



**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Saturday at 5 p.m.  
 Sunday at 8, 10 & 12 noon  
 Register at [SignUpGenius](#)  
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed  
 on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and  
[St. Peter's website](#)

**DAILY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm  
 Wednesday: 9 am  
 Thursday: 7 am & 9 am  
 Friday: 9 am  
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
 Chapel of the Nativity

**RECONCILIATION**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday 5-5:40 pm  
 Friday 8-8:50 a.m.  
 Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
 Other times by  
 appointment.

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 11, 2021*

Doubt. It is part of our human condition, isn't it? We regularly question things that don't seem to check with our understanding. It might be a news story, a new theory, or a new way of doing a process. We take in the information, match it against our knowledge and experience, then make a judgment to accept or reject whatever it is that we are considering.

Poor Thomas! I always feel sorry for Thomas. He got the nickname "Doubting Thomas," but I am pretty sure he was the only one brave enough to speak up and question the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas wanted proof and Jesus gave it to him! Jesus did not want his disciples to be doubters. They were the foundation upon which he would build his Church, and they needed to be strong in their faith.

We know that Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came through the locked door and breathed the power of the Spirit on each of them. They had all received a powerful gift in that moment, but Thomas did not. We can imagine that the Spirit was stirring powerfully in each of their hearts, as they rejoiced in the power of the resurrection. Thomas was still considering, still pondering, still wondering what had happened.

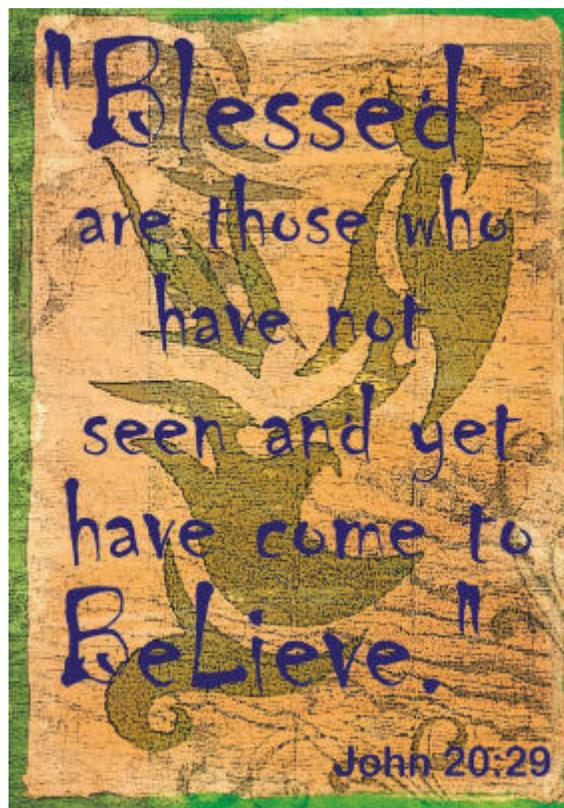
Each time I preside over a baptism, I wonder what that precious little infant is experiencing, as the blessed water is poured over them and they receive the fullness of God's promise in this beautiful sacrament. I often imagine God the Father smiling down as Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and saints gather around to witness this miracle of God's love. The Holy Spirit that is present at our baptism helps us to believe in what we cannot see, touch, feel, or hear. We know Jesus through scripture, through the teachings of the Church, and through the sacraments. Our faith is in a God who is unseen with our human eyes, yet we believe.

If we are honest, we must admit that we can all see a bit of ourselves in Thomas. He was no doubt shaken by the events that had occurred and feeling the weight of sorrow over the death of Jesus. He was likely wondering what would happen now. Would he and the others be sought out, tortured and killed like Jesus? Would they be brought before the tribunal and judged? Thomas' doubt in the resurrection was likely the result of all that he had experienced and was still trying to understand. Jesus knew Thomas like a brother. Jesus knew what he was wrestling with, and Jesus knew what he needed in order to believe. He needed to see Jesus in the flesh. And so he did.

