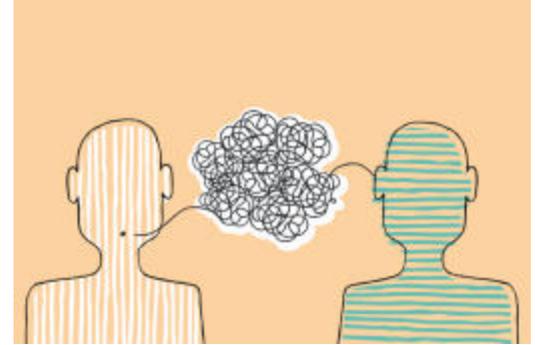
*Eliza McHale is a rising junior at Lane Tech.*



# Encore *For those 50 and Better!*

COMING IN OCTOBER (DTD)  
**The Return of Live Storytelling!**

Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of true personal stories, in the tradition of The Moth, from some of the best storytellers Chicago has to offer. The stories will share the heartbreaking, the hilarious, and everything in between. You'll feel like you have joined friends to share life experiences over drinks. Yes, a cash bar will be available.



We can't wait to welcome you for this second in what we hope will be an annual storytelling event presented by Encore for all ages. Watch the bulletin for more details coming in August.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Afternoon tea at Geri's Tearoom  
 Saturday, November 20, 2021

Encore is planning an Afternoon tea at Geri's Tearoom in Long Grove along with an off site cafe on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

Our speaker would be, if she is available, Barbara Mahany. She is a nationally known journalist from the front pages of the Chicago Tribune and author. Her book is *The Stillness of Winter*, a walk through the winter months of December through February.



## *Evenings with Encore*

Going back a little over one year to the very beginning days of the pandemic, the Encore leadership team recognized the anxiety and isolation that many (if not all) of us were experiencing. Wanting to continue our community-building mission during this unusual time, we tapped into Zoom and created "Evenings with Encore!"

Meeting weekly, each Zoom gathering offers an opportunity to hear from interesting people presenting on a broad spectrum of topics; everything from Chicago history to spirituality to performances by musicians and actors. And to keep the conversations and connections going, we sought to enable those informal conversations that usually take place at tables following in-person programs. So, we open up Zoom breakout rooms after each presentation for those who want to linger a little longer and call these fifteen minute conversations, “After Words.”

**To receive more information and registration information for upcoming speakers' series events, please sign up for Encore emails at [bit.ly/ospencore-email](https://bit.ly/ospencore-email)**

### Upcoming Evenings:

#### Thursday, August 26

*“Notes for Peace”*: Jon Weber, Director of School and Family Programs  
The Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

"I think music is one of the most powerful tools on the planet to process anything. Music reaches us on a soul level, and in this particular case, music is used to heal a grieving heart" - Meagan McNeal, Notes for Peace vocalist.

Launched in March 2017, “Notes for Peace,” a project of the Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, empowers parents who have lost children to gun violence to create original songs of tribute. With guidance from guest teaching artists from the U.K.-based Irene Taylor Trust, the Civic Orchestra Fellows, and professional vocalists, parents compose and professionally record their music, which is then featured alongside family photos and lyrics on the website [notesforpeace.org](https://notesforpeace.org). During the presentation, Mr. Weber will discuss the Notes for Peace program, its development, as well as its remarkable healing and heart touching results.

#### Thursday, September 9

*“Blowin’ in the Wind: New Solutions for Architectural Sway”*:  
Claudia Winkler, Chicago Architecture Center docent.

Claudia Winkler has consulted with the architects and engineers on several of the high-rise buildings in Chicago. Her expertise centers on the technology used to accommodate the inevitable building sway from Chicago’s winds. This powerpoint presentation titled, “Blowin in the Wind: New Solutions for Architectural Sway”, will feature a relatively new high-rise office building along the Chicago River as well as the new St. Regis (previously named the Vista). It should prove to be an enlightening look into the creation of our city’s most iconic architecture.





## SUMMER SUNSET 8 PM MASS

OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
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## WEEKDAY MASSES



We are now hosting 7 am and 12:10 pm Masses on Wednesdays. The 12:10 pm Mass will be livestreamed. We are also offering an opportunity for Reconciliation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (when Mass starts) in the church each week on Wednesdays.

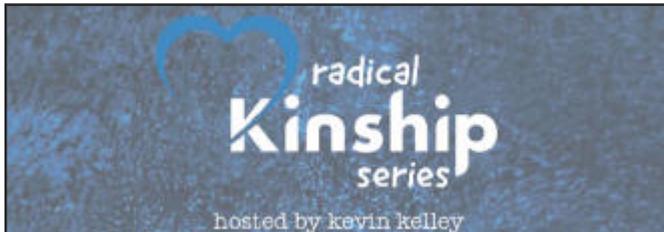


## Old St. Pat's Podcast

Check out all of our podcast series and listen now at [oldstpats.org/osppodcast](http://oldstpats.org/osppodcast)



The OSP Podcast is hosted and produced by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave. The Radical Kinship Series is hosted by Kevin Kelley.



