

October 15, 2023 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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*"Behold, I have prepared my banquet,  
come to the feast." Mt 22*



*Reconciliation Times: Thursdays: 7:00 pm  
Saturdays: 12:00 and 3:00 pm*

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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

LITURGY GUIDE - October 15, 2023

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Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

Please, **silence your cell phones** and **refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum** in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.

Please, **do not take pictures during the Mass celebration.** You are welcome to take pictures **after** Mass.

INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 THE INTROIT IS SUNG BY THE CHOIR, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING HYMN)

Si iniquitates observaveris Domine, Domine quis sustinebit? Quia apud te propitiation est, Deus Israel (Verse) De profundis clamavi ad te Domine: Domine exaudi vocem meam.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel. (Verse) Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Musical score for the Introit with lyrics: us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

OPENING HYMN 659

THAXTED O God Beyond All Praising

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Musical score for the Gloria with lyrics: Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al-migh-ty Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)

Musical score for the Responsorial Psalm with lyrics: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful water he leads me; he revives my soul. R

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. R

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. R

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand*

*(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. **R.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.

The king said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (4:00 PM AND 7:30 AM) ST. CATHERINE  
520 Faith of Our Fathers

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 AM)

*Recordare mei, Domine, omnipotentia tui dominans: da sermonem rectum in os meum, ut placeant verba mea in conspectu principis.* Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority; put the right words on my lips, so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.

Offertory Anthem (11:00 AM)

C.V. STANFORD  
(1852-1924)

Jubilate in B flat

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation, his truth endureth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### SANCTUS

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

### AGNUS DEI

### ECCE AGNUS DEI

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4:00 PM)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

*Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum, quia mandata tua exquisivi, Domine: nam et testimonia tua meditation mea est.*

Free me from scorn and contempt, for I observe your decrees; your statutes are my counselors.

### Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

Edward Elgar (1867-1934)

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit unda et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine. O Jesu Dulcis, O Jesu Pie, Jesu filii Mariae, In nobis miserere. Amen.*

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: Who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste (of Heaven) for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, Jesus, Jesus, Son of Mary Have mercy on us. Amen.

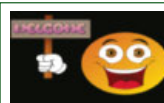
### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 746

ST. AGNES Shepherd of Souls

### CLOSING HYMN 540

NETTLETON God, We Praise You

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What a difference it makes to be warmly greeted! Our visitors may be unaware of Mass guidelines in our bulletins or how to locate a restroom and parishioners appreciate a personal hello. **We need YOU!!!** We are looking to bolster our ministry group. It's easy, yet important, and with minimal time commitment! Only one Mass time (your regular attendance)—only one Sunday per month—arrive 20 minutes before Mass—bring your smile. Please contact us for details: Barbara & John Lockwood, #605-941-4981; [lockwoodjsl@gmail.com](mailto:lockwoodjsl@gmail.com).

### Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage to overcome all obstacles to their vocation in life. Give their parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. **Amen.**

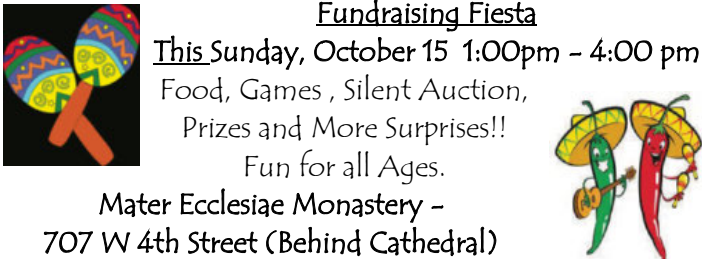
# COMMUNITY NEWS

**One Sweet Knight** - Tuesday, October 17th at 7 pm in the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center. Last chance of the season to hear the O’Gorman Marching Knights perform their 2023 award winning show with a dessert reception afterwards.

**Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament  
Fundraising Fiesta**

**This Sunday, October 15 1:00pm – 4:00 pm**  
Food, Games, Silent Auction,  
Prizes and More Surprises!!  
Fun for all Ages.

**Mater Ecclesiae Monastery –  
707 W 4th Street (Behind Cathedral)**



**Bringing Christ to the Imprisoned** - St. Mary’s *Life in Action* Series presents guest speaker **Jeff Alvey** Tuesday, **Oct. 17** at 6:30 pm St. Mary’s Parish Hall. Jeff will discuss the Residents Encounter Christ (REC) program and his insights as a prison ministry volunteer for almost 20 years. Refreshments provided.

