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TO PRAY AND TO LOVE

From the Catechetical Instructions by Saint John Mary Vianney, priest

My little children, reflect on these words: the Christian's treasure is not on earth but in heaven. Our thoughts, then ought to be directed to where our treasure is. This is the glorious duty of man: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, that is where a man's happiness lies. Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart. This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing. It is a happiness beyond understanding.

We had become unworthy to pray, but God in his goodness allowed us to speak with him. Our prayer is incense that gives him the greatest pleasure.

My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

Prayer also makes time pass very quickly and with such great delight that one does not notice its length. Listen: Once when I was a purveyor in Bresse and most of my companions were ill, I had to make a long journey. I prayed to the good God, and believe me, the time did not seem long.

Some men immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is not division in their hearts. O, how I love these noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another.

How unlike them we are! How often we come to church with no idea of what to do or what to ask for. And yet, whenever we go to any human being, we know well enough why we go. And still worse, there are some who seem to speak to the good God like this: "I will only say a couple of things to you, and then I will be rid of you." I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

Please join us in praying for the sick members of our parish community: **Angelea, Megan Bytof, Catherine, Charles, Michael Coughlin, Dave, David, David, David, Thaddeus Dubiel, Edward, Elizabeth, Frances, Margaret Jacques, Jonathan, Joseph, Kevin, Maryann, Marie, Matthew, Mary Keohan, Laura Lindsay, Walter Rehak, Dr. Larry Rusin, Séan, Leslie Storey, Tara, Thomas, Ann Turner, Tyler & Sylvia Vacca.**

EUCCHARISTIC AWE AND THE REAL PRESENCE

The lives of the saints are replete with amusing and edifying stories. One of my favorites is from the life of Saint Philip Neri, who lived in 16th Century Rome. This Saint was extraordinary in his love for God, especially in his love for the Eucharist. (In fact, he once prayed so intensely that the Lord would increase his ability to love that his heart literally increased in size!!) He was also a clever and humorous man. One day at the Saints' Sunday Mass a man received Holy Communion and left the church early, without taking time to pray in thanksgiving for having received Jesus. The man seemed to not take seriously the Real Presence of Jesus within him after receiving Communion, so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar servers with candles to follow the man outside of the church. After walking for a little while through the streets of Rome, the man turned and asked why the two young servers were following him with lighted processional candles. He learned that the priest had sent them, so he confusedly returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he had done such a thing. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, "We should always pay proper respect to Our Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, Whom you are carrying away with you after you receive the Sacred Host. Since you neglected to stop and pray and adore Him Whom you just received, I sent two acolytes to take your place." The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God's Presence in him when he received Communion, and he stopped leaving Mass before the final blessing. This story helps remind us to take time to pray and reflect upon the gift we receive, and to give thanks to Jesus for giving us His Body and Blood.

The Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive God.

May we always remember this reality and take time to enjoy the communion with God that is given to us when we worthily receive His Body and Blood at Mass.

And beware: if you leave Mass early you just might find an Altar server following you to your car!!!

Father Dan

WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY?

This year, the Assumption of Mary falls on a Saturday and because of that, it is not a holy day of obligation. As a Church, we still celebrate Mary's Assumption. The Assumption was made a dogma (defined truth) of the faith by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 declaring that "the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." While Mary's Assumption is not recorded in Scripture, it has been part of what we call the Tradition of the Church over the Church's history. Mary's Assumption at the end of her earthly life is what we await for at the final judgment when Christ returns in glory. Therefore, the reason why the Assumption is a great celebration for Catholics is that Mary already enjoys in fullness what we hope for when Jesus returns and all the dead of the world are raised and assembled before God for the final judgment. Mary enjoys this privilege because she lived her whole life without sin and always said yes to God in her life. Like Mary, may we always say yes to God in our life as well.



Father Karlo

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes The People of the Parishes

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the desire to livestream daily Mass, all daily Masses are being temporarily celebrated at St Rose Church.

Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, August 17 The People of the Parishes

Tuesday, August 18 Roger Pawlyk

Wed., August 19 The People of the Parishes

Thurs., August 20 Agnes Tretter

Friday, August 21 Lillian Libbee

Sat., August 22 David Cecil

Sunday, August 23 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes Alex Suke

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LIVE STREAM MASSES

Mass is celebrated and can be watched on live stream Monday - Saturday, at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am.