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FAMILY SCHOOL THIS FALL

For almost 30 years, Old St. Pat's has hosted the Family School, an interfaith religious cooperative education program that teaches Judaism and Catholicism, welcoming students from Jewish-Christian families in Kindergarten through 8th grade. All classes are parent-taught and meet approximately twice a month on Sunday mornings in the Francis Xavier Warde School. For more information, contact [chicagointerfaithfamilyschool@gmail.com](mailto:chicagointerfaithfamilyschool@gmail.com).





***“Put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”***

**– Eph 4:24**

***“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.”***

**– John 6:27**

We are familiar with the scripture passage “I am the bread of life.” The readings for this week and next are focused on bread...Bread sent as manna in the desert, bread that gives eternal life. But do we think about the commitment we make if we eat this bread? Or do we eat it and think the only response we need is gratitude and praise? In offering us this bread, we are asked to enter into relationship with God (trust) and God’s creation (compassion). Eating the bread of life is more than an invitation to life eternal, it is an invitation to be life to God’s creation around us. Scripture tells us how to be life “...be kind to one another, compassionate,” – Eph 4:32 Who in God’s creation needs our compassion?

Immigrants and refugees are in great need. Many were brought here as children and as young adults they face uncertainty and deportation from the only country they have known. If we have accepted God’s gift of bread, then we have accepted God’s call to be bread for others. Learn how to support immigrants in need, especially DACA: [LINK: [bit.ly/3rBDZd9](https://bit.ly/3rBDZd9)]



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." - Jn 6:35

**Sunday, August 1, 2020**

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Mass Remembrances:

- 8:00 am Molly Rose Finch  
Marjorie Joy (†)
  
- 10:00 am Jean Bordelon (†)  
Holly Haberle (†)  
Larry Arkus  
Marilyn Mooney (†)  
Ralph Marnell Sr. (†)  
Joe Gatto (†)  
The Genette Family (†)  
The Krus Family (†)  
Jeannie Balsam (†)  
Denise Engelmann (†)

Book of Patrick: Peter O. Curtin, Constance Solms Bengé, John and Lucia Stokely, Jack Sullivan, Francis J. Calkins, Mary & Matthew Duffy, Joe Radakovitz, Emmett Patrick Glynn, Helen Etten, Rosalind J. Ficarrota, Family of Robert F. & Kathryn P. McDermott, Margaret & Peter Hynes, Emmet Patrick & Evelyn Cecelia Glynn, Larry and Gloria Albertelli, Mary Jule Durkin, Suzanne Saletta, Betty Harsy, James J. Kreminski, Dr. & Mrs. John Hurley

**Monday, August 2, 2020**

Readings: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Book of Patrick: Michael & Mary Strizak, John & Leona Strizak, James & Catherine McEntee, William E. Joyce, James & Cynthia Oskroba, Frank & Bernadine Haggerty, William & Caroline McEntee, Anne & Michael Zull, George McEntee, Francis A. Jacques, Eugene Shannon Mahovy, Kathryn and Ned Reidy, Marie Bnester, Robert McNulty

**Tuesday, August 3, 2020**

Readings: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Book of Patrick: Sister Hortense Marie, Terrence Martin Sheridan, Brian Matthew Sheridan, Edward J. Gordon, Mary Margaret Rahlfs, Dr. James T. Day, Mary Lou McPhee, Dr. James T. Day

**Wednesday, August 4, 2020**

Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Book of Patrick: Lee Flaherty, Elizabeth S. Danis, Jill Marie Sypniewski, Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, Frances Neiwem, Theresa Callahan, Maureen Kennedy Barney

**Thursday, August 5, 2020**

Readings: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Book of Patrick: Donald Morse, James M. Lamb, Sr., James M. Lamb, Jr., Anne Sepich, Paul E. Murin, Colleen Burns, Frances Neiwem, Therese Flannery, Bill Harper, Jim Capesius, May Trejo and Betty Rundle, Mildred McCarthy Riemenschneider

**Friday, August 6, 2021**

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Book of Patrick: Joan & Kieran Gaffney, Michael R. Barrett, Mary Ellen Mathews, Margaret Moriarty, Michael A. Partipilo, The George Family, Jim and Judy Gibbs

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**

Readings: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Book of Patrick: Danny Goedken, James Cantwell, John Joseph Quigley, John M. Smyth III, Joseph Bernstein, Theodore C. Pawlikowski, Richard Reichle, Mary Barrett, Cannon-Rieger Family, Maeve E. Riley, Donna Doyle O'Doherty, Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Collins of the United States Marine Corp., Marilyn & Joe Antonik

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**Women and Men of Faith**



**Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

*Saint of the Day for August 1*

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori's Story**

Moral theology, Vatican II said, should be more thoroughly nourished by Scripture, and show the nobility of the Christian vocation of the faithful and their obligation to bring forth fruit in charity for the life of the world. Alphonsus, declared patron of moral theologians by Pius XII in 1950, would rejoice in that statement.

