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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19, 2021



## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass ..... 10:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

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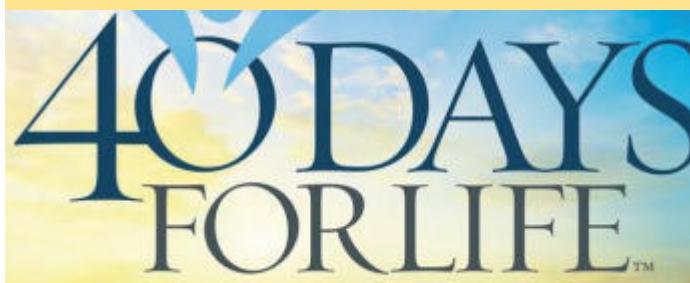
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Becoming Catholic - starting on September 10  
Marriage - ongoing  
Confirmation - starting on 10/5 at 3:30 p.m.



Please swing by the Traveling Crib and check out items that are most needed. Shawn Cass will be returning at the end of September to retrieve the Traveling. Let's make sure it gets filled!

I wonder, would it make a difference in my life if I include God in the picture?

I wonder if I have all that I know to make correct decisions about my life.

I call myself Christian but I still have a lot of questions!  
Is there something, or someone, that I can really count on?

I often have that nagging feeling that I am not complete, that I am missing something in my life.

I am very anxious about the future.

I often wonder what would really make me fulfilled and content.

The more I have my way and do what I want, the more I feel miserable.

I wish I had someone I could talk to about my questions about the meaning of life.

I would like to know more about God but I am embarrassed to admit it.

If someone would offer to take me to the Parish Office to inquire about the come-and-see sessions, I would really love to go.

I was baptized Catholic but I really don't understand what it means.

I would like to have someone go with me because I am scared to ask questions.



# Are You Being Called to Religious Life?



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a vow?

A vow is a promise made to God and sanctioned by the Church. We profess three vows: chastity, poverty and obedience. These vows are known as the "evangelical counsels," in other words, they are ways to help men or women live a life according to the Gospel of Christ. The vows are taken for life, and they free the Sisters to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to their vocation.

### Do most Sisters know at a young age that they have a vocation?

There is no set age at which to discover that God is calling you to religious life. While some Sisters knew in their youth that they had a special calling from God, many women realize in their twenties or very early thirties that they are not satisfied with their lives and are looking for more meaning. Coming to that point often takes time and is an inner process of growth. A religious vocation is a precious gift from God that stirs the hearts of men and women to give their all. Relating to a religious community is one of the best ways to discover whether God might be calling you through a religious vocation.

### Do the Sisters receive a religious name or do they keep their baptismal names?

Each woman receives a religious name from our Mother General at the time of her entrance into the novitiate. The reception of a religious name is a sign of a woman's particular call within the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. A woman's baptismal name may be incorporated into her religious name, or the Mother General may decide to retain the woman's baptismal name as her religious name.

The *Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist* invite **you** to begin a process of Discernment, a day of prayerful reflection on your own Call in your life with Christ.

Saturday, September 18, 2021  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*You . . . You are called To life, to love, to serve.*

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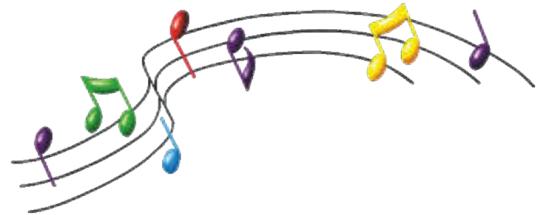
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What sources inspired the Community in its founding and what sources nurture and inspire the faith of the Community now?

A source that inspired the community in its founding was Sacred Scripture, especially the writings of St. Paul and his insight into the Church as the Body of Christ: "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" (Rom 12: 4-5). The life of Saint Francis was instrumental during our time of foundation as we worked towards embodying the original charism and spirit of our founding father. The Vatican II decree on the Adaption and Renewal of Religious Life, *Perfectae Caritatis*, gave us guiding principles in this process of renewal: "The adaptation and renewal of the religious life includes both the constant return to the sources of all Christian life and to the original spirit of the institutes and their adaptation to the changed conditions of our time." In addition the Papal writings of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (e.g. *Humanae Vitae*, the *Theology of the Body*, *Vita Consecrata*, *Laborem Exercens*, *Evangelium Vitae* and *Deus Caritas Est*) were and continue to be sources of inspiration to nurture the faith of our Sisters as we live our charism of promoting the sacredness and dignity of all life.

# Music Updates

THANK YOU, MAUREEN AND ANGIE!



Please take time to visit with **Maureen Briare**, one of our shared music ministers, who will be returning to her home Parish in North Portland starting September 25th. She will be accompanying for us for the next two weeks, September 5 and September 19, so please kindly take time to extend to her our thank you and good wishes. Holy Cross will be truly blessed!

**Angie Jauregui**, also a member of our shared music ministry, is moving on to St. Joseph the Worker to be their Assistant Choir Director. She will be starting there on September 11th and will not be able to cantor for us this month as originally scheduled. Say hello and thank you to Angie if you see her!

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### 9/16 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil:

Please join us to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking. We will meet at 11 AM on the sidewalk in front of St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland.

### Fall Holiday Bazaar Call For Vendors!



Calling all Vendors!!! St. Joseph the Worker is having a Fall Holiday Bazaar on November 6/7. We would love to have you join us. The table cost is \$30. No commercial items.

Please contact Susan Johnson @ [randsjohnson76@aol.com](mailto:randsjohnson76@aol.com). or call me at 503-706-4762. Thank you!