Together we celebrate the greatest feast of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus! In our earthly lives, we must go from the joy of the Gloria to the realities of living in our world. We have been given the Holy Spirit. Through the sacraments, it has been stirred into flame, and it will help us to reach for Jesus in good times and bad. In times of trial, we may doubt that He is with us, but the Spirit helps us in our doubt. In times of joy, we cannot help but praise him, and the Spirit prompts our prayers of gratitude. There is a little Thomas in all of us, but the Spirit is stronger than our deepest doubt or fear. Let us rejoice that Jesus is truly risen from the dead!

With Easter Joy!

Deacon Tim Hennessey



# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## ST PETER'S RE/FF TEAM

To learn more about Faith Formation at St. Peter's, click this link: [www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation](http://www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation)

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## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.



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## MILITARY PRAYER BOARD



It is time to update the St. Peter's Military Prayer board. If your family member is already posted, please forward an update. If you have a new family member serving in one of the branches that you would like remembered in prayers, please contact Jackie Dimmen by phone at 651-681-9851, or email her at [jdimmen@comcast.net](mailto:jdimmen@comcast.net). She will

provide you with instructions for submitting a brief profile and photo to be posted. We are forever grateful for the selfless acts of these family members.

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### Parish Office Hours:

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Phone: 651-452-4550

**BAPTISMS - NEW PARISHIONERS - WEDDINGS**  
Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Fontecha at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

## FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

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Academic excellence, a faith-based education and a supportive community that engages the whole family are just a few reasons why our families love Faithful Shepherd. **Financial aid is available.** To arrange a private tour, please call Molly Altermatt at 651-262-2898. We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!

## VISITATION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Visitation School, located in Mendota Heights, will host an Open House for prospective Middle School (grades 6-8) families on Wednesday, April 28. Join us to see middle school spaces, meet teachers and students, and participate in hands-on activities. The evening begins at 6 p.m. We are asking families to sign up for staggered arrival times. Please register online prior to arriving on-campus at [visitation.net/openhouse](http://visitation.net/openhouse). Visitation is an independent Catholic school educating girls in grades six to twelve and boys and girls from Montessori preschool through grade five. For more information, call 651-683-1706 or email [enrollment@vischool.org](mailto:enrollment@vischool.org).



# ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS \* STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

## CLASS OF ST. JOSEPH CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

### Ever wonder what God has planned for your life?

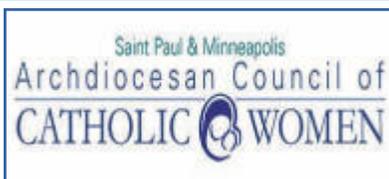
Discover God's plan of sheer goodness in the Class of St. Joseph!

This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Transfiguration in Oakdale and via livestream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module.

Applications are being accepted through August 1 2021.

Go here for more information: [www.cistudent.com/pillars/](http://www.cistudent.com/pillars/).

## 2021 ACCW ANNUAL CONVENTION



The St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual convention on **Friday,**

**April 30,** at St. Patrick of Shieldsville, 7525 Dodd Road in Faribault. Join us on site for Celebrating Life's Challenges. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

- 8:45 a.m. Celebrating our Successes: Looking Back—Looking Ahead
- 12 noon Mass with Archbishop Hebda
- 2 p.m. How the Pandemic Has Changed Us, with Kate Souchery

More information will be coming in future bulletins.

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

During this unprecedented time, stay in the loop with a Catholic perspective on local, national, and world news. Email Rita Holien at [rhlien@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:rhlien@stpetersmendota.org) to receive a free subscription to the Catholic Spirit.

