Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 34
Reflections

Year of Sunday Mass: Question of the Week
Remaining in Jesus, as the Gospel describes it, moves well beyond an emotional attachment to him and even beyond living in a morally correct way. Remaining in him means doing sacramentally what we do at Mass every Sunday: taking him within us, eating his flesh and drinking his blood.
How do I cultivate and stay with this most intimate relationship and how do I stay aware of it??

Reflections
Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Jesus does not mince words! “The Jews quarreled” because Jesus says he gives his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. And he also promises “eternal life” to those who so eat and drink. And he also says that all life is because of him. And he also says that he is the “bread that came down from heaven.” No, Jesus does not mince words! Neither should we mince the way we live what Jesus says. We who eat his flesh and drink his blood—who partake in the risen Lord—are to live his risen life to the fullest. Jesus reveals a startling, new bread from heaven, one that nourishes us to live forever.

It is easy to get caught up in definitions and interpretations of the Eucharistic mystery. The sublime simplicity and beauty of this gospel text reminds us that Jesus takes the ordinary human act of eating and shows us that this familiar and loving action is the very way we can come to eternal life. The act—eating—is the same; the food differs. Not wedding cake, not fast food, not even the holiday food of a family get-together, the food Jesus offers is from heaven and that upon which we feast is no less than Jesus himself. Jesus is the source of our life. At the same time we can never forget that our communion with Jesus nourishes us to share that life with others. In this way we ourselves become bread for the life of others. We ourselves become the “food” upon which others draw their nourishment and strength, their hope and joy, their compassion and consolation. The real scandal of this gospel is that we ourselves become the bread of life for others by eating and remaining in Jesus. Our intimacy with Jesus calls us to the same intimacy with others. This kind of intimacy does not end but continues to everlasting life.

Closing Prayer
May we be nourished and strengthened for eternal life by the Bread of Life given us.
May we be strengthened in our love and care for one another by the Sacrament of eternal life.
Our Father . . .

For Reflection
· My eating the Body and drinking the Blood means to me . . .
· It deepens my relationship with Jesus in these ways . . . deepens my relationship with others in these ways . . .

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Meditation
Rev. Richard Rohr

The task of the first half of life is to create a proper container for one’s life and to answer the first essential questions: “What makes me significant?”, “How can I support myself?”, and “Who will go with me?” As Mary Oliver puts it, “. . . what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” (“The Summer Day”). The container is not an end in itself, but exists for the sake of your deeper and fullest life, which you largely do not know about yourself! Far too many people just keep doing repair work on the container itself and never “throw their nets into the deep” (John 21:6) to bring in the huge catch that awaits them.

Problematically, the first task invests so much of our blood, sweat, eggs and sperm, tears and years that we often cannot imagine there is a second task, or that anything more could be expected of us. “The old wineskins are good enough” (Luke 5:39), we say, even though according to Jesus they often cannot hold the new wine. According to Jesus, if we do not get some new wineskins, “the wine and the wineskins will both be lost” (Luke 5:37).

Adapted from Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

Prayer:
God’s grace is sufficient for the journey!

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Adult Formation: Rediscovering Vatican II

Rediscovering Vatican II Lecture Series

Please join Catholic Theological Union in a series of lectures as we celebrate and reflect on the 50th anniversary of the convening of the Second Vatican Council by Pope John XXIII in October of 1962.

The lectures will take place on Wednesday evenings, September 12 through December 5, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Academic Center located at 5326 S. Cornell, Chicago. The lectures are open to guests for $10 per lecture. You may pay at the door. Come to one or all of the lectures. To ensure a spot, register after August 27th by phone at 773-371-5432 or email at bernardincenter@ctu.edu. Complimentary parking is available in the CTU garage.

This lecture series will first set the event of Vatican II within its historical context and will offer a brief overview of what happened in the Council's four sessions from 1962 until 1965. It will then reflect on issues emerging from the four major Constitutions that the Council produced--documents on the Liturgy, Revelation, the Church, and the Church in the Modern World--and from selected additional documents, such as those on the Laity, Missionary Activity Priesthood, Religious Life, Non-Christian Religions, and Religious Freedom.

September 12 Big Perspectives on a Big Meeting: Vatican II in Context, Stephen Bevans, S.V.D.
September 19 Vatican II and the Church, Antonio Sison, C.PP.S.
September 26 Vatican II and Revelation, Donald Senior, C.P.
October 3 Vatican II and the Liturgy, Ed Foley, Capuchin
October 10 Vatican II and the Church in the World, Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S.
October 24 Vatican II and the Laity, Carmen Nanko Fernandez
October 31 Vatican II and Ordained Ministry, James Bacik
November 7 Vatican II and Religious Life, Barbara Reid, O.P.
November 14 Vatican II and the Church's Mission, Stephen Bevans, S.V.D.
November 28 Vatican II, Ecumenism and Religious Freedom, Jeff Gros
December 5 Vatican II and Other Religious Ways, Scott Alexander

If you are unable to attend in person, the lectures will be available online beginning October 1, 2012 at Learn@CTU.

