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October 3, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
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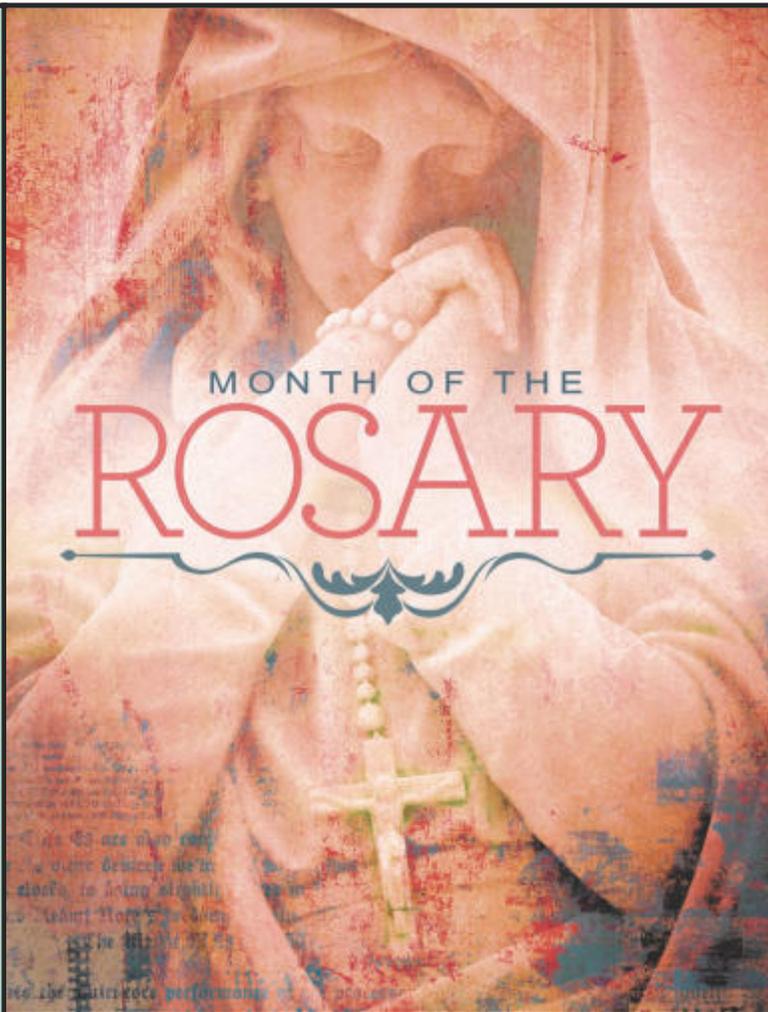
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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

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

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday: **9:00am**

Friday: 11:00 am. **Holy Days:** See Bulletin for schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 4:30pm and before and after every daily Mass.

Adoration

Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Come spend an intimate hour before our Lord and be filled with His Radiant Light.

Prayer Line

Mary Ann DeFusco, 261-4378
or Barbara Sliva at 268-6108.

Knights of Columbus, Council 2961

meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Christ the King Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please email knights2961@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Baptism:

All are requested to call the Parish Office.

Parish Membership:

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to the parish staff and stop by the Parish Office and register.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements are to be made 8 months in advance. Please call the office for information and to meet with the Pastor and begin Marriage Preparation classes.

Hospital and Home Visitations:

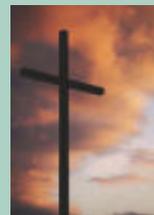
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Godparent and Confirmation

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**NEW
Parish Office
Hours
Monday-Friday
9am-1pm**

Please notify the office at 203)268-8695 if you are moving or have moved so that we can update our Parish Census.
Thank you !

The Holy Rosary

Fr. Terry Walsh

Why should I pray the Rosary? It takes so long and after all, I just keep repeating the same prayers over and over again so much that I don't really *feel* anything. I get so distracted when I try to pray the Rosary that I sometimes forget what Mystery I was praying. It just seems so monotonous. These typical objections about praying the Rosary are easily overcome through a deeper understanding of the graces we gain through the Rosary as well as a deeper understanding of prayer in general.

