



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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18th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday: Closed During the Summer

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



It's ALL About the Hair: Last week, it was all about my grey hair. This week, it's all about my sister Jackie's hair.

Last Wednesday, my mom underwent a two-level Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion (ACDF) surgery. During the ACDF surgery, the surgeon removes parts of the damaged disc in the neck and inserts a spacer to fuse the vertebrae, thus relieving nerve compression that causes pain. My mom tried many things in the hopes of avoiding surgery, but the surgery became necessary as nothing else was working. She explored so many different options. However, as her condition worsened and the pain increased over the last couple of months, we had to cancel the Alaska cruise we were supposed to take so she could have the surgery ASAP. The two of us would have made an interesting pair on the cruise. I could barely walk, and she couldn't turn her head. Postponing the cruise was necessary but also a blessing for both of us.

My mom's surgery took place at Henry Ford Rochester (formerly Crittendon). Her surgeon, Dr. Michael Donahue, had previously operated on her back many years ago, and she has a lot of trust in him. The surgery was supposed to last only an hour, and I was amazed to see beforehand the type of spacer that would be used. Based on the model, it was only a small plastic piece that fit easily between two vertebrae, secured with two or three Allen wrench screws. Since it was a two-level fusion, she received two of these spacers.

On the day of the surgery, I was joined by my sisters Jackie and Cindy at the hospital. We tag-teamed it so I could drop our mom off, and one of them could meet her at the surgery reception area while I parked Daisy Loo. They immediately took her back and began all the pre-op procedures. Eventually, we were called back into the room to sit with her before she was taken into surgery. From past experiences, I've learned to fit all my prayers in with her and/or my dad before we get to pre-op because, once the team is ready to move, they are ready to move.

The nurses, doctors, and staff couldn't have been nicer in pre-op. At one point, my sisters stepped out of the room into the hallway. Suddenly, I overheard what

would become a full-blown and very detailed conversation about my sister Jackie's hair. The nurses in the hallway were absolutely mesmerized by Jackie's hair. They wanted to know what her "process" was. Jackie then went into GREAT detail, describing the nearly two-hour routine she follows to get her hair so perfect each morning. The nurses were amazed that her hair wasn't scorched by the daily curling iron routine (at this point, it was WAY TOO much information for me). I just listened in amazement to this conversation; I wish I had recorded it. Then, I heard one of the nurses say, "Can I touch it?" I started rolling my eyes and thought, "You've got to be kidding!"

Of course, the girls had to tell the infamous story of how I used to bounce quarters off my sister's hair when we were growing up (that's what brothers do to torment their sisters; I read it in the "Brother's Manual" somewhere). When you use that much hairspray, ANYTHING can bounce off that hair.

Eventually, the conversation in the hallway came to a close. It was a good thing because I was thinking, "It's nice of you all to be so caught up with the hair process, but Mom here is waiting for her spacers and titanium-grade Allen wrench screws and hardware ... so she can, among other things, go back to doing her hair by herself each day without pain." Hmm, I guess in the end, it really is always about the hair!

The Consequences of Living a Busy, Hurried Life (Part 3): Last week, I shared how we need to be intentional in our quest to spend time with God. In a hurried, busy life, prayer and any time spent with God often fall to the back of the list. Yet, prayer, solitude, and time spent with God are absolute necessities for any Christian life. We can't just think about it; we need to be intentional about making time for God. It needs to be a regular item scheduled into our day, ideally, even as a calendar event with a reminder, so it can't easily be glossed over.

I had a priest friend in Washington, DC, who regularly scheduled prayer time into his daily routine. He knew he couldn't always pray at the same time each day because of his unpredictable schedule, but he would find pockets of time throughout the week that worked. Ideally, getting up super early and praying before the chaos of the day begins would be best, but the ideal doesn't always work. By looking ahead at the coming week and identifying those

pockets of time that worked for him, he was able to create more intentional moments for prayer.

