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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 additional seating outdoors in the Courtyard.

Sacraments

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Please contact the Parish Office or tpinnella@nativitycatholic.org

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Contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30-4:30 pm

EUCHARIST

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Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Eucharist Adoration

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

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT

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> Praying through the Sacraments, Learning through Religious Education, Caring through Pastoral Care.

WEEKLY PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF 7-31

OUR PARISHIONERS CONTRIBUTED

IN THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK, \$17,765 TO FURTHER THE MISSION AND MINISTRY PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY. THANK YOU FOR GIVING WHAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU, TO SERVE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Are you a registered parishioner? If you're not yet, we invite you to register!

Registration not only shows you belong to a certain parish but may be necessary for certain benefits like scheduling sacraments, participating in religious education programs and getting statements for tax purposes. Call the office for a registration form or email lbarton@nativitycatholic.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8/6

8:00 am In Thanksgiving 5:00 pm Douglas W Ealy, RIP SUNDAY 8/7

SUNDAY 8/7
7:30 am Maria Pham, RIP
9:00 am Dolores Chaloux, RIP
10:30am Jane Hoffner, SI
Monday 8/8
8:00 Nathalie Kourie, SI
TUESDAY 8/9
8:00 Tom Kenny, RIP
WEDNESDAY 8/10
8:00 Juan C Erreguerena, SI
THURSDAY 8/11
8:00 Judy Kenny, RIP
Friday 8/12

SATURDAY 8/13 8:00 am Victoria Samonte, RIP 5:00pm Greg Lan Singe, SI

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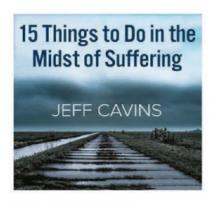
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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 7, 2022

15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING BY JEFF CAVINS

The Church celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.



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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord!

Today is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary time. I would like to continue my reflections on the meaning of discipleship as a loving response to the invitation of Jesus to follow him and eventually be in communion with him with the Father and the Holy Spirit. I hope you will not consider it redundant, but I have to repeat once more that this process truly demands deep knowledge of who Jesus is, his teachings and his mission. Such knowledge is so important because the demands of discipleship would be truly burdensome for those who do not accept the totality of the nature of Jesus, but truly joyful, only for those who deeply know him. Self-denial and bearing one's cross in order to follow Jesus more dearly would be a burden for non believers, but indeed a joyful experience for those who deeply believe in Him.

Our gospel this Sunday is a continuation of the message of the gospel last Sunday which dealt with the need for us to develop the spirit of evangelical poverty that constitutes essentially in an orientation of detachment from material possessions. In my homily last Sunday, I mentioned that material possessions are important in our human existence. In fact material possessions influence greatly our cultural mentality, our world view and even our daily moral decisions that affect the way we live our faith. However, for a believer in Jesus and a disciple who wishes to follow Jesus more closely, material possessions are important but not really essential in life and not necessary for one's existence. This can only happen through a long process of self-denial, honest detachment and deep faith that comes from a long process of conversion.

This long process of conversion leads into the consciousness of a more concrete way of responding to the invitation of Jesus to follow him and become his disciple. This response is known as stewardship which is the main message of the gospel reading this Sunday. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the United States has defined this response in stages. The first of these stages is the humble acceptance that everything that we are, everything that we possess comes from God. For this reality we must acknowledge and truly be grateful to God. For this reason a disciple should always be a grateful person and only those who are humble could truly be grateful. The second stage in this response to the invitation of Jesus is the acceptance of how precious are the gifts that we have. They are unique and different in each person so that we have to respect the gifts of others in as much as we expect to respect our own gifts. Consequently we have to develop our gifts fully as the development of such is expected by God so that we may be able to return joyfully the same gifts to God, the giver of the gifts that we have. This is the third stage of the process of stewardship. This should remind us of the parable of the talents in one of the gospels. The master was truly pleased with the return of the steward who earned more and so, was displeased with the one who simply hid his talents in the ground. Notice the that the master entrusted more tasks to the responsible steward.

The final stage in discipleship is the exercise in generosity that is expected of the disciple. Our act of returning the gifts to God could be concretely exercised when we share our talents with others. In fact the return of the developed gifts need not be directed to God himself but even institutions, such as our parish community and other charitable entities and especially to those who are truly in need. This is where the gospel regarding how to be truly a good neighbor to others comes into our consciousness. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answered the lawyer that the good neighbor is the one who showed more compassion on the person robbed and left behind almost dead on the road.

The final note that the gospel reminds us to consider is the fact that the reckoning will happen when the master returns, but the time and manner of his return is never known so that the need for vigilance and constant preparedness is expected of the discipleship. "Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property." Let us begin to acknowledge the greatest gift that we received from God, namely, faith. Let us develop it fully, return it to God joyfully and share it with others generously.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2,

8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5,

10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and

Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Monday: St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximillian Kolbe,

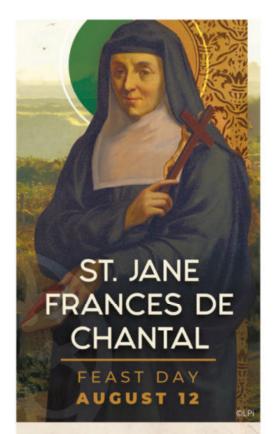
Priest and Martyr

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Inspiration for the week

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was born to a noble family in Dijon, France, on January 28, 1572. Her mother died when she was an infant. Her father raised her and provided for her education. In 1592 She married the Baron de Chantal, the couple were devoted to each other. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. As Baroness, Saint Jane Frances restored the custom of daily Mass, and was famous for her charitable works. Unfortunately, her husband died in a hunting accident only eight years after their marriage. Devastated Jane Frances was forced to live in her father-in-law's strict household where she took a vow of chastity.