There is an old saying that **“to pray more is a personal decision, to pray better is a grace!** Ask for the grace.” Anyone can decide to pray a bit more each day. But, the gift of piety is a Gift of the Holy Spirit that comes to us through our docility to the movement of the Holy Spirit in us. All we need do to receive this Gift is to ask for it and to cooperate with it. Remember, the *Living Waters* (John, Chapter 7) are already in us by virtue of our Baptism. Our prayerful request, “Lord, help me prayer better” opens the spiritual faucet, allowing the abundant waters of Divine Grace to nourish the garden of our soul. We will then begin to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Indeed, as we continue to faithfully receive the sacraments, but with an enriched prayer life, we will quite naturally receive a greater portion of grace. The more grace we seek, the more we receive. A deeper and more fruitful prayer life expresses an implicit hunger for God. OK, fine- but why the Rosary?

Well, the Rosary has a rich, centuries old tradition, that leads us deeply into the mysteries of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and thereby uniquely enables us to peer more deeply into the Heart of our Redeemer. In a unique way, as we pray the Rosary we are walking *with* Mary. It is as if she is holding our hand and teaching us as we walk along. Indeed, a spiritually mature person will quickly realize that it is the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, who is our greatest intercessor before her Son. Recall the words of St. Louis De Montfort concerning her relationship with Jesus: **“*She is his mystic channel, his aqueduct, through which he causes his mercies to flow gently and abundantly*”** (True Devotion, #24).

St. Louis De Montfort explains that true devotion to Mary is necessary for salvation. He writes: “When Mary has taken root in a soul she produces in it wonders of grace which only she can produce, for she alone is the fruitful virgin who never had and never will have her equal in purity and fruitfulness. Together with the Holy Spirit Mary produced the greatest thing that ever was or ever will be: a God-man” (True Devotion, #35). By imitating her virtues and honoring our Blessed Mother, we are in effect keeping the 4th Commandment, while at the same time allowing our Lady to teach us about her Son. De Montfort adds: “The more (the Holy Spirit) finds Mary, his dear and inseparable spouse, in a soul the more powerful and effective he becomes in producing Jesus Christ in that soul and that soul in Jesus Christ” (True Devotion, #20). In other words, our devotion to Mary is pleasing to God.

Much has been written about the Rosary since St. Dominic established the Confraternity nearly 800 years ago. The handy little book Secrets of the Holy Rosary written by St. Louis DeMontfort is a wonderful guide to the reflections of Saints throughout the centuries and shares their experiences and spiritual insights gained from praying the Rosary. Other books and articles are widely available and likewise offer helpful and encouraging insights, but in the end, it will be the graces you receive from your commitment to this great devotion that will yield bountiful graces and lead to more profound spiritual maturity, beginning with the joy of offering simple thanks and praise to God – through Mary – by spending time meditating a little bit on the love of God – for that is what the Rosary is. Each of the 20 Mysteries uncovers a particular aspect of the infinite

love our Lord has for us, beginning with the first joyful Mystery, the Annunciation: God became man! It's said that all the Mysteries are contained in this 1st Joyful Mystery. Indeed, the Rosary is said to contain within it the whole Gospel. The same is said about the poetry of the psalms. In other words, there is much "between the lines" that can only be accessed through docility to the Holy Spirit; a willingness to grow in one's prayer life and so grow in our knowledge of God. Once again, the one who leads us along this path is quite fittingly, our Blessed Mother. After all, we are truly her spiritual children – we are baptized into the Mystical Body of her Son.

In order to imitate Christ, we need to know Him. The Rosary is a meditation upon the Scriptures that reveal this very knowledge. As we contemplate each Mystery of the Holy Rosary, we are filled with wonder and begin to reflect on the richness of His infinite love. There is simply no end to the number of insights about our Lord that will come to our hearts and minds each time we engage in this great devotion. At the same time, we might think about how a particular Mystery relates to our own lives, in light of our relationship with Christ. Perhaps you are enduring a particular suffering and the contemplation of the Crucifixion suddenly opens a new understanding to you about how you are sharing in His sufferings and in fact through your suffering, you come to understand that you are actually helping to save souls *with* Christ. You will begin to "hear His Voice." Perhaps He will remind you - as your fingers move from one bead to the next - "I am the Good Shepherd...Let not your hearts be troubled...I understand your pain and I will help you." All sorts of wonderful words of encouragement will wash over your heart.