To access the live stream agnesandrose.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To send Father Dan Hennessey a personal and confidential prayer request, please see our website to fill out prayer request form or go to agnesandrose.org.

SUMMER CONFESION SCHEDULE

Confessions are on Monday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and Friday's after daily Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am.

Please see schedule below

Monday's 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 10: St Rose

August 17: St Agnes

August 24: St Rose

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND TEACHERS RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others.

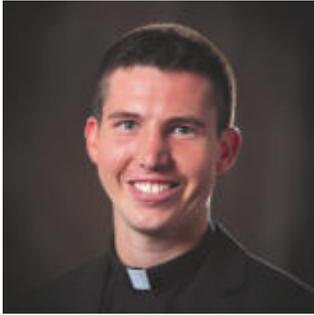
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BECOME CATHOLIC

Starting in September, the RCIA program will be starting up again and will be led by Fr. Karlo and the RCIA team. If either you or an adult you know is thinking about becoming Catholic or to complete their sacraments of initiation please either contact Fr. Karlo at frkarlo@agnesandrose.org or call into the office 978-774-1958 to register for RCIA or ask for additional information.

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS
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MR. DAVID CAMPO WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN MAY, 2021



MR. DAVID CAMPO

CITY: MILTON

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HIGH SCHOOL: BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

SEMINARY ATTENDING: SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

CLASS YEAR: THIRD THEOLOGY

What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood

Junior year in college, through St. Jude's intercession, I asked God to help me find His will. It was at this time that the parochial vicar at my parish, St. Agatha's, asked me if I had ever thought of being a priest. After entering a deeper prayer life with Christ through Mary, spiritual direction, working after college and striving to live a good life with my family, I believed that God desired me to be a priest. The thought of being a priest, of offering myself with Christ's sacrifice, continues to fill me with the deepest joy because it is precisely the way God wants me to love and serve him.

Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary? What is it about them that assisted you?

Msgr. McLaughlin, Fr. Thomas Buckley, Fr. Ron Tacelli SJ, and Fr. Paul McNellis SJ were great influences who by their daily witness to the priesthood and spiritual direction guided me towards where God was calling me to be formed, as a diocesan priest. My parents were also an important influence for me, their hard work and sacrificial love for my brothers and me are traits I hope to imitate in my future life as a priest.

What would you say is the role of prayer in the life of a seminarian and what effect does it have on one's ability to see God's call?

Prayer is the lifeblood of a seminarian; it removes the beams in our eyes, opens the ears to hear the Holy Spirit, and fills the heart with adoration and love of Christ and His Church. Prayer makes excuses to thank God and pray for others. It makes me realize how much the world needs prayer to turn back and abide with God.

What advice would you give to a man who thinking about his vocation and is considering that God may be calling him to be a priest?

For anyone discerning, first off praying for vocations-I remember when my home parish would always pray for vocations after the Rosary to the Blessed Mother. The day I laughed at her intercession was the same day I ended up praying seriously! Going to Daily Mass, practicing chastity, altar serving, witnessing the life of the Boston parish priest, visiting the seminary, are all fruitful. And finally, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament and listening to where Jesus is drawing your heart.

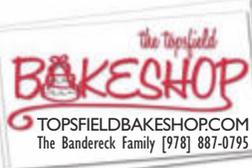
What do you like most about being a seminarian?

The life of prayer with my brothers, and the deepening relationship with Christ have been the greatest parts since I came here. And because of my food background, I have to say thanks to David, Ron, and Abdel, the great chefs behind the meals, along Marie, Dan, Edie and the dining staff at the seminary.

What do you think is the best way to encourage vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston?

I know that I can be a witness to the vocation God called me to be, first by speaking and praying in parishes but also bringing Christ into my everyday life: while traveling on the t, grabbing a meal in town, you fill in the blank. I am proud to be a Catholic seminarian for Boston, and love to share the gifts God gave me with the people he leads me to meet. The pastor at St. Agatha's encourages the parish, including the Legion of Mary, to pray for vocations and encourage boys to altar serve. It's also important for families to pray for vocations every day. It can be as simple as including them in the intentions offered while praying grace before meals, or before praying the rosary together. Another great way to encourage vocations is to write to religious sisters and ask them to pray for vocations in your parish. Their prayers certainly mean a lot for seminarians.

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