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WELCOME

To everyone who has joined us today, whether you are here on your own or with family or friends, we want you to feel at home.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child, there are more than 3 years between children or the baptism instruction was completed at another parish. To arrange a baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

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Saturday

8:30 AM 3:00-4:00 PM

Downtown:

Wednesday

11:30-11:50 AM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

1. As I mentioned in last's week bulletin, <u>our parish will lead a pilgrimage to our diocesan cathedral on Thursday, November 4.</u> The word "cathedral" comes from "cathedra" which means "seat" or "chair". In the Judeo-Christian tradition, a chair is a symbol of authority. For the Jewish people, the important chair was that of Moses, which the teachers of the law symbolically held. Jesus makes reference to this office of authority (Matthew 23:2). Christianity develops this symbolism further with the chair of a bishop, who is a successor to the Apostles. The college of bishops

have authority from Christ to guide the Church in the Catholic and Apostolic faith. A cathedral is the place which houses the local bishop's chair. One aspect of going there on pilgrimage is to pray for the bishop, that he might have the grace of God to lead us well.

Of course, another reason for making a pilgrimage to a cathedral is to honor its patron or patroness. Our cathedral's patroness is Mary under the title of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. It is full of beautiful Marian artwork which helps the pilgrim feel closer to the Blessed Virgin. After a guided tour, we will celebrate Mass together in one of the cathedral's chapels, giving us an opportunity to bring our petitions before our Lady in this special place. If you want to join us in this pilgrimage, please call the parish office. More details are in this bulletin on page 11.

- 2. Monday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, which is usually a holy day of obligation. Because it falls on a Monday, however, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted for this year. We will still have our usual morning Mass that day, plus an all school Mass for the students.
- 3. Recently I had a very good conversation with a parishioner regarding the difficulties surrounding our immediate former pastor. It made me think that I should repeat my offer to meet personally with anyone who still has questions or concerns about that issue or any issue regarding sexual abuse by priests. Just give the office a call to make an appointment with me or with someone who is not a priest if that is more helpful. It is also worth noting that a number of resources can be found on our parish website under the "Protecting the Vulnerable" tab.
- 4. Looking way ahead, we as a staff are thinking it would be helpful for those running in the 5K on Thanksgiving day if our morning Mass started a little earlier than usual. In fact, some of the runners have requested this. Therefore, we are looking at having the Mass at 7:30 a.m. at the main church so that runners can be ready by the 9:00 a.m. start time. The 5K event supports the great cause of the Women's Resource Center and we are honored to host it. I pray for you and your loved ones. May God bless your week!

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Hertzfeld

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Who: Graduates and 20's-30's

When: Adoration at 6, Event at 7.

Where: Church and Marian Room (go to the parish office entrance).

