

JULY 10, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Good Samaritan C. 1622
Domenico Fetti
Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid*



**CHURCH OF THE
NATIVITY**

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm

Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am

*All Masses held indoor with
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Courtyard.

Sacraments

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30-4:30 pm

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Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Eucharist Adoration |

Monday - Friday 8:30am-9:30am

Perpetual Help Novena |

Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass

Rosary | Weekdays after 8:00am

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OUR PARISHIONERS CONTRIBUTED \$12, 316

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IN THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK,
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 7/9

8:00 am Judy Kenny, RIP

5:00 pm Feliciano and Juana Rivera, RIP

SUNDAY 7/10

7:30 am Ron Walter, RIP

9:00 am Benjamin Barton. SI

10:30am Tom Kenny, RIP

Monday 7/11

8:00 James Kenny, RIP

TUESDAY 7/12

8:00 James Kenny, RIP

WEDNESDAY 7/6

8:00 James Kenny, RIP

THURSDAY 7/13

8:00 James Kenny, RIP

Friday 7/14

8:00 James Kenny, RIP

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Contact info: John Prust (jprust@sdatholic.org; 858-490-8256)

Promoting a Culture of Life: All Catholics are invited to join the Catholic Legislative Network to receive updates and action alerts on social justice issues at cacatholic.org and to join "We Were Born Ready," state-wide strategic campaign to empower, equip, mobilize, and resource Catholics to serve women, children and families, and especially women in difficult and unexpected pregnancies at <https://www.wewerebornready.com/>.

Any questions, contact the Office for Life, Peace and Justice at mvalencia@sdatholic.org

Greetings in the Lord!

We are now in the fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time. As I have mentioned in my previous reflections on the Sunday readings, especially the gospel reading, I consider it very significant to reflect on the messages of the Sundays in ordinary time. The gospel reading of this Sunday, however, is one of the readings for a Sunday Eucharistic celebration during the season of Lent. The message of the Lenten celebration has its own context since during lent we are asked to observe the season by prayer, penance and almsgiving. Today's gospel message may be viewed from the perspective of the question that the doctor of the law asked Jesus in order to test him. The question of the lawyer is "what shall I do in order to gain everlasting life?" The question posed by the lawyer is one that is universally asked by all men and women: how to gain everlasting life, in other words, how do I get into heaven? Jesus has been consistent in his ministry. He fulfilled his mission through acts, words and his own life in order to reveal the nature of the Kingdom and the requisites in becoming a part of his Kingdom. He answered the question of the lawyer by telling the story of the "Good Samaritan." I believe that most of us know this story and everybody should remember the message that Jesus conveys to each one of us by the story.

There are several points that I would like to share today. First, the importance of the law in our lives. Second, that the law becomes really valuable especially when considered within the context that the law should be observed, namely in the human society in which we live, move and have our being fulfilled. Thirdly, meaning that Jesus would like understand by being a neighbor.

Today many people have considered the law as one reality that has become a burden if not an unnecessary obligation. Nevertheless, even in a community of faith such as the Church the need for concrete written guidelines is called for in order to attain the purposes of the community. The first readings makes this reality part and parcel of community living responsive to God's invitation to his kingdom by considering the law as God's voice that should lead us to internal conversion of the heart. Second, the law becomes meaningful when we do not only consider it as God's voice but also a way by which we can live in relation with other men and women who form our society. These legal guides make living with other persons less difficult to attain in view of the fact that each person is unique and truly different from each other and what would help attain a common vision is the law.

In the case of our Christian community, the new commandment of love that Jesus asked his disciples to do is the guiding principle that would help each of us attain communion with the Father. This could be another reminded for each one of us.

Jesus said "new commandment I give you: love another as I have loved you."

Finally, today's gospel reading defines who is this other that we should love most? The word Jesus used and the lawyer adopted is "neighbor." The final sentence that Jesus commanded the lawyer is a clear mission for each one us. The "other" whom we should love is the person who needs most our compassion and concern.