Susan Johnson  
at St. Joseph the Worker



On Wednesday we celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, one of the Blessed Addresses of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As you remember the Memorial please also keep in your prayers Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Portland as they celebrate their Patron Saint this weekend.



## *Hope in God*

Father Brian Mullady, OP

There are those who despair and have no hope when things do not go their way in the political order. This cannot be a Christian attitude.

"The world itself now bears witness to its approaching end by its fading powers. The peasant is failing and disappearing from the fields, the sailor at sea, the soldier in the camp, uprightness in the forum, justice in the court, in friendships, skill in the arts, discipline in morals."

Someone might think these words were written today in response to a decline in American society witnessed by the attempt to so centralize the government that the freedom of the Church is threatened. Yet these words were written by St. Cyprian, an early Church Father, around the year 250.

At the time, the Christians thought that the world was coming to an end as they knew it. Yet St. Cyprian, as all good Christians, was not moved to despair. This is because Christians realize that history in a sense has already come to an end. When Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, the whole purpose for the world was realized: God was finally glorified in Jesus Christ. The only thing left is to fill up the perfect number of those whom God has chosen to see him in the face through the action of Christ.

Once we realize that the final realization of the world cannot occur on this earth, then — though one must be involved in what happens here, as this is our pilgrim road to heaven — looking at time from eternity is the only thing that makes sense.

There are those who despair and have no hope when things do not go their way in the political order. This cannot be a Christian attitude. If it is true that our final fatherland is only in heaven, then each society here must be of concern to us — but the Christian cannot put his hope here. His hope is centered only in God. After all, though Christ has redeemed the world, human beings still suffer from the weakness of ignorance, malice and lust that characterized original sin. People are still sadly motivated by the "desire to dominate," which is the origin of all lust and its final expression.

All is not lost when political factions succeed in introducing legally sanctioned injustice into a state. The Christian has many options to demonstrate his final hope and interest in the solution to the problem of man. He may seek to promote virtue in the context for which he is most responsible: the family, the shop or the local community. In this he affirms the principle of subsidiarity: that small is beautiful, and it is not the function of the higher community to usurp the lower. He may redouble his efforts in his context to promote a culture of life.

The corporal works of mercy, which have in some ways been abandoned by some Christians and left to the state or bureaucracies, are a marvelous way to strengthen the life of hope and grace for individuals and society. The Christian may also become more involved in the political process. This can be by studying the issues more to be a more responsible member of society or outright participation in holding office.

St. Augustine was not daunted by the fact that the world as he knew it was passing, for he had hope in heaven. This had guided all his actions on earth and now was his final consolation.

The Church has seemed to be asleep for a long time regarding the dangers to limiting the freedom of Catholics' religious practice. Fortunately, more and more Catholics are becoming alive to the real possibility of dictation by the state concerning our practice of religious freedom. This can and should alarm anyone who is serious about allowing his or her religious faith to influence his or her participation in the public square.

True, in a democracy or a democratic republic, the clergy should not have an active role in the political process as clergy. But, as citizens, each of us as Catholics must be aware that the kind of behavior that is necessary to preserve democracy is not necessarily the kind of behavior democracies like.

Freedom cannot be license. It must respect the inalienable rights of man, which must, for example, include life.

Just because Christians hope in God does not mean that they are freed from concern and action in the civil order. Still, in the final analysis, this hope is the only thing that can serve. During his life, St. Augustine was not only a bishop; he was also a civil magistrate. When he was dying, his city of Hippo was being besieged by the Vandals, particularly nasty barbarians who would eventually capture and destroy all he had worked for. On his deathbed, he insisted that the walls be covered with verses from the Psalms so he could think about God.

St. Augustine was not daunted by the fact that the world as he knew it was passing, for he had hope in heaven. This had guided all his actions on earth and now was his final consolation. As he said of heaven: "There we shall rest and see; see and love; love and praise. This is what shall be in the end without end" (Augustine, City of God, Book 22, c. 30).

#### Acknowledgement

Fr. Brian Thomas Becket Mullady. "Hope in God." National Catholic Register (November 7, 2012).

## Please Mark Your Calendar!



**Mark Your Calendar! There will be Mass celebrating the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz on September 26th, Sunday, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Beaverton. The Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with Archbishop Alexander Sample as Presider. Light refreshments will follow after the Mass.**

## Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Celebrating Her Feast Day

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Adoration and Silent Prayer
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Litany
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	Holy Mass
6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Light Supper

You are invited to attend any part or all of the Feast Day Celebration as your schedule allows. A reliquary containing a relic of our Patron Saint will be present for veneration as well. We pray that you will be able to take part in this great blessing through the intercession of Saint Therese, in her little way.

**September 17th at 10:00 a.m. LECTIO DIVINA at the PSC.  
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**September 17th, and every Friday at the PSC RCIA  
Inquirers' Session. Please call Office 503-256-5850  
or email [stella@stthereseor.org](mailto:stella@stthereseor.org)**  
**September 26th Mass in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz at  
5:00 p.m. See right.**  
**September 1st to 30th REGISTRATION for First  
Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes.**  
**October 1, Friday. Feast of St. Therese.  
Veneration starts at 4:00 p.m. with Mass at  
5:30 p.m.**  
**October 5, Tuesday. Start of Confirmation Class at the  
PSC, 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

## ***And Away They Go!***

More pictures and videos will be coming but here are two pictures from last Sunday's Golf Tournament hosted by the Knights of Columbus to give us a glimpse of their most successful tournament turn-out so far - all the teams were filled and they had to turn away applicants. We thank the Lord for this blessing because the Knights are truly a big support in the Parish for all the good work that they do!



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