O God of all the living, you call us daily to the banquet of life. Open our hearts to the gift of your wisdom, Jesus Christ, that we may live according to your will and feast for ever at your table in heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen
KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

As the priest comes to the altar and as he leaves it, he kisses the altar. After he proclaims the Gospel, he kisses the Book of the Gospels. Before Holy Communion, we exchange the Sign of Peace, which traditionally has been called the “kiss of peace.”

The altar is a sign and symbol of Christ. The priest not only expresses reverence for Christ by bowing before the altar, but also expresses affection and closeness by kissing it. So, too, with the words of the Gospel and with the sign of peace exchanged among ourselves, there is honor and reverence and, even more, there are deep bonds of affection. To kiss is to renew affection and attachment. In the Mass, our affection for and our attachment to Jesus and each other finds renewal — in a kiss.

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Celebrate your Wedding Anniversary with Us!
Beginning in September…..

Each month couples celebrating their wedding anniversary that month are invited to share a photo of themselves, a copy of their wedding invitation or marriage ceremony program with our parish. These will be posted together in the main kiosk in the church narthex. Mementos can be dropped off at the parish center or given to one of the priests after Mass. All items will be returned at the end of the month. Married and engaged couples will be remembered in prayer regularly at Mass.

This Week at SJC

Monday, August 20, Teachers Meet
10:30 a.m. 11th Step Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, Teachers Meet
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 22, School Begins
9:00 a.m. Back to School Coffee
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:00 p.m. Cross Country Parent Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Protecting God’s Children
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, August 23
10:00 a.m. YC 7th Grade Teacher’s Mtg.
6:00 p.m. YC 7th Grade Teacher’s Mtg.

Friday, August 24
6:00 p.m. Catechist Meeting

Saturday, August 25
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
9:00 a.m. YC Catechist Meeting

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Archdiocese of Chicago website:
www.archchicago.org
USCCB: US Catholic Council of Bishops website:
www.usccb.org

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

RCIA: come and see

CLASSES BEGAN SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
AN INFORMATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11
AT 7:00 P.M. IN CHURCH
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RCIA PROGRAM

If you are an adult who has thought about becoming Catholic or who has been baptized Catholic but never completed the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, then the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the program for you! For more information about this adult formation program, join us on Tuesday evening, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in church to have all your questions answered. The evening will last about an hour and will offer an overview of the RCIA program and more information about joining this year’s RCIA.

Contact Fr. Filbert, 708-246-4404 or email fngwila@stjohnofthecross.org for more information.

Welcome Back Teachers and Students. We Missed You!

The Contemporary Ensemble and the Traditional Choir are now accepting new members!

The Contemporary Ensemble is a group of singers and instrumentalists (guitars, flutes, you name it!) who provide contemporary style music at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Rehearsals meet on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., beginning September 6th.

The Traditional Choir sings music in a variety of styles including Classical masterworks and traditional hymns and leads singing at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., beginning September 5th.

Contact Jessica Koch to find out more or to try us on for size at our first rehearsal without obligation! jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org (708) 246-4404, ext. 136

Children’s Choir Start up Dates!!

Did you know that St. John of the Cross has two choirs available to all children in the parish?

Cherub Choir serves children in grades 1-3 and practices on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. in the church. The start date is Sept. 12th with registration and a brief meeting at 4:20.

Youth Choir serves students in grades 4-8, and practices on Thursdays from 3:45 – 4:30 in the church. The start date is Sept. 13th with registration and a brief meeting at 4:20.

Mark your calendars as you schedule your kids for fall activities!

Questions?
Contact Ann Bourjaily-Maney at (708)246-4171 or bourjman@sbcglobal.net

SJC Employment Opportunity

Contemporary Ensemble

St. John of the Cross Parish is seeking an Accompanist to play for the Contemporary Ensemble at the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and weekly Thursday evening rehearsals, mid-September through May. For more details, visit the website: www.stjohnofthecross.org. Interested candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Jessica Koch, Director of Music Ministries: jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org.
## Help!
We need someone... not just anyone!

### Help Needed for Religious Education!

"Help! Not just anybody. Help! You know we need somebody. Help!"

Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for? Come join the band of faith sharers and become a catechist!

It is fantastically rewarding, important and faith-filled.

We cannot do his work without you! Still auditioning for catechists in our kindergarten through grade eight programs. Please prayerfully consider this ministry!

### Adults - Help!!
**High School Teens - Help!!**

All are Welcome, you don't need to have children in our program to share your faith! Just a LOVE for Christ!