## HELP SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



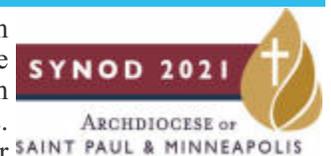
Join with us to financially support the out-of-pocket educational expenses of our fourth-year seminarians in the Archdiocese. Order spring plants from Gerten's or make a monetary donation here: [kc7604.mnknights.org/vocation-support-2021/](http://kc7604.mnknights.org/vocation-support-2021/).

The deadline to place orders is **Thursday, April 22.** Orders can be picked up at St. Peter's Church in Mendota on **Saturday, May 15,** between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Last year we reached our goal and provided funds to all four selected seminarians in their last year of studies. They will be ordained as deacons in 2021. We are very grateful for your ongoing generosity, and we encourage your continued prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

## SYNOD AT HOME TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH

In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive.



The **Synod at Home** series takes helpful videos, tips, and tools for growing in faith and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun.

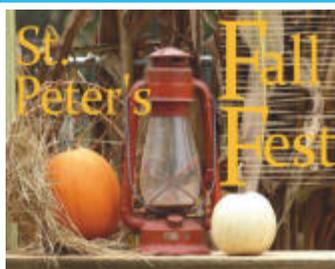
Individuals, couples, and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

- Find weekly videos and materials posted on the [Archdiocesan Synod web page](#).
- Text APP to 88202 or [click to download MyParish App](#) and within the app, search for "Archdiocesan Synod."
- [Sign up](#) to receive weekly emails during the Synod at Home and other Synod updates.

February 2021 COLLECTIONS	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru Dec	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 70,948.00	\$ 69,285.75	\$ 1,662.25	\$ 730,913.87	\$ 681,118.01	\$ 49,795.86
Sunday Plate	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,742.92	\$ (1,517.92)	\$ 2,024.38	\$ 15,619.29	\$ (13,594.91)
Total	\$ 71,173.00	\$ 71,028.67	\$ 144.33	\$ 732,938.25	\$ 696,737.30	\$ 36,200.95

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FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING



We will be having a Fall Festival Committee meeting on **Thursday, April 22**, at 7 p.m. Please note the change of dates for our festival. This year, it will be a two-day event, taking place on September 18 and 19. We are looking for committee members who would be interested in assisting with the silent auction, country store, the outdoor movie night, and concessions.

If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding ministry, please come to the meeting or contact Anne O'Keefe at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4308.

SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, April 20, from 12 to 1pm**. Please pull up to the north Main Church doors, and we will come out to your car. We will continue to collect one Tuesday each month. If you are interested in donating items for lunches, please contact Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009 or [nanrr1@yahoo.com](mailto:nanrr1@yahoo.com).

It is extremely helpful to know how much food to expect, so please be sure to sign up in advance. Each donor is asked to bring 20 to 40 of one or more of the following (you may bring everything, or just one or two items from this list):

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, ham, or bologna and cheese. No condiments on sandwiches, please. Place each sandwich in an individual bag. Sandwiches are easiest to store and transport if you stack bagged sandwiches inside your empty bread bags!
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Bananas, oranges or cuties, or individual fruit cups

**Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.**

Thank you!

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN



We are so close to our goal of 7,000 pounds/dollars! As of April 6, we were just 477 pounds/dollars away! This is our final week to collect your food and monetary donations!

Food may be delivered to bins in the Gathering Space as in the past—we even have grocery bags available for you to take and fill!

Or, you may choose to stretch your contribution further, by making a cash donation. While food donations are always welcome, this might be the year when you would feel more comfortable making a monetary donation, instead. Yellow donation envelopes are available next to the food drive posters outside the upstairs office and next to the downstairs collection box. You could also mail your donation directly to the Church of St. Peter. Follow these instructions:

- Make checks payable to Neighbors, Inc.
- Write “Church of St. Peter” on the memo line of the check.
- Place your check in an envelope and address it to:  
Church of St. Peter  
Attention: Lisa Fontecha  
1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy, PO Box 0679  
Mendota, MN 55150
- Return your envelope via US Mail by Monday, April 12.