Ask for the help you need to make this commitment to persevere in praying the Rosary and you will receive the grace of piety. One of the great qualities of prayer is perseverance. When you simply decide "I am going to do this – as an offering to God in thanksgiving and in praise" you will have opened the faucet and the streams of fortitude and piety will strengthen you. You will have passed through the first step. Eventually, your daily recitation will move to a daily reflection. You might find yourself moving a little more slowly through the Rosary because you will develop and cultivate a natural desire to spend a bit more time examining the wonderful thoughts and spiritual insights that will quite naturally come to you. You will move from *saying* the Rosary to *praying* the Rosary. No doubt there are graces in both; yet, the more reflective, the more fruitful. You will begin to approach the altar to receive the Eucharist in a new way. You will be better recollected and even more grateful when you approach the "Mercy Seat" in the sacrament of Reconciliation; in short, the Rosary will change your life and so it will, by extension, change the life of everyone you encounter, every day.

What a wonderful time to decide to make the commitment to pray the Rosary daily. October 7th is the Feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Why not begin on this wonderful Feast of our Lady in honor of her love for you and her gentle way of leading you into a deeper love for her Son. Pray one set of Mysteries each day. There are of course 4 sets of 5 Mysteries: The Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Luminous, and the Glorious Mysteries. You will be glad you did – and so will the whole world!



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mon.	10/4	9am	✚ ROSARIA GINETTI Family
Tue.	10/5	9am	✚ ISABELLE DETJE Fr. Terrence Walsh
Wed.	10/6	9am	✚ ROBERT FERRI Christ the King
Thrs.	10/7	9am	✚ FREDERICK LEONARD Cecily Geraghty
Fri	10/8	11am	✚ PATRICIA WARD Family
Sat.	10/9	5pm	✚ JOSEPH CASELLI Michael & Linda Lisi & Family
Sun.	10/10	7:30am 9:15am 11am	CHRIST THE KING PARISHIONERS CHILDREN OF CHRIST THE KING FAITH FORMATION ✚ CONNIE DEGIROLAMO Angela DeGirolamo

Please Pray For The Recently Departed
Maria Laracca

*Angelo Charles DePiano, Orlando Marini
Edward Kost, Josephine Pirozzoli,
Marilyn Burgess
Harold Thomas Garvey, Michael Mottola
Martha Cennamo, Emil Justo, Sr.
Joseph Colello
Irma Depweg, George Adams
Barbara Travis, Domenick Marini,
William Daley, John J. Walsh, Jr.
Joanne Galante, Benedetto Morlando
Helen Duda, Eleanor Bogey.
Ralph Lyon, John Stamos
Kathleen Hickey, Frank Pastronova
Rae Mitchell, Stephen N. Francia*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



“There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist.” St. Pope John Paul II

Come and adore Jesus, here at Christ the King on Mondays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet . Please join us.

“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest.”

Please Pray For The Sick

Let us remember in our prayers the sick of our Parish especially:

*Jake Tavella, Mario, Amelia Garvey,
Leon Alderman, Joseph Pereira,
Joseph Kelly, Bianca Rose,
Carol Schuerlein, Ford Lynch,
Jim Reilly, Nancy, Sr. Maria, Leslie Hume, Lisa,
Estelle Murray, Joan Ferrante, Megan Bobroske,
Marco LaCroix, Mary O'Connor, Nick, Don Watt,
John Carmolingo, Sean, Necita Belfort,
Marlene, Ralph, Josephine LoPresti, Louise,
Deacon Don, Raymond Michele, J oseph Janusaitis,
Scott, Robert, Ann, Mike, Dawn , Kathryn, Todd
Burr, Leah Sharibu, Clara Brennehan,
Steve Krehley, Nicole & Colton, John Bowlin ,
Mary Battaglia, Danny Ward, Marcelle Saint Jean,
Gary, Dave, Cathy Grasso,
Josephine, Benjamin, David, Rosemary, John, Frank,
Joe, Chris, Henry, Rita,
Timothy Lambert. Tim, Marie, Thomas,
Roger Woznick, Mary Ann Brunetto
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JOIN US!

Do you want to help people in your Church and Community?