In fact, being a neighbor to others is more clearly defined in this gospel, that is, the virtue of compassion that manifests true love for the suffering of others by suffering with them as they suffer in this life. A Christian becomes a true disciple only when he suffers with others as Jesus has suffered for each one of us in order to bring us into eternal life.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

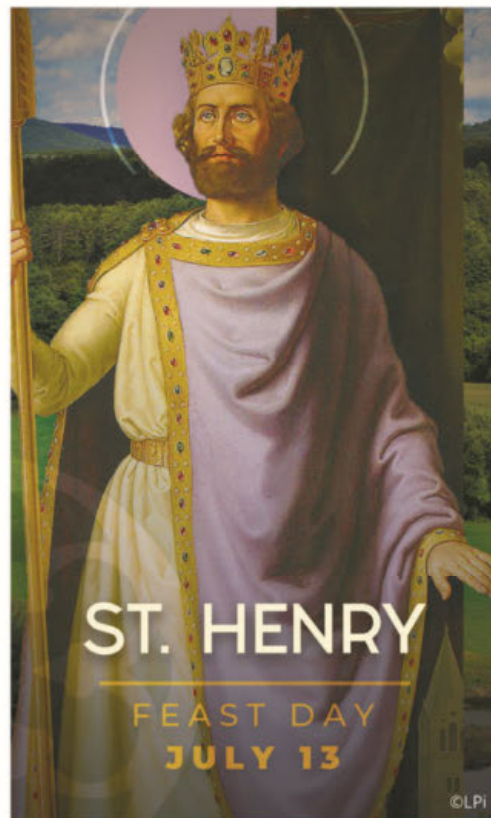
- Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
- Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Benedict, Abbot
- Wednesday:** St. Henry
- Thursday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.

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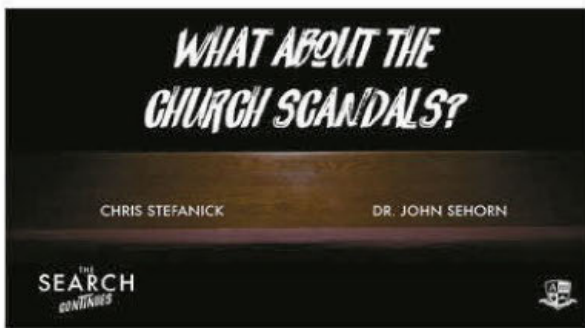
THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY - GUEST DR. MICHAEL BARBER

How do we respond when we are asked, "Are you saved?" In this episode of the Augustine Institute Show, Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey. To learn more, check out Dr. Barber's book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know!*



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THE SEARCH CONTINUES: WHAT ABOUT CHURCH SCANDALS?



In some way or another, we have all been affected by Church scandals. In this episode of *The Search Continues*, Chris Stefanick and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we are to respond to these evils. In doing so, they remind us to fight for the Church and perpetually call her members to live up to their callings.

LISTEN

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

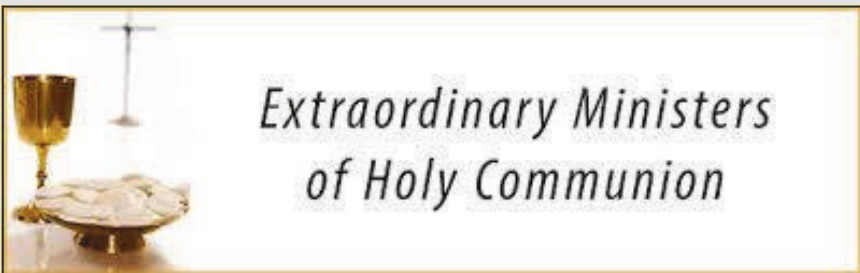
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri's journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks



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♥ 12 -12:15 PM: 5 Decades of Rosary

♥ 3-3:15 PM: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

♥ 5-5:15 PM: 5 Decades of Rosary

OUR LADY OF KIBEHO, November 28, 1981-1989 - **“I am the Mother of the Word...I am concerned for my children and I am turning to the world...the world is in rebellion against God...One must recite the Rosary every day and also the Rosary of Seven Sorrows of Mary to obtain the favor of repentance.”**

Please pray the Rosary with your parish community! Mary wants us to teach the world her rosaries!



