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Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm;

August 15, 2021

The Feast of The Assumption of Mary



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14

8:00 am Marvin Beatty (Family)
 4:30 pm Rev. Matthew Cixilli (Greco)

Sunday, August 15

8:00 am Manning, Francese, White Fam - Toots
 10:00 am Candy Martin (Gladys)
 11:30 am Leo Peta (Family)

Monday, August 16

7:45 am Rick Borland (Family)

Tuesday, August 17

7:45 am No Mass
 6:30 pm Tim Saunders (Family)

Wednesday, August 18

7:45 am George Korbelic, III (Family)

Thursday, August 19

7:45 am No Mass

Friday, August 20

7:45 am No Mass

Saturday, August 21

8:00 am Communion Service
 4:30 pm Tom Salopek (Nieces/Nephews)

Sunday, August 22

8:00 am Our Parish Family
 10:00 am Bob Montrose, Sr. (Family)
 11:30 am Kathy Montrose (Pat)

*My soul proclaims
 the greatness of the Lord
 My spirit rejoices
 in God my Savior*



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Sunday 8:00 am Mass
www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

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PASTOR'S NOTES

“The Heart of a Priest”

“It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.”

St. John Marie Vianney

The fall of 2020 I was experiencing some discomfort in my chest, blood pressure was a bit high, and not wanting to ignore these signs I scheduled a rare appointment to see my doctor who immediately sent me to have a nuclear stress test. A nuclear stress test is a study aimed at measuring whether the blood flow to your heart muscle is normal or abnormal. The study utilizes a radioactive tracer to create an image of how well blood is reaching your heart muscle, both during exercise and while at rest. After the test the technician was preparing the images of my heart on a computer screen for the doctor to review. I looked over and saw, for the first time, a picture of my own heart. The tech assured me that it was healthy. I was amazed to think that this small mass of muscle was the very heart that beats within my body. The heart has always been seen as the seat of our passions and the place for which we hold things dear. Many saints have pointed to the heart as the most precious gift we can give to God, especially in prayer. Blessed John Henry Newman said that prayer is heart speaking to heart. Saint Augustine said that his heart could not rest until it rested in God alone. Our prayer to the Sacred heart pleads: “Make my heart unto thine.” So I was a bit overwhelmed with the thought of my heart being the center of what I am as a human person; as a loving person and mostly as a loving priest. I hoped that the size of my heart did not reflect proportionally to the amount I love others for it seemed so small in size. I remembered thinking how I desired my heart to be pure, loving and sacrificially given to Christ. I remembered thinking how many beats have been past and how many did I have yet to give. It was a surreal moment of my humanness and more so a reminder of the call to a faithful priesthood. My heart was healthy!! I could only hope that it was loving and priestly.

The Greatest of all Priestly Hearts- Saint John Marie Vianney



When I think of the purest, humblest and loving heart of the priestly life I always think of Saint John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests! Saint Vianney embodied the sacrifice of love in his priesthood. He longed to fill his heart with God's presence and love as he prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. He poured forth, from his heart, the love and mercy of the Lord as he spent endless hours in the confessional. He opened this loving heart to the poorest souls among the sick, the impoverished and homeless. He preached and taught from his heart at every Mass and in every catechetical instruction. His heart remained pure against the endless attacks of Satan who despised a heart of a priest that so reflected the heart of Jesus himself. For these reasons St. John Vianney is a model of what a parish priest should aspire to in his call to serve the people of the parish. “The parish priest must be, for his people, Christ' heart in all ways of charity, sacrifice and hope.”

“The Lord is more anxious to forgive our sins than a woman is to carry her baby out of a burning building.”

A Pilgrimage to Ars France – Ars is a small farming village 275 miles south of the great city of Paris. It is, if you will, the furthest out-post that a priest could be assigned to assure no exposure to souls of great consequence. This was the parish town of the priest (Cure of Ars) with the heart of Christ. While ordination neared, my friends and I set off on a pilgrimage to Ars to visit the place of a saint who we desired to emulate as priest. I remember the town was simple and even the shrine church was modest in stature. The sense of holiness and virtue was encompassing as I spent time in prayer at this saint’s kneeler. God’s power of mercy weighed heavily on my shoulders as I was privileged to wear his purple stole around my neck as I sat in the seat of his confessional. Nothing was as striking or compelling as reverencing the relic of his heart. It was enshrined at the back altar for all to see from a distance. I prayed there with great fear and humility as I asked for the grace of such a heart! A heart of a priest!