*In a very real way, the poor are our teachers. They show us that people’s value is not measured by their possessions or how much money they have in the bank.*

*A poor person, a person lacking material possessions, always maintains his/her dignity. The poor can teach us much about humility and trust in God.*

~ Pope Francis



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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trustees:

Sue Zhulkie  
Mark Mischke

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-4

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## MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass.

<b>Mon, April 12</b>	9 am		No Mass
<b>Tues, April 13</b>	9 am	†	Joseph Schuster
	5:45 pm	†	Richard & Patty Dugan
<b>Wed, April 14</b>	9 am		Al & Alice Mayers
<b>Thurs, April 15</b>	9 am	†	Chisue (Ann) Joung
<b>Fri, April 16</b>	9 am	†	Kathy Loga
<b>Sat, April 17</b>	5 pm	†	Ed Lunzer
<b>Sun, April 18</b>	8 am		Mass For The People
	10 am	†	Dave Peterson

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: APRIL 12, 2021

**Monday, April 12**

**Tuesday, April 13**

**9 am** Daily Mass, Main Church  
**10 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**5 pm** Reconciliation, Main Church  
**5:45 pm** Daily Mass, Main Church

**Wednesday, April 14**

**9 am** Daily Mass, Main Church  
**6 pm** Perissos  
**6:30 pm** Holy Hour of Intercession with Our Lady, Main Church

**Thursday, April 15**

**7 am** Daily Mass, Main Church  
**9 am** Daily Mass, Main Church  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

**Friday, April 16**

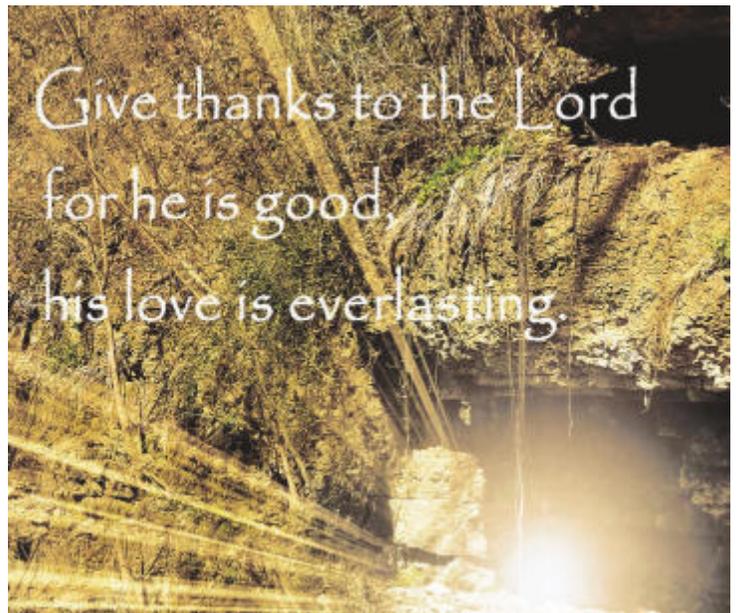
**8 am** Reconciliation, Main Church  
**9 am** Mass, Main Church

**Saturday, April 17**

**9 am & 10:30 am**  
 AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**3:30 pm** Reconciliation, Main Church  
**5 pm** Mass, Main Church. Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

**Sunday, April 18**

**7:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church  
**8 am** Mass, Main Church. Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**10 am** Mass, Main Church. Livestreamed on [YouTube](#), or on [Facebook](#). Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**12 noon** Mass, Main Church. Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### HOLY HOUR OF INTERCESSION WITH OUR LADY

There is such a need for prayer in these troubled times. Please join us for our next Holy Hour of Adoration on **Wednesday, April 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, in the Main Church.