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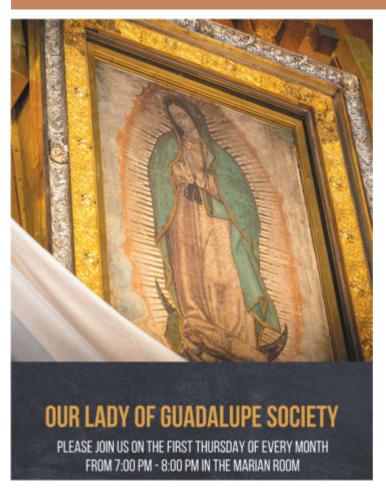
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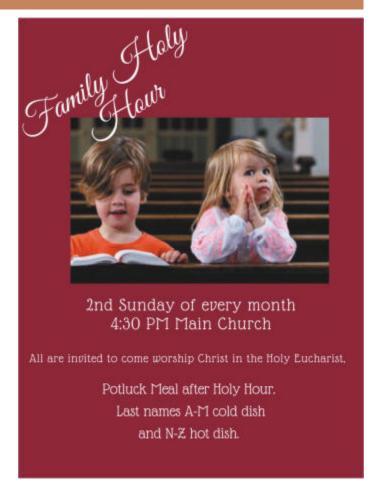
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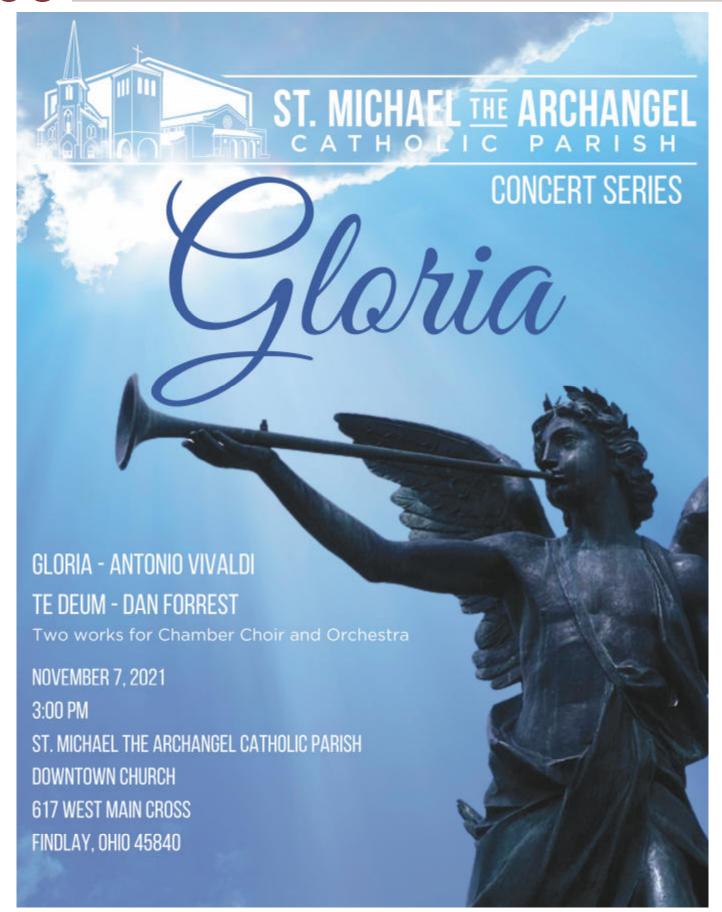
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LITURGY CORNER

MAKING MASS FRUITFUL: PREPARATION

FR. PETER GRODI

I hear from a lot of people that they struggle to stay focused during Mass. Don't worry, you are not alone. I doubt there is anyone who, to one degree or another, struggled to stay focused and prayerful during Mass. I am especially conscious of how difficult it must be for families with small children (I get the low-down from my Brother and Sister-in-Law on that point.) There is another common problem that is different but related: where is the promised grace of Mass? It often doesn't seem like it is having an effect in our lives.

On one hand, the answer to both these questions is simply the reality of the human condition. We have many distractions in life. And for parents, some of those distractions are simply members of the family (though they are certainly sources of extra grace for you at Mass, but that is another discussion.) And furthermore, our eyes are veiled to the incredible things God's grace does in our lives as a result of the Sacrifice of the Mass. But at the same time, the fruitfulness of the Mass in our lives is, in large part, dependent on how we spiritually dispose ourselves to receive that grace.

All that being said, there is a surefire way to begin remedying both these issues: spiritually preparing for Mass. When Father Adam arrived, he taught me to prepare for Mass by praying a particular prayer in the back of the Roman Missal called the "Formulation of Intent." The first part is a statement meant to help the priest mentally formulate his intention of consecrating the Eucharist and of offering the Sacrifice for various needs, such as the specific intention listed for that Mass. This part assists the priest in being present to the great thing he is about to do and being attentive to those for whom is he doing it. The second part, however, is all about asking God to make the specific graces of the Mass fruitful in his own life (and in the lives of those who are with him). The prayer is as follows, "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us joy...

with peace, amendment of life, room for true repentance, the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works." When I am not running late or distracted by whether I left the stove on at the rectory, I find this prayer so wonderful and fruitful. Ask the Lord directly, and He gives.