Did you know...

- There is a list of Mental Health Resources on our parish website. Look under Ministries>Mental Health Ministry <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/mental-health-ministry>
- The Diocese of San Diego's website lists Mental Health Resources under "Resources to survive during the pandemic" www.sdcatholic.org/coronavirus/covid-19-resources/
- The Diocesan Office for Family Life and Spirituality maintains a list of therapists for referral. Call **858-490-8299** for more information.

Psalm 34:18-19 "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

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Women of Nativity

WON wishes everyone a safe and healthy summer!

We will see you on Wednesday, September 14th at 8:30 in the Commons! Our speaker is Melanie Chao, Nativity's Adult Faith Formation Coordinator presentation: **“The Blessed Mother: how we can understand her reality within the context of our Catholic Family.**

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

CARE
ROBBERS
ATTACKED

LEAVING
PRIEST
WALKED

SAMARIA
TREATED
NEIGHBOR

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to love your neighbors. He wants you to help your neighbors. You could help the people who live next door, or the people that go to your church. But Jesus wants you to think bigger than that. Jesus wants you to help people all around the world - no matter where they live, and no matter what they believe.

PRAYER

Dear God, show me how to help others around the world.

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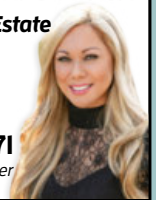
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We are now on our summer break. Watch this bulletin space for information on any summer activities.

Congratulations and welcome to our incoming freshmen from the Nativity School and the Faith Formation Program! The next step in your continuing religious education is the High School Youth Ministry Program, which also incorporates preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Your contact information has automatically been added to our class lists. Registration for the 2022-2023

Catechetical Year will start in August.

A few responses from our Year End Survey – “What is something you learned about our faith this year?”

- I have learned a lot about God
- Something I have learned about our faith this year is that there is always more to learn
- I learned about the meanings behind the prayers
- That the Pope is trying to hear more from the youth
- I learned a lot about God and his calling of us
- I have learned more about the gifts of the holy spirit and how God works through others

I learned that God is all-forgiving and is always there for us when we need Him. Even in times where we feel like we can't turn to God, he will always love us and the Holy Spirit guides us in all aspects of life

“What is the best part about Youth Group?”

- Meeting new people
- The best part of youth group is learning more about the faith and the people here
- The people and learning about our faith
- bonding with kids my age over faith
- getting to meet new people my age that go to the same church as me
- I like connecting and hanging out with other people my age who share my faith
- Social and learning about our religion

The best part about Youth Group are the people and the teachings from this class. I have learned so many life lessons/skills/morals that have shaped the way I am as a person and how I make decisions. Also, this group of people always serves as a safe place to come and feel welcome and wanted — and also understood by others because of our similar values.

For more information on Youth Ministry or Confirmation contact Mike James, Youth Ministry Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or see the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry>

The Inquiry Period for the 2022-2023 R.C.I.A. Year has opened.

If you are an adult looking to learn more about or to be initiated into the Catholic faith, need to prepare for a missed sacrament, or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course, then the R.C.I.A. can help.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process that welcomes you to join the Catholic faith community and introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Church. If you are not baptized, the process leads to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are Baptized in another Christian tradition, the process invites you to participate fully in the church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

During each R.C.I.A. session we spend time answering your questions about the Catholic faith, reviewing the Scripture readings from Mass, and discussing the current chapter in our book. The most important thing is getting your questions answered.

If you are interested in joining the class that starts in September, please contact Mike James, R.C.I.A. Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.