In the end, it doesn't take rocket science to understand that a hurried, busy life destroys our relationship with God ... and THAT'S EXACTLY what Satan wants.

When you look at the story of Martha and Mary when Jesus came to visit them, Martha is busy doing many things for the Lord. But she misses the very point of being in His presence and listening to Him. Jesus is straightforward in His challenge to Martha when He says to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her (Luke 10:41-42)."

It should be clear that the "one thing necessary" is prioritizing time with God over the distractions of life. Most of us can relate to Martha. We juggle work, family, social obligations, and endless notifications, only to find ourselves burnt out and, paradoxically, unsatisfied. Whenever we prioritize tasks over connectedness, whether with others or with God, we risk losing sight of the "one thing necessary."

When we focus on the "one thing necessary," we find peace and clarity amid life's demands. We need peace. We need clarity. Mary's example teaches us the value of resting at the feet of Christ. The amazing thing is that when we take time to listen, learn, and be present with Christ, we can transform our everyday lives, aligning them with the Kingdom and eternal truths, things that endure to eternity.

Each of us should ask the question: Are we choosing the better part? The answer to that question not only shapes our days and gives meaning to what we are trying to accomplish, but it also ultimately prepares us for the life that will never be taken away from us. Choosing the better part, that is, taking time to be with Christ, no matter how busy we are, has rewards that absolutely nothing else can provide. Choosing the better part is so worth it!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

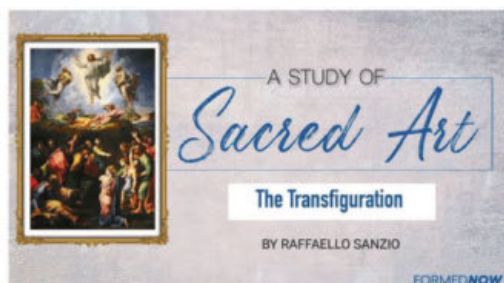
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This Week on Formed

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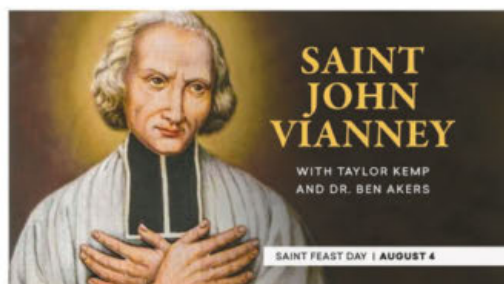
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

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It almost seems dangerous – or at least unfortunate – that we have such weak signs of our Catholic faith, our symbols of God, of Jesus in our world. We have, as our most familiar identifier, a crucified man – Jesus hanging naked and dead on a cross. And not only is he a man, but he is also God himself, fastened immovably in place. Not much of a threat, would we say? And not much of an advertisement either. He hung there to be jeered at and ridiculed. What corporation would have a symbol of defeat as their logo to draw customers in?

Then, we have Jesus in the Eucharist – the actual presence of God in bread and wine. Really dramatic, huh? The real presence of God himself in the form of two of the most common things on earth – bread and fermented grape juice. Even though we believe that the bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Jesus, he still appears to our senses to be bread and wine. God's presence in our world is utterly disarming.

Even further, consider the man we know as Jesus in Scripture. He is basically a “nice guy.” He never comes across as arrogant or self-absorbed. He is gentle and approachable to the lowest of people. On the few occasions when we hear of him getting upset and demanding, it is with obnoxious “leaders” who think more of themselves than the people whom they serve.

Because God makes himself so readily accessible in such self-effacing ways, it makes him easy to abuse. Sadly, we seem more than ready to take advantage of the opportunity. That we would treat him the way that we do, that we would say the things to him that we say, is quite disgusting. There are many examples. In Matthew, Chapter 12, Jesus is in the midst of some powerful teaching and healing, only to be interrupted by the Pharisees who say, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” “*We* wish.” Really! And who are *we* to demand a sign from God?! The Pharisees are taunting Jesus. They want him to perform like a monkey, to prove to them, *on their terms*, that he is who he says he is. Now he is ticked off: “This generation will have no sign but the sign of Jonah.”