In his day, Alphonsus fought for the liberation of moral theology from the rigidity of Jansenism. His moral theology, which went through 60 editions in the century following him, concentrated on the practical and concrete problems of pastors and confessors. If a certain legalism and minimalism crept into moral theology, it should not be attributed to this model of moderation and gentleness.

At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions, and forming Christian groups.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Almost as an omen of what was to come later, he found himself deserted after a while by all his original companions except one lay brother. But the congregation managed to survive and was formally approved 17 years later, though its troubles were not over.

Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples preaching popular missions.

He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese.

His greatest sorrow came toward the end of his life. The Redemptorists, precariously continuing after the suppression of the Jesuits in 1773, had difficulty in getting their Rule approved by the Kingdom of Naples. Alphonsus acceded to the condition that they possess no property in common, but with the connivance of a high Redemptorist official, a royal official changed the Rule substantially. Alphonsus, old, crippled and with very bad sight, signed the document, unaware that he had been betrayed. The Redemptorists in the Papal States then put themselves under the pope, who withdrew those in Naples from the jurisdiction of Alphonsus. It was only after his death that the branches were united.

At 71, Alphonsus was afflicted with rheumatic pains which left incurable bending of his neck. Until it was straightened a little, the pressure of his chin caused a raw wound on his chest. He suffered a final 18 months of "dark night" scruples, fears, temptations against every article of faith and every virtue, interspersed with intervals of light and relief, when ecstasies were frequent.

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

(†) = Deceased



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-5

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- 8:00 am      Richie Grafath (†)
  
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               William Matthew Webb (†)  
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**Monday, August 9, 2021**

Readings: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-2

Book of Patrick: Anthony William Russo, Ed Krzeczowski, James Sullivan, John H. Baumann, Jane & Frank Tighe, Margaret Mary (Peggy) O'Connell Munin, Kevin McNicholas, Sharon Gay Schneider, Bill Conaghan

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Book of Patrick: Bridget & Thomas Dermody, Marie and Alex Marini, Cornelia De LiBerto, Dr. James and Margaret Bocks, Ana Maria Avila, Vera Stefani, John Chadwell "Chad" Tennant, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Gertrud Vesper Seebock, Elizabeth Gorcowski, John Arthur McDonald, Donna Ziolk

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

Readings: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Book of Patrick: Mary G. & John T. Durkin, Claire Elizabeth Mooney, Heather Nold, John M. O'Meara, John Conrecode, Byron Ray Hadley, William and Teresa Montague, Paula K. Jaudes

**Thursday, August 12, 2021**

Readings: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Book of Patrick: Philip Corboy, Lawrence E. Curtin, Bernadette Regan Curtin, Francis G. Higgins, Marie & Frank Sepanski, Claudia J. Flynn, Mary Louise Helderle, Mary Kelly, Gloria Schiffler, Agnes Clancy Barron, Tara Katherine Bassi, Mary Daddona

**Friday, August 13, 2021**

Readings: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

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Book of Patrick: Fr. David Murphy, Sinead Evan Buchanan Hanlon, Elizabeth V. Bailey, Elizabeth Pascale, John Robert Wrobel, James T. Ryan, John W. Casey, Terry Hepp

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

Readings: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Book of Patrick: Mary Buckley, Winnie Leber, Elma A. Fallon, John & Margaret Lynch, Aurash Michael Razafsha, Thomas W. Watkins, Kam Grant & Alexia Vanek, Catherine M. DiSanto, Henry K. Piekutowski, Alice Skilling, Viola Kustrich, The Thomas and Barbara Murphy Family, John and Kathy Cressman, Sally Ostrego, Esther Schriver McKenna, Maureen Anne Conroy-Donnelly

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Readings: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day*: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-5

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**Saint Dominic**

*Saint of the Day for August 8*

**Saint Dominic's Story**

If he hadn't taken a trip with his bishop, Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life; after the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work.

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, "the pure ones"—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: "to pass on the fruits of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or with God."

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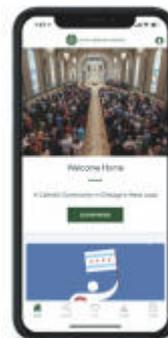
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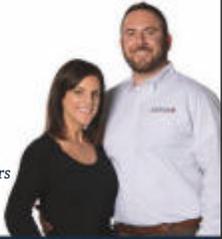
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