Almost 2 million Catholic Men have made this commitment already.

We are The Knights of Columbus and members of Council 2961 here at Christ the King will be available to answer your questions this weekend, October 2-3, 2021 after all Masses.



From September 22 to October 31, you're invited to join other Christians for the 40 Days for Life fall campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand for life and peacefully pray during the vigil in the public right-of-way outside Commerce Park, 4697 Main Street, Bridgeport. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Barbara Grabowski at bgrabow@aol.com, or visit www.40daysforlife.com to sign up to pray. Thank you.

September 25-26, 2021

Offertory Totals

<u>Offertory (In Pew & Mail In)</u>	\$2,422.00
<u>Annual Offertory</u>	\$1,427.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	\$2,592.00
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<u>Total Offertory</u>	\$6,441.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Start giving online today!

1. Visit our church website at christthekingtrumbull.org and click on the [online giving link](#).
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts



A DAY WITH MARY

A FREE Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat
with the Franciscan Friars
of the Immaculate
Saturday, October 9th 9 am-2pm
St Mark Church, 500 Wigwam Lane
Stratford CT

Retreat is Free, bring a snack and a mask
For more information, pick up a flyer.



Faith Formation

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October Updates

Thank you **EVERYONE** for an awesome start to our Faith Formation Year.

Welcome all new and returning families to our program which we are so happy to have you here in person. We will continue to provide you with updates and information to easily navigate the various platforms supporting our programs. Thank you again to our catechists for saying "Yes!"

Please be sure to check your emails for updates and feel free to reach out with any questions or comment you may have.

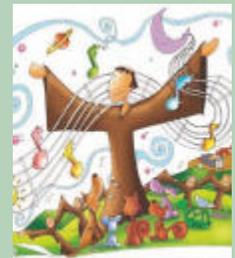


FAITH FORMATION

The Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**



Confirmation

Grade 9 is team taught with classes every other Tuesday or Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 7:00-8:30pm. Students will be learning directly from Scripture in engaging topics and discussions. The Tuesday class will begin Tuesday September 28th while the Wednesday class will meet beginning on Wednesday, October 4th.

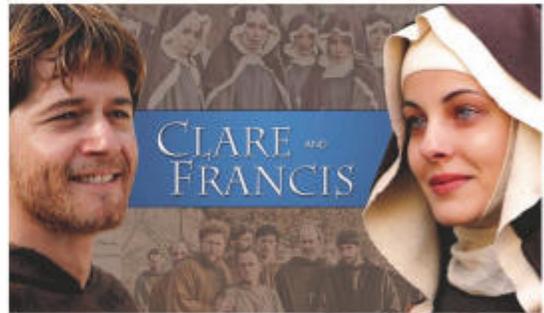


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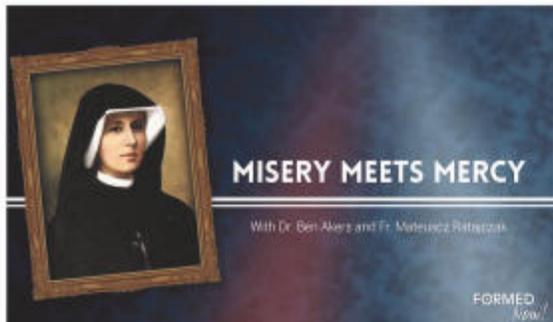
CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.



LEARN

MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA

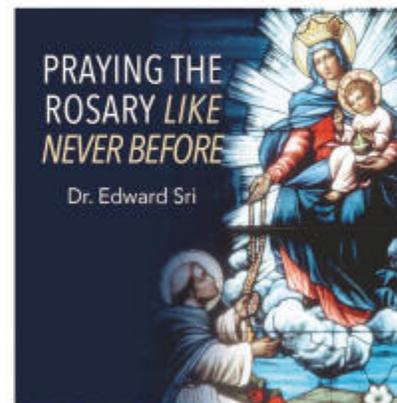


Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church..

LISTEN

PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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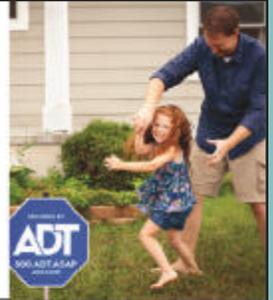


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