But even this taunting of God, of Jesus

Christ, is too easy. His demeanor seems to invite people to be as nasty as they can be. He is strong, but never aggressive. He is never hostile, and he came across as being a very kind guy. But he set himself up. And it sets *us* up to treat him like he's weak. “He's hanging on a cross, you know? What's he gonna do? Come down from the cross? We know you! Come down from the cross! **Save yourself**, if you're the Son of God!” But he **is** the Son of God. It is absolutely astonishing that he allows this. He is the *actual* Son of God. And people are doing this to him! They do such things when he is arrested before his crucifixion. The soldiers slapped him. Imagine slapping God in the face! They whip him. They beat him brutally. They taunt him . . . crown him with thorns . . . shove a reed in his bloody hand. They are beating God to a pulp. And He does not destroy them – instantaneously – for what they are doing to him.

So, where was the Father? Although the Father desired his Son's saving sacrifice for us, we have to ask if he seriously wanted it to happen in this way. It would seem the Father had to be infuriated when he saw what was happening to his Son. This harkens back a thousand years before Christ, when King David was transporting the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. There were very strict rules in place for moving the Ark, which contained God's presence. No one was allowed to touch the Ark itself, for fear of death. As the Ark was being moved on a cart, it began to fall from the cart due to the movement of the oxen pulling the cart. An attending Levite, Uzzah, reached out and touched the Ark to steady it. He was immediately struck dead by God for his transgression. King David couldn't believe that

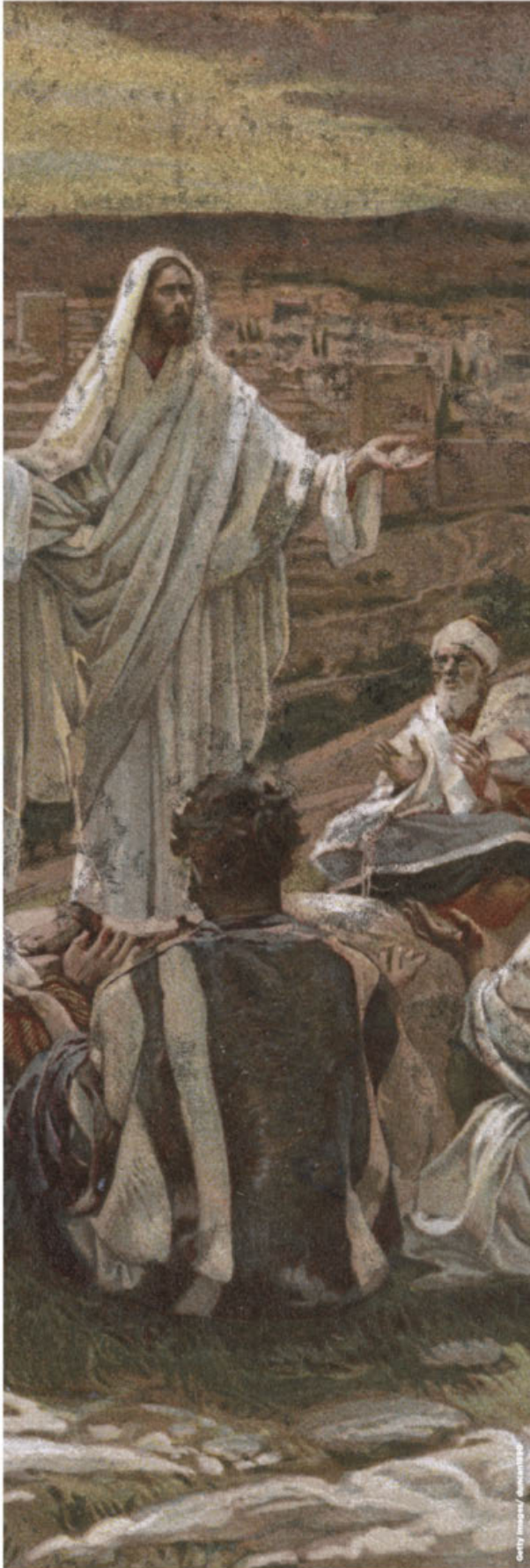
God would kill him for this. All he was trying to do was steady it. *But he wasn't supposed to touch it.* No exceptions. God makes the rules. Uzzah was struck at that very moment. Maybe he should have let it fall on him and crush him. We don't know how that would have played out. But God was not fooling around. When Jesus was struck in the face, God could easily have done the same thing: instantaneous death for the one who struck him. Instantaneous death for the ones who would offend his Son. But

