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he still had to go further. It points out that there is a *progression* in the interior life, there is a growth in virtue, a growth in knowledge, love, and likeness of our Lord that continues throughout our lives; we don't just arrive and we're done. A second point is that a significant part of his first stage of conversion was a deep contrition for all the sins of his life; this is always the first step in the spiritual life; it can't be skipped. Finally, St Ignatius suffered many trials and hardships throughout the rest of his life – *after* becoming a true follower of our Lord. If the tempter sees someone entering into conversion (leaving him and drawing closer to the Lord), a very common temptation is to suggest that if God was really good and if you were really on the right path, you shouldn't be having all this difficulty – there should be no cross. The lives of the saints repeatedly bear out that this is a blatant lie. Don't be drawn into it. The life of St Ignatius, then, brings out a good number of basics regarding our approach to the Lord. St Alphonsus will give us some more specific instruction.

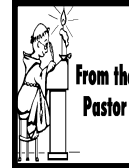
St. Alphonsus Ligouri was an Italian bishop in the 1700's. He is known mainly as the father of moral theology. St. Alphonsus placed a great emphasis on prayer: he who prays much has a good chance of being saved, he who prays little has little chance, and he who does not pray is damned, said this Doctor of the Church. All sincere, thoughtful prayer is of great value but there is one form of prayer, one devotion, that St. Alphonsus insisted on above all others: "Certainly, amongst all devotions," he said, "...that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes the first place, is the most pleasing to God, and the most useful to ourselves." He is advocating spending time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Now think for a moment about the book of Exodus telling about Moses assembling the Ark of the Covenant – a magnificently decorated chest that contained the stone tablets with the commandments, the rod of Aaron (Moses' brother) that was used as a miraculous sign to the Egyptians, and some manna. Imagine if the Ark were found today and you could go see not only it but its contents as well – the actual stone tablets with the commandments on them, Aaron's rod, and the manna still intact. It would be stunning. A person might not even dare to touch it because of its sacredness. It would be right to be stunned by it and to have a fear of even touching it, and yet...we have something that is *infinitely* more sacred, more valuable, and more powerful than that – the actual person of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The manna in the desert was a prefigurement of something far greater to come, namely the Holy Eucharist. Pray and ask the Lord to open our minds and increase our awareness of His presence in the Eucharist, to increase our devotion, reverence, awe, and appreciation for it. Please ask this for yourself, your family, your parishes, and your pastor. There is no greater work that you can do. "Ask and you will receive" – He who made that promise *cannot* be unfaithful. Why not do it? Why not be a part of this great work? No harm can come from it, only good – greater good than we can imagine and in ways that we cannot come close to anticipating.

God bless you. Fr Kuhn

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As I mentioned before, July and August are packed with feasts and memorials of saints – another reason to like summer! This past week the Church celebrated the memorials of a number of great saints, 3 of which I would like to touch on: St Peter Chrysologus, St Ignatius of Loyola, and St Alphonsus Ligouri.

St Peter Chrysologus ("Chrysologus" means 'golden word'), Father and Doctor of the Church, was born in the latter part of the 300's and died in the mid 400's. St Peter was known for his great preaching and teaching. There were 2 big heresies (false teachings) that were prevalent during St. Peter's life – both about the person of Christ; one denied the humanity of Christ and the other denied His divinity and thus Mary's title of "Mother of God." A lot of St. Peter Chrysologus' teaching, then, centered on Mary, the Incarnation, and the person of Jesus. In one of his homilies, Chrysologus was speaking about how the Incarnation dignified man. He went on to say: "Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious in God's eyes?" This is not, of course, an exhortation to foolish pride, which also makes a person small since it makes an idol out of one's own self – a puny god. This is rather a call to a great work. These golden words of St. Peter Chrysologus are an inspiration to lay hold of that Kingdom of unsurpassed glory for which we are meant, regardless of any sacrifice needed; to become a son or daughter in my Father's Kingdom, the greatest of all things. Stand up and become what you are meant to be! How to proceed? Let us turn our attention to the other two saints, which can help, at least in part, to answer that question.

St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (called Jesuits for short), lived in the 1500's. St Ignatius did not start out as *Saint* Ignatius. As a young man, Ignatius was a soldier and only dreamt of obtaining damsels and worldly glory through battle. But then his leg was seriously injured in a battle and he was laid up convalescing for a long period of time. He asked for some books to read, since their internet and cable were out! He wanted some worldly romantic type books to fuel his imagination but they didn't have any so instead they gave him books on the life of Christ and some saints. Ignatius became very engrossed in these and they eventually led him to a great conversion. One point that I would like to bring out is that in this first conversion (like almost all other Spaniards, he was already Catholic so this is an interior conversion) he was filled with zeal for our Lord and the faith (which is good) but

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 2, 2020

Liturgy Schedule		Location		Mass Intention
Mon., Aug. 3		No Liturgy		
Tues., Aug. 4	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Joan Rovig
Wed., Aug. 5	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Richard Gebhart
Thur., Aug. 6	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Aug. 7	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Pauline McGlone
Sat., Aug. 8	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., Aug. 9	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Tony/Laura Groos † Dolores Burggraff
CONFESSIONS - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, AUG. 8

Lect./Comm.: Beth Frederiksen,
Chris Myers

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, AUG. 9

Lect/Comm: Mary Beth Zwart

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, AUG. 9

Lect./Comm: Paul/Jessica Lewis
Sacristan: Marilyn Schwebach

**Intention of the
Holy Father for August:**

We pray for all those who work and
live from the sea, among them sailors,
fishermen and their families.

Daily Mass Readings

Aug 3: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102;
Matthew 14:22-36
Aug 4: Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-22; Ps 102:16-29; Matt 14:22-36
Aug 5: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jer. 31:10-13; Matt 15:21-28
Aug 6: Daniel 7:9-14; Ps 97:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matt 17:1-9
Aug 7: Nahum 2:1,3, 3:1-7; Duet 32:35-41; Matt 16:24-28
Aug 8: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Matthew 17:14-20
Aug 9: 1 Kings 19:9-13; Ps 85:9-14; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:22-33

Daily Readings can also be found on-line
at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

July 26 th Our Weekly Offering	Colman: \$3160 Elkton: \$777 Flandreau: \$3801 <i>Thank you!</i>
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STS. SIMON & JUDE

Confessions at SS&J will return to being heard in the confessional. Please let Fr. Kuhn know if you are uncomfortable with this and would prefer a more open space.

Needed: A person or a Team to lead the high school CCD students in the engaging LifeTeen curriculum. This curriculum has many resources and activities available for you to use. Contact Marietta (864-3182) or Laura (530-9428).

The upcoming CDA meeting will be moved to Monday, **August 10th**. Rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm. Watch your email, CDA's social media, and next week's church bulletin for the zoom link and number to join online or by telephone. All women of the parish are invited to join us!

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Welcome into our parish
family to: **Kara Uilk**
We pray that she will continue
to deepen in her relationship
with the Lord.

Broom Tree Day of Recollection:

August 18 – directed by Fr. Tom Anderson. Begins at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register.* A prayerful donation is requested.

Email; broomtree@sfcatholic.org
or online: www.broom-tree.org/

ST. PETER

CCD Teachers Needed for grades 3rd-6th. Please contact Marcie at 605-530-2219. Thank you!

Altar Society Officers and Group Leaders Meeting: Wed., August 12th - 6:00 PM at the parish hall.

Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.
-- St. Ignatius Loyola