***“A priest goes to Heaven or a priest goes to Hell
with a thousand people behind.”***

Knights of Columbus held a Nationwide Tour of Curé of Ars Heart



Thirty-three years later, within months following the “physical” examination of my heart I had a chance to see the heart I desired to emulate within my priesthood for it was coming to me! The Shrine of Ars, France, had entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of St. Jean Vianney’s incorrupt heart for a national tour in the U.S., from November 2018 through early June 2019. The heart of this great Saint would be less than 85 miles from me to venerate once again!

So I went out on pilgrimage, with my friends, to the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnston. The incorrupt heart of Saint John Vianney was enshrined in a gold 17th Century reliquary that was displayed before the main altar. The Knights of Columbus, dressed in their formal garb guarded the relic while the pilgrims came forward to venerate.

Like thousands of others that day I took my turn too, once again, and knelt before the uncorrupt heart of my hero Saint John Vianney. As I knelt before the reliquary tears streamed from my eyes as I was overwhelmed with seeing, up close and personal, the heart of the patron of parish priests. I could not help to think that every beat of his heart was in time and unison with the love of the Christ! Every beat represented his humanity that was transformed by grace to become the vessel of the sacred mysteries entrusted to the priest alone! I was overwhelmed with humility that after 30 some years I still needed to pray the same prayer of being given the grace for such a heart. I still wanted and needed that grace to transform my healthy human heart into one of great selfless love.



“The priest continues the work of redemption on earth. . . . If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love. . . . The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” Prayer of Total Devotion to God by St. Jean Vianney: I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally. . . . My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath. Amen

St. Jean Vianney on the Priesthood

The Brevity of our Human Lives – Saint John Vianney was a priest less than fifty years but he converted so many lives through his simple and loving heart. A brief time that heart, transformed by the grace of his soul, animated the body of a simple priest whose one goal was to show everyone the way to heaven. The closing prayer that I offered at the end of the general petition speaks to such a heart and life: “Eternal Father help me to realize the brevity of my human life so that I may be disposed to the transforming grace that allows me to further your glorious kingdom on earth!” Saint John Vianney Pray for me!!



Reminder Eucharistic Procession - Sunday August 15th at 2 pm

Together, Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are sponsoring a Eucharistic procession at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton this year. To participate as a community makes a statement of welcoming back God into our parish families after a year of just personal devotion. It is a time of reverence and awe to be shared with each other.

Please spend some serious time considering the benefit to you and your family to attend this. You will be blessed and enriched by your prayerful presence to this celebration.



Sanctuary Candle:
In Memory of Anna Smiy

Easter Flame Candle:
In Memory of Elmer Hemmerle

Divine Mercy Candle:
In Memory of Stephen Fergelec, Sr.

St. Peregrine Candle:
In Memory of Michele Ruby by Courtney

Altar Candles for the Month of August:
In Memory of the Langer and Raspotnik Families by Sandy



Parish News

Meet Us At The EDGE! Middle School Faith Formation will begin on September 14, 2021. We are currently looking for catechists and parent volunteers to share their passion for faith in our program. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Stough at LStough@dioceseofgreensburg.org for further information. Thank you!

Middle School Faith Formation Registration is now open! Classes begin Tuesday, September 14th. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/middleschool6-8>

Faith Formation Updates- Registration is open for the 2021/2022 Faith Formation Year! Every student grades 1-5 should have received a letter with further information. If you have not received one please contact Susan Cheplic skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation	11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab
1 Corinthians	15:20-27
Luke	1:39-56

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Joshua	24:1-2a; 15-17; 18b
Ephesians	5:21-32
John	6:60-69

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for all of our dearly departed. May they rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:
Sunday Offertory
The Week of August 1, 2021\$17,975.23

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 noon.

Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a specific person call 724-600-5007 or email kstynchula@msn.com

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



Christian Mother’s/Women’s Guild

General Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady’s Plaza
Join us for Mass at 6:30 p.m.