Jesus' response was, “Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing.” Jesus constantly pleads with the Father for us with this very same plea, because when we offend God, we strike him. We slap God in the face – when we stubbornly question him, when we ask him for personal proof, when we persist in baseless doubts. We are selfish and arrogant by being stuck in our desires for things to be proven in the way *we* want them to be proven and demanding this of God. Yet, he puts up with us. It's like Jesus's full-time job is to be there before the Father saying: “Remember, this is why I died. This is why I died. This is why I died. This is why I died.” And he does it constantly because of our obstinate, childish, tantrum-throwing, insolence. And he keeps letting us off the hook!

We can't take his mercy for granted. We can't just let this slip. We cannot presume upon Christ's intercession for us and say, “I'm good! Everything is fine! All good! No worries!” This is idiocy. We're absolute idiots in our arrogance and our ego, if we continue to abuse God in the way that we do, that we don't respect him. Yes, Jesus continues to intercede for us, but how Father reacts to his intercession will finally become clear on Judgment Day. Jesus will judge in the way that the Father wants him to judge. The Father and the Son are One. Even in light of Christ's saving sacrifice, both Father and Son know how to balance justice and mercy.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the means of our salvation – but we must accept him. We must acknowledge that he is God. We must bow down to the truth that we are not God and that the true God deserves worship, honor, and respect. We are culpable when we fail at that. We don't get a pass for thinking we are God. And when we persist in our sin, that is exactly what we are doing. Even if the soldiers didn't know that the man they were crucifying was the Lord God himself, they knew they had no right to strike him, to beat him, to spit on him, to ridicule him, and to kill him. Something had to have felt ‘off.’ They did all of this to God – and there's a price to be paid for it. Jesus is Lord.

Fr. Bob



August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

A few years ago, I heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: "You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse" – a reminder that we don't get to take our physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today's Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren't what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for their physical safety to the child who hears about others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we're left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be "rich in what matters to God"?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to "pack light": "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money ..." Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God's providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren't necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus' call to "pack light" as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

REFLECT

What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 10 C

Reading One – Wis 18:6-9

The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

Responsorial – Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Reading Two – Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for

he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Alleluia – Mt 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this

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way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? 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. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master

is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

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Welcome Bishop Vincent Mar Paulos



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100

Parishes and
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67,500

Malankara Catholics



84

Priests

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Vincent Mar Paulos to SJA as part of our participation in the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. The Missionary Cooperation Plan allows for missionary dioceses, religious orders, and congregations to come and share their stories, intentions, and needs with the Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Envelopes were available at the Church exits and in the Gathering Space.

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**Do you
love me?**
**Feed
my sheep.**

Jn 21:15-17,19



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 4th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM: Funeral for Kelly Livingston
5:30 PM: Baptism of Alaina J. Haack

Tuesday, August 5th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 6th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM: Reconciliation
6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 7th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
4:30 PM: Baptism of Adelaide S. Brooks
5:30 PM: Baptism of Reese A. Cleland
7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, August 8th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, August 9th

10:00 AM: Funeral for John Knapp
11:00 AM: Reconciliation
12:30AM: Baptism of Parker J. Pilotto
1:30 PM: Baptism of Ozzy D. Stitt
2:30 PM: Baptism of Mina K. Calamita
4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, August 10th

8:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

August 3, 2025 – Same As Always

Spend a little bit of time reading the Old Testament and it becomes clear why God needed to put a salvation plan into motion.

