



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A “Spiritual” Resolution for Cresson Catholic Community: As I mentioned at the beginning of Advent, I’d like for us to take up, individually and collectively, a spiritual resolution through which we might improve our relationship with Christ and the Church. I suggested that we

do so with the help of Our Lady of Fatima and the Rosary. So let us begin and find our motivation with **The 15 promises of Our Blessed Mother to those who pray the Rosary:**

The Blessed Virgin Mary made these promises to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that “Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted.”

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



## ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II

### CH 3 - THE PATH OF CONVERSION

#### *The social dimension of conversion*

27. Conversion is incomplete if we are not aware of the demands of the Christian life and if we do not strive to meet them. Unfortunately “at both the personal and communal level there are great shortcomings in relation to a more profound conversion and with regard to relationships between sectors, institutions and groups within the Church”. “He who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 Jn 4:20).

Fraternal charity means attending to all the needs of our neighbor. “If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?” (1 Jn 3:17). Hence, for the Christian people of America conversion to the Gospel means to revise “all the different areas and aspects of life, especially those related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good”. It will be especially necessary “to nurture the growing awareness in society of the dignity of every person and, therefore, to promote in the community a sense of the duty to participate in political life in harmony with the Gospel”. Involvement in the political field is clearly part of the vocation and activity of the lay faithful.

In this regard, however, it is most important, especially in a pluralistic society, to understand correctly the relationship between the political community and the Church, and to distinguish clearly between what individual believers or groups of believers undertake in their own name as citizens guided by Christian conscience and what they do in the name of the Church in communion with their Pastors. The Church which, in virtue of her office and competence, can in no way be confused with the political community nor be tied to any political system, is both a sign and safeguard of the transcendent character of the human person.

#### **Continuing conversion**

28. In this life, conversion is a goal which is never fully attained: on the path which the disciple is called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, conversion is a lifelong task. While we are in this world, our intention to repent is always exposed to temptations. Since “no one can serve two masters” (Mt 6:24), the change of mentality (**metanoia**) means striving to assimilate the values of the Gospel, which contradict the dominant tendencies of the world. Hence there is a need to renew constantly “the encounter with the living Jesus Christ”, since this is the way “which leads us to continuing conversion”.

The universal call to conversion has special implications for the Church in America, involved as she is in the renewal of faith. To be Pastors after God's own heart, it is essential to adopt a mode of living which makes us like the one who says of himself: “I am the good shepherd”, and to whom Saint Paul points when he writes: “Imitate me as I imitate Christ” (1 Cor 11:1).

**Reflection:** A sincere individual conversion must be reflected in that individual's efforts for the betterment of the society in which he or she lives. That is how we become salt and light of the world. When our Faith has an influence on the way we govern ourselves as a society.

## ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$ 21,664.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 23,627.00	(109%)
Drive	No of Gifts	134/340	(39%)
2021	Actual Rec'd	\$ 23,627.00	(109%)
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**Collection 12/19/2021:** Adults \$2802.60; children \$39; loose \$177; holy days \$12; candles \$55; Christmas \$570; utilities \$20; angel fund \$14; retired religious \$5 **Total deposit \$3694.60** Christmas Club \$10; Development \$10; flowers \$63

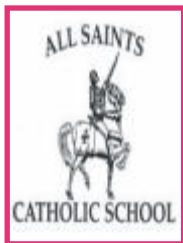
**SA Office:** The St. Aloysius Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 3, for the New Year's Holiday

**Stewardship reflection:** We observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone. We also learn through the Gospel of Matthew that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Him. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us.

How can we be attune to "hear" and "see" with our spiritual senses? As stewards we **must** spend time with the Lord in prayer. In the same way that we set professional goals or goals for better health, we need to set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to **listen intentionally** to God. We will find that the the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 01/03/2019*)

**March on the Mountain:** As an alternative to the March for Life in Washington, DC, St. Francis University will host a "March on the Mountain" on Friday, January 21, 2022. There will be a rosary at 10:30 am in front of the chapel. The March begins at 11:00 am, with Mass at noon. Parking will be at the JFK Center Parking Lot, with the March taking place around the Mall. Feel free to contact Campus Ministry at 814 472-3172 with any additional questions.

### All Saints Catholic School



**Happy New Year!** May 2022 be blessed with love, kindness, and peace!

**Thank you** to the Cresson Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and Fire Company for having Santa Claus visit our students and provide a gift bag for each of them before our Christmas break. Our students loved it and were so excited to see Santa.