August Donations

French Fry Families
\$35.00

Hot Dog Club:
\$303.00



Parish Volunteers - Your dedication and ongoing participation in our Parish ministries are an integral part of our Parish life and fellowship. If you are planning to return and participate in Parish ministries all of your volunteer clearances and trainings will need to be up to date. Please contact Sharyn Gesmond at SGesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the parish office at 724-863-9550 to confirm you are current or to determine what needs to be updated. Thank you for all that you do for Immaculate Conception Parish.



*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.”*



ONLINE GIVING

SUMMER IS IN OUR MIDSTS.

GIVING MADE EASY WHILE YOU'RE ON THE GO.

Summer is in the air and it's time for beaches, sunshine, and travel. While you are on the go this summer, make giving easy and give online with Online Giving. Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent, and treasure in order to fulfill our mission. Online Giving is an easy way to support our continued mission. It is time to come together to keep our faith, so that we can offer hope and healing to those around us.

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.

Visit our church website today www.lcirwin.org to sign up and get started.



We would like to thank all the Queen of Angels Catholic School parents, faculty, staff, and students that volunteered at the 2021 St. Agnes Bazaar. We appreciated your help in setting up the games, working during the bazaar and cleaning up afterwards under the children's tent. As you know it was a lot of fun, food, and fellowship.

May God continue to bless you! ~ Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick

Our Facebook page has been operating for years now. We are very happy with the response. As our technology department said, it's another way of getting information to the parents, parishes, and community supporters. Between our website, blasts, Facebook, email and [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) communication is now strong. If you have not yet viewed itplease check it out ... read what is happening .. LIKE IT ... SHARE IT. Any questions or concerns please call the school office at 724-978-0144.



Diocesan News

Millions in Catholic School Tuition Assistance Available - SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit <http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org> or call 724-552-2565.

The Accent On-Air premieres Aug. 22 - "The Accent On-Air: Grow in the Lord," a television show produced by the Diocese of Greensburg, will air on WTAE Channel 4 at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29. The episode features Bishop Larry J. Kulick in his garden talking about planting the seeds of faith in our young people and what it means for all vocations, especially future priests; Father E. George Saletrik talking about "praying it forward" after he received special support as a seminarian; and a local dance teacher shot by a mass shooter in Las Vegas discussing how her faith helped her survive. You can also watch online at TheAccentOnline.org.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Sept. 19 - Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, recognizing couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, Sunday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Couples can be registered through parish offices. All registered couples, including those unable to attend the Mass, will receive commemorative scrolls signed by the Bishop.

Celebrate Christianity in Philippines Sept. 28 - Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Filipino priests serving the Diocese of Greensburg will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines with a "Gifted to Give" event Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Mass will be followed by a light reception. The event is open to the public but reservations are requested. To register or view a schedule of novena Masses in spiritual preparation for "Gifted to Give," visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/GiftedtoGive.

Catholic Charities Planning Two Fundraisers - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host a farm to table dinner with Bishop Larry J. Kulick Thursday, Sept. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Sanaview Farms, Champion (cost is \$95 per person), and a DIY chunky blanket and knit project workshop Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Wooden Loft, Greensburg. For information or to register for either event, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and click on "Fundraisers."

Pathways registration open for 2021-22 - Registration is open for Pathways, the Diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. The next session will include 15 Thursday evening sessions and two Saturday workshops in September, October, March, April and May at Holy Family Parish, Seward. To register or to learn more, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways. For information on financial assistance from the Francis Fund, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/franciscfund.

Legion of Mary 100th anniversary Mass Sept. 5 - Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate a Mass commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Legion of Mary Sunday, Sept. 5, at 8:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Members of the Greensburg Comitium Legion of Mary, both past and present, are invited.