Lying, cheating, plundering, brutal attacks ... bad stuff was part of the story from the very beginning of man's presence in the world.

And, still today, much of it continues. A recent day's glance at the headlines makes it all too clear:

Politicians, pundits and even talk show hosts airing profanity-laden rages of all sorts. International threats for new or renewed bombing. A technology executive and one of his employees caught in their alleged affair by a roaming camera at a concert. Closer to home, a Detroit judge mired at the center of a bribery investigation.

And on it goes.

And yet if we simply stopped pursuing all of these illicit vanities, as noted in today's first reading from Ecclesiastes, we'd be the cause of – and enjoy the fruits of – a more peaceful, productive and spiritually rewarding life.

St. Paul explains it clearly in today's second reading passage from his letter to the Colossians.

“Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry,” he writes. “Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.”

Jesus explains what's at stake in even more explicit terms in today's gospel passage from St. Luke. In his parable of the rich man who plotted to live off his largesse, he died that very night.

“Thus it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God,” Jesus concludes.

Words to live by.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	August 4, 2025 Saint John Vianey, Priest (White)
7:00 am	Special Intention for Bob & Betty Zaranek on their 44th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	August 5, 2025 Weekday; Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Green/White)
7:00 am	Leonard Mastay
Wednesday	August 6, 2025 Transfiguration of the Lord (White)
7:00 am	Michelina Macioce
6:00 pm	Special Intention for Christine Bugarin
Thursday	August 7, 2025 Weekday; Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest (Green/Red/White)
7:00 am	David Toelle
Friday	August 8, 2025 Saint Dominic. Priest (White)
7:00 am	George J. Bugarin
Saturday	August 9, 2025 Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Bonnie Batche, Agnes & Jack Hubbard, Patrick & Sharon Lamki, Eda Lucido, Lis Mckenzie, Victoria Marineau, Stephanie Romac Nikceovich, Special Intentions for the Family of Tina Calisi, for the living and deceased members of the J Champine Family, for the Thomas Family, cor Connie Laprairie, for Sam Baur and for Joan Ireland on her 90th Birthday
6:00 pm	Michael & James Forester
Sunday	August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Dalton Lingar
12:00 pm	Jesse F. Champine, Dennis Venuto, Jennifer Martin, Robert E. Gainer, Sam Promesso, Bert Dygert, and Special Intentions for Laurie Ruda and for Sam Baur

Daily Readings

Monday, August 4

Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-21

Friday, August 8

Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Matthew 13:16-17

Tuesday, August 5

Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday, August 9

Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Wednesday, August 6

Daniel 7:9-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Sunday, August 10

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-19
Luke 12:32-48

Thursday, August 7

Numbers 20:1-13
Matthew 16:13-23



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.

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Michael John Kilcline

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting proct.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

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James Belloli	Taylor Fisher	Carolyn Kunz	Julius Ohorodnij	Patty Stevenson
Kristen Benedict	Jeanne Fleming	Concetta Leone	Joan Persichini	Cathy Sullens
Edna Burton	Larry Gehrke	Rosalie Lewakowski	Art Pieper	Bernadette Thompson
Sarah Catanzaro	Anthony Genova	Mila Lictawa	Connor Pieper	James Thompson
Maryann Carlin	Larry Graham	Beverly Lievens	Vicky Pranger	Jeff Trudell
Ed Cole	Chris Gretchen	David Lott	Carol S. Provencal	Linda Vitale
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Pam Haisenleder	Randy Lyczynski	Tracy Rauch	Eileen Wallace
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Maura Corrigan	Pat Haver	Sam Manalo	Sr. Alice Riegel	Tom Ward
John Crawford	Norman Heinrich	Ilene Manning	Paulette Russia	Larry Weber
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Liana Doe	Lorraine Kilroy	Nina Mondalek	Josh Schultz	
John Donovan	Catherine Konen	Jennie Mooney	Rosa Silva	

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

August 3, 2025

Was It Worth It?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then, something happens that throws them back on their heels, and they are forced to face the question: *Was it worth it?* No, say the writers of today's readings. It is not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity.