**ASCS students** will return to classes on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	\$19,184.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$40,258.00	(210%)
Drive	No of Gifts	123/351	(35%)
2021	Actual Rec'd	\$38,811.00	(202%)

**Collection 12/19/2021:** Adults \$3227; loose \$46; Youth \$38.10 Holy Days \$95.18; Energy \$129; Development \$27; Angel Fund \$30; Christmas \$440; Christmas Flowers \$54; Candles \$6; Christmas Candles \$41; March for life \$5; Christmas Masses \$165; Religious retirement \$85; World Mission \$10; Catholic Charities \$5; **Total Deposit \$4403.28** Cemetery \$1; Church improvement \$78:

**Collection 12/26/2021:** Adults \$2001; Loose \$103; youth \$26; Holy Days \$30; Angel Fund \$10; Christmas Mass \$60; Christmas \$730; **Total Deposit \$2960.00:**

**FX Office:** The Parish office will be closed on Monday, Jan 3rd, for New Years Holiday.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING

9:15-10:45 am

Jan. 9,23,30	CCD
Jan 16	No Class, Martin Luther King Jr.
Feb. 6,13, 27	CCD
Feb 20	No Class, President's Day Weekend

### MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

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Almighty and eternal God, you are the brightness of the faithful. You have made this day holy by the first-fruits of the chosen Gentiles. Fill the world with your glory and show yourself by the radiance of your light to the nations that are subject to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



## The Message of Fatima on Penance:

In the Gospels the word penance means a conversion of one's life, a turning away from sin, and a turning back to God. As Our Lady insisted at Fatima: *"Men must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins. . . . They must no longer offend Our Lord, Who is already so much offended."* The Fatima message is a call for men to give up sinful practices which grieve God and draw down His chastisements on the world, and to make reparation for them. Commenting on Our Lady's request for penance, Sr. Lucia wrote: *"The part of the last apparition which has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the prayer of our heavenly Mother begging us not to offend any more Almighty God, Who is already so much offended."*

Jacinta, too, shortly before her death remarked: *"If men only knew what eternity is, how they would make all possible efforts to amend their lives. . . mortification and sacrifice give great pleasure to Our Divine Lord."*

In August of 1917 Our Lady told the children, *"pray much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices for them."* As to the kinds of sacrifices Our Lady was asking, she revealed to Sr. Lucia on one occasion: *"The good Lord is allowing Himself to be appeased . . . but He Himself complains most bitterly and sorrowfully about the small number of souls in His grace who are willing to renounce whatever the observance of His laws requires of them."*

*"Many persons,"* Sr. Lucia explained, *"feeling that the word penance implies great austerities, and not feeling that they have the strength for great sacrifices, become discouraged and continue a life of lukewarmness and sin."* Then she said Our Lord explained to her: *"The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of My law. This is the penance that I now seek and require."*

In this materialistic culture in which we live, almost heroic virtue is required to be faithful to the duties of the Christian life. Yet, over and above those sacrifices *"required of every person,"* the children of Fatima practiced many little acts of mortification and renunciation on their own initiative. It is hoped that many devotees of Our Lady will not be content with the minimum required and will not pass up opportunities of voluntary mortification, placing in the hands of Our Lady the fruits of the little trials, frustrations and irritations of each day accepted with patience and resignation.

It was in this same spirit that the Angel spoke to the children in 1916: *"Offer up everything in your power as a sacrifice to the Lord in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. . . . More than all else, accept and bear with resignation the sufferings that God may send you."*

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### MASS SCHEDULE FOR JAN 03 TO JAN 09

Servers - Jan 08-Jan. 09  
4:00pm A & K Gottshall  
8:00am Plazek family  
11:00am A Hines, volunteer

Reader -  
4:00pm Chad Evans  
8:00am J/MG Neugebauer  
11:00am J Hines Jr.  
Extraordinary Minister  
4:00pm Sr. Nancy  
8:00am J/MG Neugebauer  
11:00am D Spahr

**MON - JANUARY 03**  
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

**TUE - JANUARY 04**  
8:00am **SA** MARIE McDERMITT (V Mazur)

**WED - JANUARY 05**  
8:00am **FX** JESSICA QUIGLEY (Trexler family)  
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

**THUR - JANUARY 06**  
8:00am **SA** CHUCK JOHN (B/K Simanski)  
8:30am ADORATION  
7:00pm Holy Hour  
8:00pm Confessions

**FRI - JANUARY 07**  
9:00am **FX** CHUCK JOHN (Zoldos family)

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**SAT JANUARY 08**  
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX

3:30pm **FX** ROSARY  
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

**SUN - JANUARY 09**  
7:30am **SA** ROSARY  
8:00am **SA** MO BAKER (Family)

10:30am **FX** ROSARY  
11:00am **FX** HEATHER GAILEY  
(m/m C Horten)

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