**A God Who Knocks**-The Lourdes Center will be presenting a 4-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to God’s healing love. This series will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm beginning **November 7, 2023**. Register for this series at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com).

**Bishop O’Gorman Catholic School Job Opportunities** - We are on the lookout to fill professional and entry level positions throughout our schools. If you know someone who would be a perfect fit for our schools have them check out: <https://ogknights.tedk12.com/hire> or Scan.



**Song of O’Gorman - October 23rd at 7:00 pm** in the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center. Performances by O’Gorman Junior High and High School Choirs. Free admission.

**St. Michael Parish** is looking for a **part-time secretary**. This person would need to be personable, have computer skills and be highly organized. This position is for Mon-Thurs afternoons. If interested, please contact Fr. Tom Hartman.



DISCOVER Catholic Schools  
NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
[bit.ly/discovercatholicchoolssf](http://bit.ly/discovercatholicchoolssf)

Please scan the QR code for a list of school locations and visit opportunities.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Liturgical Roles

**Daily Mass Reader** -  
12:00 pm As Scheduled



## October 21/22

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Carolee Weber, Mark Weber  
7:30 am Sandy Lown, John Lown  
9:15 am John Moneke, Bonnie Poppenga,  
Brandon Schmit  
11:00 am Nancy Kadinger, Bob Lux,  
Desiree Langel Plorde  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Lectors

4:00 pm Suzanne Bradford, Mary Glenski  
7:30 am Steve Mogle  
9:15 am Jeff Heron, Don Rahn  
11:00 am Tess Simon, Andrew Welbig  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am James & Thomas Mogle  
9:15 am Owen Rislov, Keira & Finnegan McManus  
11:00 am Jonathan Billion, Nicholas & Andrew Simon  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Denise Rotert  
**Dow Rummel** Tonia & Ryan Groeneweg  
**Good Sam** Betty Barto-Smith

### Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Lk 10:1-9  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/  
Lk 12:8-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/  
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Corina Arnett** is Cathedral 500 Club’s third winner for October 2023. She has received a check for **\$93**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **October 30** to be in the November 2023 drawings. Call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon. Oct. 16•</b>	<i>St. Hedvig, Religious;</i> <i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>
12:00 pm	Mother Amata Veritas, OP
<b>Tue. Oct. 17•</b>	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Alan Solem
<b>Wed. Oct. 18•</b>	<i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Marjorie Tapken
<b>Thu. Oct. 19•</b>	<i>Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests,</i> <i>and Companions, Martyrs</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Bishop Paul Swain
<b>Fri. Oct. 20•</b>	<i>St. Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Kenny Vanderloo
<b>Sat. Oct. 21•</b>	<i>Weekday, BVM</i>
4:00 pm	Zach & Ciara Lahr
<b>Sun. Oct. 22•</b>	<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	Geri Peterson
9:15 am	✠ Donald & Mabel Walter
11:00 am	✠ Rosemary Wilder
4:00 pm	Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) ✠ Marjorie Tapken
- 2.) ✠ Ronald Tapken
- 3.) ✠ James Wilder
- 4.) ✠ David Nordlund
- 5.) For the Eucharistic Revival

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Sunday, October 15-**

**1:00 - 4:00 pm** - Perpetual Adoration Sisters -  
**"Fundraising Fiesta"**

**Monday, October 16 -**

**6:30 pm** - Young Adults

**Tuesday, October 17 -**

**9:00 am** - Cathedral Quilters - Cathedral School  
**10:00 am** - Women's Group - Cathedral School

**Wednesday, October 18 -**

**6:45 pm** - RCIA Parish Hall

**Thursday, October 19 -**

**7:00 pm** - Adoration & Reconciliation in the Chapel

**Saturday, October 21 -**

**12:00 pm** - Reconciliation in the Sacred Heart Chapel  
**3:00 pm** - Reconciliation in the Cathedral

**Sunday, October 22 -**

**10:30 am** - Family of Faith Community Event -  
 School Cafeteria

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Parishioners and Visitors!** We are happy you are worshipping with us. If you are new to our parish, would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or how to become a registered member of Cathedral, please call the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

### Cathedral Young Adults

Young adults (age 20-35) are welcome to join the Cathedral Young Adult Community for our weekly formation, monthly socials & prayer events. Times and locations are sent out via email or text message - contact Abigail [acarter@sfcatholic.org](mailto:acarter@sfcatholic.org) to receive updates! It is a great time to meet with other young adults to share and grow your faith.