The Hebrew word for vanity can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the gospel passage were considered

foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless.

This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this, as we have learned the truth of it from our own experiences.

There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment, or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: *Was it worth it?* †

***The consequences
of our actions reveal
what is good for us
and what is not,
what is worth pursuing
and what we should avoid.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



Sunday Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

For what profit comes to mortals from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which they toil under the sun?

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Luke 12:13-21

[Jesus said,] "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do I spend my time and energy?
- At the end of my life, will I say I spent my days well?



The Gift of Simplicity

Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette

If anyone in history ever typified and exemplified simplicity itself, that someone was Jesus. He invited his disciples and all of his followers to join in the example of his own life. Jesus taught by word

and deed how to live the lesson of gospel simplicity with perfect trust in God and in the joy that belongs to God's children. The more we discover Jesus as a person, the more clearly we perceive the call to embrace simplicity in all its aspects as a way of life. From the gospels, we get the straightforward understanding of how Jesus lived and breathed simplicity into every moment of his life. During the silent moments of prayer and meditation on the gospel texts, the Holy Spirit shows us, with a clarity that only he can conjure, that Jesus our Master honored the Father in heaven and served the brethren on earth with a transparent simplicity of life. Jesus made his

**Jesus taught by
word and deed
how to live the
lesson of simplicity.**

earthly journey toward God, avoiding all worldly duplicity, traveling lightly, cultivating at all times that simplicity that unified his life and pointed all his earthly efforts to God alone. Ever since he left us that vivid example of simple living, it has become one of the signs by which we recognize a true follower of Christ.

From the Holy Spirit, we learn that we must become humble imitators of the Master. After all, Jesus clearly taught that the disciple is not greater than the Master. The best we can do to please him is to become more and more like him over time. The call to live out the gospel daily is a radical one, and it embraces the paradox of having to embrace true simplicity while living in a very complex world. Thank God that the Holy Spirit helps untangle the complexities of our time and guides us in the ways of inward simplicity. †

Adapted from *The Gift of Simplicity: Heart, Mind, Body, Soul*, Liguori Publications (827464). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Dissent and Revelation: How the Holy Spirit Shapes Catholic Doctrine Through Controversy" by Fr. Matthew O'Toole

Serious and thoughtful theological dissent is far different than an expression of mere opinion at variance with a teaching of the Church. Sincere dissent may claim to expose an inconsistency of thought or a conclusion made without foundation in Scripture or sacred Tradition. The challenge for the dissident is to provide sound theological reasoning for his or her claims and carry with it a thread of inspiration from the Holy Spirit if it is to be respectfully considered by the Church. In the Church's history, dissidence has sometimes been of service to God's truth.

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God of abundance,
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contented with "enough"
and inspire me to be
generous with all that
is more than enough.
In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 4–9

Monday, St. John Vianney:

Nm 11:4b–15 / Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday: Nm 12:1–13 /

Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday, Transfiguration of the Lord:

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 / 2 Pt 1:16–19 / Lk 9:28b–36

Thursday, Weekday:

Nm 20:1–13 / Mt 16:13–23

Friday, St. Dominic:

Dt 4:32–40 / Mt 16:24–28

Saturday, Weekday:

Dt 6:4–13 / Mt 17:14–20

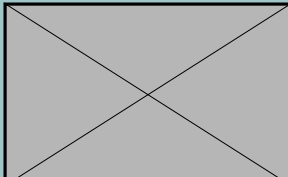
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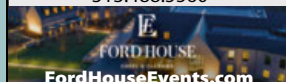
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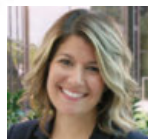


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