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, these “hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world.” Gathering around Mary, the Mother of God, we will bring “the sin-sick and suffering of humanity before the healing, transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”

If you can't be here in person, please join us on our livestream. Go to St. Peter's [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) pages.

### HOLY COMMUNION



If you are unable to attend one of the Masses and desire to come in to church to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer at 651-905-4305 to set up an appointment. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at

your home, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304.

### RESOURCE CENTER

During this time when we are all staying home more, you might have more time read. You might be looking for good resources to encourage and help you grow in faith. Consider checking out the Resource Center located in the Gathering Space. You will find books, CD's and pamphlets about a variety of subjects. In addition, you will be able to choose spiritual reading that you can trust, recommended by Fr. Steven, Lisa Fontecha, and Elizabeth McCanna (yes—there are books for teens and young people!).

This center is self-funded. We would ask that those who are able to do so, please donate \$5/CD, \$1/pamphlet and the list price of the books you choose (usually listed on the back cover). Because we want everyone to be able to enjoy these resources, whether they can contribute or not, we welcome any additional donations, above these suggestions. There is a slot in the center to place your donation. If you are unable to donate, please take a resource anyway!

Thank you and may God bless your every effort to grow in faith and love.

Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend



### CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all of my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."*

~ St. John Paul II

We are in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. White spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"*

~ Matthew 26:40

To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This year, our collaborative Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted by St. John Neumann Church in Eagan, today, Sunday, April 11.

1:30 p.m. Exposition, Confession (until 2 p.m.), and Adoration.

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer

3:15 p.m. Benediction and Reposition

Our Lord said to St. Faustina, “Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

# PASTORAL MINISTRY

## FOLLOWING JESUS



Thomas places his hand in Jesus' side and probes the nail marks so he can believe. We encounter doubting Thomases every day in our lives. Let us be ready to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ, with all those we meet.

## THEOLOGY DAY: WHAT MASS MEANS

What Mass Means:

How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing

We tend to think of “sacrifice” and “real presence” as doctrines to believe in—perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms, such as “transubstantiation.” But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ's dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge!

Join us on **Friday, April 23**, for a webinar presentation, from 9 to 11 a.m. The event is free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), call 320-363-3560, or email [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu) to register.

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## CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



Catechism  
Corner

Over the past two weeks, we looked at what the Catechism had to say by way of introduction to what prayer is. Of course, that short survey in paragraphs 2559-2565 is not comprehensive or exhaustive, by any stretch. Notwithstanding, the Catechism turns to focus on the genesis of prayer. (There's probably a pun there you'll have to excuse.)

We must first recognize a simple truth, that all people are called to prayer. Every person has the thirst in their soul to know—and be known by—their Creator. In every age of human existence, and by any historical account, humankind has been in search of God, which is the basic, common root of all religions. We recognize in ourselves some shadow or imprint or watermark of God's handiwork, and though through sin we lost our likeness to God, we remain a kind of image of God (CCC 2566).

Yet no matter how deep this longing for God is within the human reality, it is subsequent—it is ontologically (having to do with the nature of being) after God's drawing of man unto himself. Man would know nothing of God, unless it were first God's initiative to reveal himself to man. Therefore, God calls to man, who can only respond in the depths of his person with prayer. This dialogue of the heart unfolds throughout the history of salvation (CCC 2567).

The section that follows in the Catechism is a remarkably succinct summary of prayer throughout the Old Testament, from Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden through the book of Psalms. I'll include here only shards of what is contained from paragraphs 2568-2589 in the next week or two, but I would recommend spending time with this section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Incidentally, the Catechism is a resource book you should own, and have in your home in a place wherein you can frequently and readily access it.

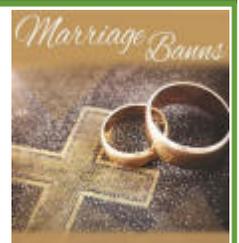
Next week: prayer in the Old Testament.



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

### Second Proclamation

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