**Extremely Important - SCAM ALERT!** Some of our parishioners have received emails, texts and/or phone calls from people asking for money or gift cards by impersonating Fr. Morgan. **Please, Do Not respond to them. It is a phishing scam - a hoax.** This has been happening at other parishes, as well. This has picked up in frequency, again. Please, be aware that **Fr. Morgan (or any of our priests) would NEVER ask for funds or financial assistance through emails, texts or phone messages.** If you have any questions, please call the Office 605-336-7390.

**Magnificat Orders and Renewal Time** - Renewals and new orders for the **Magnificat** will be **this week**. The current subscription goes through February, but we order/re-order at this time to get a bulk rate pricing for the subscription. The usual cost is \$49 per year. Our cost will be about **\$31** per year. It is a great savings and a great guide for daily and weekend liturgies. Please call the Parish Office by **October 16th** to place an order with us. [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Celebration of Marriage**

*Congratulations!*

**Broc & Sydney Schaeftbauer**  
**Kuba Shukula & Sharifa Mame**


*Blessings for Healthy, Happy and Holy Marriages.*

**WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Janet Crowe** - Cathedral parishioner  
 and consolation for her family

May she and all of the faithful departed, through the  
 Mercy of God rest in Peace.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS OCTOBER 7 / 8		
	Envelopes	\$ 8,376.04
	Online/EFT	\$ 4,466.74
	Visitors/Loose Cash	\$ 3,532.78
	<b>Total \$</b>	<b>16,375.56</b>

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## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office: 605-336-7390**

**Parish Office Email: [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)**

**Office Hours: 8:30am-5pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday**

**Cathedral Church Hours:**

8am-5pm Monday-Saturday

7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,

4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 12pm (Noon)

**Confessions**

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

**Adoration**

Thursdays 7pm-8pm (In the Chapel during Confessions)

First Friday of the month at 11am in the Cathedral

**Self Guided Tours**

1:00 pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390**

**Parish Staff**

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**Counseling Services**

**The Lourdes Center** (Formerly Catholic Family Services)

Counseling and Grief Programs **605-988-3775**

**Sacraments**

**Baptism** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at **605-336-7390**.

**Matrimony** Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net), under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376**

## CLERGY REFLECTION

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” So said Tertullian, an early Christian theologian and apologist, who saw much blood shed in defense of Christ. Being a Christian in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century was not easy - it was a very demanding decision. Depending on where you lived, it could have been a death sentence.

This week we celebrate 3+ martyrs - some old and some new. Tuesday is the memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, an early Church Patriarch (bishop) and martyr. As he was led to his martyrdom in Rome, he had his sight set on one thing alone - communion with Jesus Christ: *“Let fire and the cross, let the companies of wild beasts, let breaking of bones and tearing of limbs... come upon me; be it so, only may I win Jesus Christ.”*

Wednesday is the feast of St. Luke, one of the four evangelists, who is also believed to be a martyr in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Don't be fooled, however, that martyrdom is fossilized in the first 3 centuries of the Church.

Thursday is the memorial of Saints John de Brébuf, Isaac Jogues and their companions, sometimes referred to as the North American Martyrs, who were martyred in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In an effort to bring the saving truth of the Gospel to Canada/Northern North America, they endured torture to the point of death. St. John de Brébuf was so zealous for the Gospel and so united to Christ, that even in the midst of torture he did not cease to love and care for these people. He continued to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to the annoyance of his captors, causing them to cut off his tongue to prevent him to speak.

A common theme throughout all of these martyrdoms (and most martyrdoms) is that those who are killing them think they are getting rid of Christianity. “If we can get rid of those who preach about Jesus and the Church, we can get rid of Jesus and the Church.” Yet the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. In times and places of persecution, the faith is often strengthened through their witness to Christ.

We know there are still martyrs today throughout the world. May we pray for those who risk their lives daily to witness to Christ, and may we pray for the courage to be firm in the faith, despite the persecutions we may endure.

All you holy martyrs, *pray for us!*

God bless you,  
*Fr. Klein*

***Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary,  
Pray for Us.  
Amen***



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