But preparation is not only a thing for priests. The Church document Sacrosanctum Concilium states, "In order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain." Those are pretty strong words, and we should take them seriously.

So, how do we prepare ourselves to "come to it [Mass] with proper dispositions"? Well, the first and most obvious way is provided by the Church as a mandatory discipline: fast an hour before receiving the Eucharist. But we can certainly go about this practice in a more or less efficacious way. As with any spiritual practice and devotion, intentionality is key.

Other than fasting, we need to prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually. The importance of praying in preparing for Mass is attested to by the large number of saints and spiritual writers who have formulated prayers for exactly this occasion. I'll leave it to you to look them up if you are interested. But we can also formulate our own prayer in the moment, whether right before Mass or, if at no other time, as we are getting dressed. The most important thing is to open ourselves to God, to be open and honest about our struggles and failings, to specifically ask God for grace and healing for these struggles, and to offer our lives in entirety to God in union with the sacrifice of Jesus.

Following this simple plan and hopefully going deeper every time, we will undoubtedly find ourselves more easily attuned to prayer in Mass and find God's grace more actively transformative in our lives. Other supplementary forms of preparation can include going over the readings for the Mass at home, reading a reflection on the Scripture, and reading passages from the saints concerning the Eucharist. I especially encourage parents to read the Scripture at home with their children.

There is another important part of preparing for Mass, and that is the corollary to the first part of the priest's formulation of intent. The entire congregation should come to Mass with things in mind that they wish to spiritually offer to God in the Sacrifice of the Mass. But I will address this specific topic in the article next week. In conclusion today, I present a portion of the beautiful prayer of preparation written by St. Thomas Aquinas,

"Almighty and ever-living God, I draw near to the sacrament of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the physician of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the light of eternal brightness, poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. So I ask you, most generous Lord: graciously heal my infirmity, wash me clean, illumine my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and such resolve and determination as may secure my soul's salvation."

Check out past articles on the liturgy from here and the pastor's page in the Liturgy Blog on the parish website

O8 DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST



You Do You...Really?!

By Sr. Gianna Marie Borchers, OP



"Okay, my wonderful 7th graders. Pull out your Commonplace Book and draw for me on page 16 a giraffe, a tree, a bicycle, and an ice cream cone."

Loud groans immediately erupted from my homeroom. "I can't draw!" "Why are we doing this during religion?!" "Those four things aren't even related!"

Smiling, but nonplussed, I waited patiently as my moaning and groaning students sketched for the next couple of minutes. After they had finished, I announced, "Now I will sketch the same four objects on the board..." Murmurs of approval rippled through the class. "If we had to do it, Sister should do it too!" "I wonder if she can draw?!"

Under close scrutiny, I started sketching a flower. My class, confused, started correcting me. I continued confidently sketching, explaining that I am drawing a tree. Next, I went on to draw a rabbit, noting that it was an ice cream cone.

Mutiny threatened. Most of the class appeared worried, fearing their teacher had momentarily lost her mind. Others tried to justify my drawing, "You do you, Sister! If that's a tree to you, then that's a tree!"

Yet, after several minutes of class discussion, it quickly became apparent that "You do you" didn't hold. There is something objective in which experiences are grounded. Our experiences, while different, are rooted in a common, objective reality that we can use to measure the validity of our personal experiences.

I had my students pull out their own sketches again, noting that while each drawing was different and unique, they all shared a common reality and were all recognizable as "ice cream cone", "bicycle", etc. Experience isn't merely a private, relative thing. Rather it is imbued with and founded on a recognition of objective truth.