In 1604 while visiting her father in Dijon, she met Saint Francis de Sales and he became her close friend and spiritual director. Although not many of their epistles have survived, the pair had a lively correspondence which lasted until Saint Francis died.

Under the direction of St. Francis de Sales and with his partnership she established the Congregation of the Visitation at Annecy in 1610. This was a unique order, without the extreme ascetical practices typical in other religious orders, accepting women and girls and those rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. The new order was also unusual in its public ministry, rather than a strictly cloistered life. Saint Jane transformed her convent at Annecy into a hospital during the plague of 1628.

The saint died at the Visitation Convent in Moulins on December 13, 1641. At the time of her death, there were 86 convents of Visitation nuns. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Pew refinishing:

We are in the process of a 4-6 week project that will restore our pews. During this time they will be sanded and stained.

Therefore, we will be having Daily Mass outside in the "Nativity Garden"

Monday-Saturday at 8:00 am

Followed by Adoration from 8:30-9:30 in the Chapel

The Masses on Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am will remain in the main church.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



<u>Family Life Education Curriculum Fair</u>: As Catholic parents, ministers, catechists, and educators, we are entrusted with the task of helping our children and youth develop a healthy and holy understanding of their bodies and of God's gift of human sexuality. Too often, we lack the necessary resources or we feel inadequate to the task of witnessing the beauty of Church teaching on marriage and family.

In the spirit of empowering our parishes, schools, and families to form their children in the good news of family life, the Offices for Family Life & Spirituality and Evangelization & Catechetical Ministry will be co-hosting a

Family Life Education Curriculum Fair at Our Mother of Confidence Parish (3131 Governor Dr, San Diego, CA 92122) on Thursday, September 22 from 9:30am-2:30pm. We are excited to have so many great publishers on hand, including Ascension Press, Theology of the Body Evangelization Team, Love Ed, Teen STAR, Ruah Woods, and more.

Parents, Catechists, DCMs, Youth Ministers, School Admins, and Parishioners are highly encouraged to attend. The event is free and lunch is included. Please register at sdcatholicdisciples.net. For more information, contact John Prust (jprust@sdcatholic.org) or Joseph Horejs (jhorejs@sdcatholic.org).

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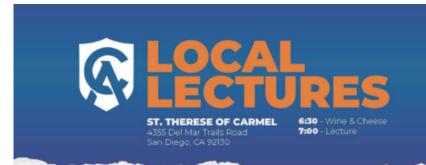
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light on the nature of man and woman and affirm
the significance of these questions for the mission
of the laity.

Deborah Savage



ECCLESIALITY & ECCLESIAL CHAOS

Catholics are baptized as sons and daughters of the Church, and called to become "men and women of the Church," as Henri de Lubac put it. But what does it mean to be sons and daughters of the Church in moments of serious crisis? The lives of the saints, especially St. John Henry Newman, offer wisdom on the path for the sons and daughters in a Church family that often seems dysfunctional.



Our Mental Health Ministry exists to serve individuals and families experiencing mental illness by offering God's hope and love through encouragement and spiritual companionship, practical support, resources, and education. Our parish has made a commitment to become a faith community that both understands mental illness and can provide compassionate support.

Our parish Mental Health Ministry is not intended to replace professional or clinical services and does not provide professional care. Our volunteers are trained in appropriate procedures to maintain the privacy of those with whom they relate. Our Parish offers assistance because we love, care for and want the best for families and neighbors.

Let's work together to remove the stigma of mental illness.

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WHO DOESN'T LOVE COFFEE AND DONUTS?

Join us for coffee and donuts after all Sunday Masses in the Commons Youth Art Contest: The Diocesan Creation Care Ministry is launching a Youth Art Contest, stressing the beauty and wonders of creation and our responsibility to care for all of God's gifts.

This contest is for students from 4th through 12th grades in our parish grade and high schools, religious formation classes, and students who belong to the youth and young adult parish ministry groups. The contest will begin with the school year and end on September 24. Register at bit.ly/diocese-of-sd-a....

All awards will be given out at the end of the St. Francis Day Mass at St. Rita's Parish Church on October 1.

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Join San Diego Marriage Encounter for the next in-person weekend experiences September 9-11 or November 11-13. Reconnect with your spouse and learn tools to help you be the best couple you can be: † Five Tools for keeping your relationship a priority † Communicate from the heart and grow intimacy † Realize your potential as a couple, your dreams for your marriage and your God-given purpose For more information, visit www.wwme-sandiego.org or www.wwme.org or call 760-659-9102.

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

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PRAYER

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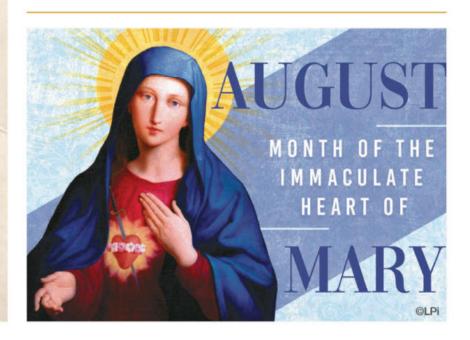
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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For more information on Youth Ministry or Confirmation contact Mike James, Director of Youth Ministry, 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 weekly 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, Director of **R.C.I.A., at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.**

Here is an update from the Diocese on the Synod Process.



Cardinal Designate McElroy in consultation with the Synod Commission has completed and released the Diocesan Synthesis Report for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Over 10,000 youth, young adults, adults, and members of marginalized groups voiced their sorrows, joys, and hopes for a more synodal church. More than 400 small group sessions took place. The Diocesan Synthesis Report has been posted to our parish website at https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/synod.

Please take a moment to read it and see the insights that have been gathered so far for our Diocese.