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Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2021 - Order of the Mass

ORGAN PRELUDE

Versets of the Magnificat in the 3rd Tone

Nicolas Le Begue

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Mary, Woman of the Promise

1. Ma - ry, wom - an of the prom - ise; Ves - sel of your
2. Ma - ry, song of ho - ly wis - dom, Sung be - fore the
3. Ma - ry, morn - ing star of jus - tice; Mir - ror of the
4. Ma - ry, mod - el of com - pas - sion; Wound - ed by your
5. Ma - ry, wom - an of the Gos - pel; Hum - ble home for

1. peo - ple's dreams, Through your o - pen, will - ing
2. world be - gan, Faith - ful to the Word with -
3. ra - diant light, In the shad - ows of life's
4. off - spring's pain, When our hearts are torn by
5. trea - sured seed, Help us to be true dis -

1. spir - it Wa - ters of God's good - ness streamed.
2. in, you Car - ried out God's won - drous plan.
3. jour - ney, Be a bea - con for our sight.
4. sor - row, Teach us how to love a - gain.
5. ci - ples Bear - ing fruit in word and deed.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.
A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.
Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems.
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth.
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth.
She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45

Michel Guimont



The queen stands at your right hand, ar-rayed in gold.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end,
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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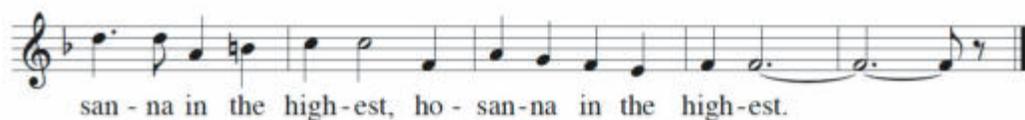
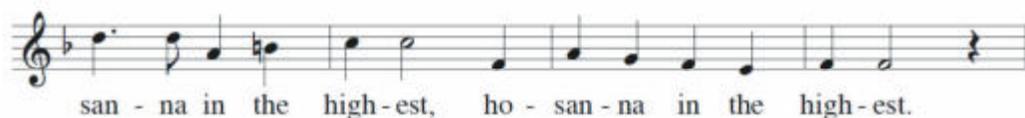
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

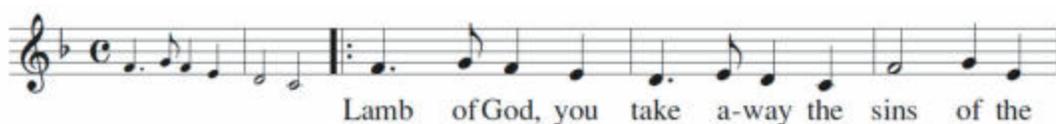
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

A Community Mass
Richard Proulx



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COMMUNION HYMN

My Soul Rejoices

Refrain

My soul re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My spir-it finds its
 joy in God, the liv-ing God.

Text: cf. Luke 1:46-55. Text and music © 1984, 1991, OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Holy Queen, Enthroned Above

1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma - rí - a. Hail,
 2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma - rí - a. The
 3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma - rí - a. The

Queen of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - rí - a.
 spring through which all grac - es flow, O Ma - rí - a.
 God of light be - came your Son, O Ma - rí - a.

Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye
 An - gels, all your prais - es bring; Earth and heav - en,
 Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye

Ser - a - phim. Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:
 with us sing; All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing:
 Ser - a - phim. Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:

Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Sal - ve Re - gí - na.

Text: *Salve Regina, mater misericordiae*; c.1080; tr. *Roman Hymnal*, 1884; st. 2-3, adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930
 Tune: SALVE REGINA COELITUM, 8 4 8 4 777 4 5; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

POSTLUDE

Chaconne
 Francois Couperin

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

August 2021

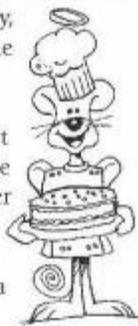
Immaculate Conception Church
 Father John Moineau, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

The gift of work
 Work can feel like a treadmill. The routine can be exhausting and the job seem pointless. When we treat our labor as a gift back to God, there is an additional purpose to it than just a paycheck. *"There is nothing better for man than to eat and drink and provide himself with good things by his labors. Even this, I realized, is from the hand of God"* (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

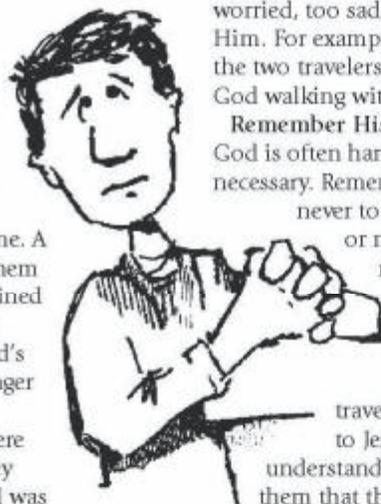
Think and pray
 Consider how many mistakes or heartaches could have been prevented if we had been wise enough to stop and think before acting. Too many times we focus on enjoying ourselves as much as possible and we step closer to sin until it draws us in. Trouble can be averted if we think and pray before we act.

"Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."
 St. Josemaria Escriva



Where in the world is God?

Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events, and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along (Luke 24).

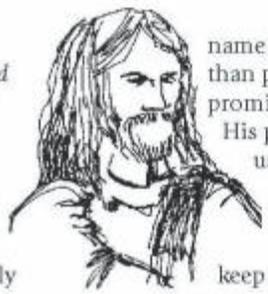


our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.
Remember His promise. Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference. God never breaks a promise.
Talk to Him. When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.

Why can't we find him? Events or experiences in our lives can lessen

Why Do Catholics Do That? How do Catholics regard Jesus' name?

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). The use of His name is so powerful, Jesus promised that He will answer any prayer we make in His name (John 14:14). It is wrong to speak the holy



name of God in any way other than prayer or praise. In fact, He promised that whatever we ask in His powerful name, He will give us. Calling on His name as a swear, to express improper emotions, using it to curse or make promises we don't keep are grave sins.

Grow in patience and tolerance

The past eighteen months of pandemic have tested our patience and good humor. Tempers have become shorter and tolerance limited. Yet, followers of Jesus know that it is critical for our daily treatment of others to demonstrate our love for God. We are asked to show as much patience to others as God has with us.

Fight against your own defects. Certainly it can be frustrating when the faults and mistakes of others disrupt the routine of our lives. In fairness, our own defects disrupt theirs as well. Instead of noting and



resenting the weaknesses of our neighbors, we can focus on improving our own.

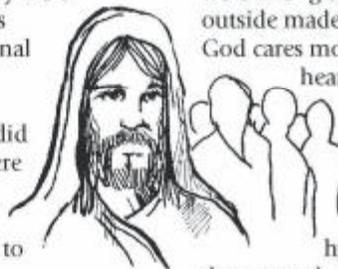
Help, don't judge. Developing an honest concern for those around us helps us to become generous in our relationships. Acting with love and understanding means that we aid those in our lives instead of looking for their blunders.

Become a carrier of love. Jesus asks us to be His hands and feet on Earth. As His disciples, we are to carry His love to others. It is through our actions that we bring Jesus to the world.

from Scripture

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Clean hearts vs. clean hands

The religious leaders sent investigators to check up on Jesus and didn't like what they saw. Not only were Jesus and His followers ignoring some traditional rituals, Jesus scolded the leaders for being hypocrites when they did observe them. They were outwardly obedient so they could look holy instead of taking steps to actually be holy.



Jesus' followers didn't perform this ceremony. Jesus told them that they were wrong to think being clean on the outside made them acceptable to God. God cares more about the state of our hearts than our hands.

Hypocrisy is when we pretend to be something we aren't and have no intention of becoming.

Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because they went through the motions of worshipping God so they could appear holy in the eyes of the Jews. We become hypocrites when we follow religious practices carefully but allow our hearts to remain distant from God.

Q How can I resist & temptation?

A

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done. Try these ideas for help:

Make a list of what most often leads you into sin. Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord. Tradition holds that it was on Mt. Tabor where Christ appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice said, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

August 8 - St. Dominic (1221). Dominic was alarmed by the Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. He and his followers rejected material comforts while many Catholic preachers traveled in luxury. St. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans."

August 10 - St. Lawrence (258). A Roman deacon to Pope St. Sixtus, II. In response to Roman demands for the Church's material treasure, St. Lawrence gathered the poor and presented them as the Church's treasure. He was martyred shortly afterwards.

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's taking up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.



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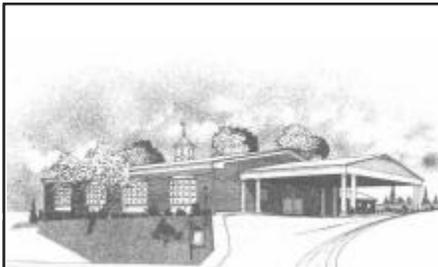
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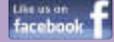
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