This seemingly odd lesson is foundational as we began to look at the "original experiences" that St. John Paul II explores in his *Theology of the Body. Stay tuned for more adventures in 7th grade as we explore the fantastic Ruah Woods curriculum!*

This week, I encourage you to think about the phrase "You do you." Do you agree with it? Why or why not?

Have a question about the Sisters' life, the Ruah Woods curriculum, or the Catholic faith? Email the Sisters at <findlay@sistersofmary.org.>

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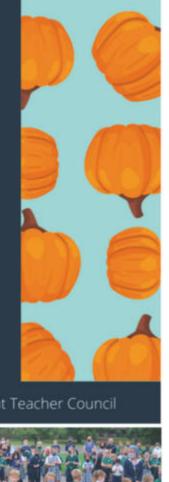
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The entire student body prayed the rosary on October 7 in honor of our Diocese Feast Day, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.





Socktober

Student Council is accepting donations of socks for people in need. They are collecting until October 26.

If you bring in new socks to donate, you can wear CRAZY socks on Tuesday, October 26!













WEEKLY LITURGIES

Monday, October 25

6:45 AM(MH) MC Charlie & Bertha Rietschlen

Tuesday, October 26

6:45 AM(AH) MC Ralph Cassidy

Wednesday, October 27

6:45 AM(PG) MC Chuck & Marilyn Koch 12:10 PM(AH) DT Louis & Gladys Noble

Peggy, Ray & Roy Darling

Thursday, October 28

6:45 AM(PG) MC John Edward Seman

8:35 AM(AH) MC Lee Bixby

Friday, October 29

6:45 AM(PG) MC Mary Orians 8:35 AM(AH) MC Levi Davis

Saturday, October 30

8:00 AM(MH) MC Ramon Lowery 4:30 PM(AH) MC Veronica Caton

Douglas Kerr

Caroline Kuebler

Jim Myers Teresa Hicks

Sunday, October 31

8:00 AM(AH) MC Walter & Dorothy Goetz

9:00 AM(MH) DT Sara Bottegal 10:00 AM(AH) MC Veronica Caton

Leonard Siebeneck

Kate Schroeder Henry & Ann Bils

12:00 PM(AH) MC For the People of the Parish

6:00 PM(PG) MC Alexis Newman

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE The St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish Bereavement Ministry invites all who have experienced the loss of a loved one to our All Soul's Mass of Remembrance at 8:00 AM, Saturday, November 6 at the Main Church.

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

[3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab,

20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-

3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6

[6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/

Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-

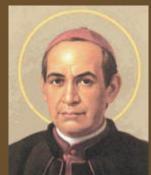
13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

[2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



SAINT STORIES



Anthony was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the

Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception, Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony served as the Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870. Anthony Mary Claret had the gift of prophecy and performed many miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

COUPLES CORNER



Today's gospel is a beautiful story about a blind man named Bartimaeus and his encounter with Jesus. As he is

shouting on the side of the road, he is rebuked by many in the crowd that are following Jesus. Nonetheless, he persists to the point that Jesus calls him. Bartimeus responds boldly and states to Jesus that he wishes to see. As is typical with Jesus, not only is his sight restored, but his spiritual needs are fulfilled as well and his sins are forgiven. Jesus tells him to go on his way, so the man freely decides to follow Jesus.

Jesus desires to journey with us and work in our marriages and relationships. For our part, we must continue to call out to Him as Bartimaeus did. We must ask in confidence and faith for Jesus to restore our spiritual sight. Finally, we are given a choice each day to follow Jesus or go our own way. Resolve as a couple to follow the one who, in His great love for us, heals us and empowers us to live lives of holiness, virtue, and joy!

Pilgrimage To The Rosary Cathedral & The Historic Church of St. Patrick

November 4, 2021 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Arrive by 8:45 AM for 9:00 AM departure from Main Church North parking lot.



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- . Guided tours of both the Rosary Cathedral & Historic St. Patrick Church
- Mass at the Rosary Cathedral
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- · Limited Seating

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First Friday Adoration



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