### NEEDED:
- **Sunday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 am**
  - 1 Third Grade Aide
  - 3 Third Grade Co-Catechists
  - 1 Fourth Grade Aide
  - 1 Fourth Grade Co-Catechist
  - 1 Fifth Grade Co-Catechist
- **Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 pm**
  - 1 Kindergarten Co-Catechist
  - 3 First Grade Co-Catechists
  - 1 Third Grade Co-Catechist
  - 1 Ninth Grade Aide
  - 1 Fourth Grade Aide
  - 1 Fifth Grade Aide
  - 2 Sixth Grade Aides

**Sunday Home Group Leaders**
- 2 Seventh Grade Home Group Leaders

**Family Faith Connections**
- One Sunday afternoon a month
- Preschool Catechist
- Sacramental Catechist

### Call the YC Office to discover the graces that Our Lord is calling you to.

#### Catechist Meetings
- **Grades K-6 ~ August 28th 6:30 to 8:00 pm**
- **Grade 7 ~ August 23rd either 10:00 a.m or 7:00 p.m.**
- **Grade 8 ~ September 5th 7:00 p.m.**

#### AUGUST Office Hours
- Mondays 8:30 am to 7:00 p.m.
- Tues thru Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Youth Catechesis Office
- yc@stjohnofthecross.org
- 708-246-6760  stjohnofthecross.org/yc

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### Table: Protecting God’s Children Workshop

| **WHO** | All Parents, Coaches, Room Parents, any Volunteer in the parish who has regular contact with children |
| **WHAT** | Workshop includes 2 (two) thirty-minute videos and discussion |
| ** WHEN** | Wednesday, August 22, 2012  7:00-10:00 pm  
  Wednesday, September 19, 2012  7:00-10:00 pm  
  Thursday, September 20, 2012  9:00 am-Noon  
  Participants need to be present for one entire workshop to receive approval; no one will be admitted once workshop begins.  
  Please choose a date that works for you. |
| **WHERE** | St. John of the Cross Parish Center |
| **HOW** | You will need to register for this training by going on-line to the internet site for Virtus Training at www.virtus.org. Click on the “registration” on the left side, choose “begin the registration process” and then choose “Chicago IL.” |
| **WHY** | We are all affected by the abuse of children by representatives of the Church and society. In response, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provided guidelines for the safety of our children in their Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.  
  These recommendations have then been translated into an action plan by Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. Every employee and volunteer who has regular contact with children is required to attend a training session of Protecting God’s Children. These workshops will inform and inspire participants to be part of the solution and to help keep our youth safe from harm. |

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Crossroads

CALENDAR

ONLINE REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Aug. 28 DOS team mtg noon
Sept. 1 Crossroads Registrations DUE!
Sept. 9 Soph-Jun-Sen Kickoff Event
Sept. 23 Freshmen Experience Kick-off

We were gifted with an amazing K11 retreat: adult & teen leaders who shared their faith and teen retreatants who were open to seeing God’s work in their lives!

Stay tuned to hear about 4th team efforts here!

THERE’S ALWAYS A FIRST!

Our OLPH work tour group was welcomed home by the rain storms that passed through Saturday, Aug. 4th so their return photo had to be moved inside the Parish Center: a first in my 12 years of ministry!

No matter the thunder & lightening that made them hustle getting bags unloaded, the smiles and laughter show the joy and community that was built throughout the week of service together.

How can you see God’s joy during the thunder & lightening moments of your life?
How do the people around you support you, smile & laugh with you?

As teens & their families transition into the school/fall season, remember the joyful moments of summer!

WANTED: YOU, adults!

The reason our Youth Ministry is one of the strongest in the Archdiocese of Chicago is because we have a faith-filled adult population willing to serve and share with teens.

Adults need to mentor teens in their faith & this can be done in a variety of ways—behind the scenes, leading small groups, preparing retreat weekends & more.
Age & experience do not matter—a love of God is at the core of our ministry!

Descriptions of various adult roles can be found at: www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

Send questions or concerns to Katie Hayes, 708-246-4404 ext. 140 or khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Crossroads Youth Ministry Registration is NOW OPEN!

Parents of high school teens can log onto our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads click on the Registration box to fill out our registration form.

Included in the registration is information about liturgical trainings & joining the teen choir or Crossroads Advisory!

Our fall parent meeting will also be a part of registration!

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SJC Clubs

The SJC Parish Moms’ Club invites you to our School Year Kick Off:

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Friday, August 24
9:30-11:00 a.m. at Springdale Park.

All women in the parish raising young children are welcome to attend any and all of our events.

If you are interested in building strong friendships within the parish for yourself and your little ones, are looking to grow in your faith and service to others, and wish to discuss topics relevant to parenthood today, this group is for you!

For more information, please contact Ellen Twomey (ellenkoz@yahoo.com) or Colleen Whittingham (whitting910@yahoo.com).

**Calling all Women of the Parish:**

The Women’s Club is looking for a parishioner to serve as our representative on the local board of Church Women United.

Founded in 1941, Church Women United (CWU) is a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women’s movement initiated and carried out by women in the United States and Puerto Rico. It is a movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian fellowship, prayer, advocacy, and action for peace with justice in the world. CWU engages millions of women representing twenty-six supporting denominations and participating Christian women.

This is a great opportunity to represent our parish and grow in faith as you build community and share in fellowship with other women. Meetings are monthly and held in local churches.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please call Sue Bidstrup at 708-246-6822.

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Parish Men’s Bowling League

All men of the parish are invited to join the SJC Men’s Bowling League. The league bowls on Tuesday evenings from 6:45-9:00 p.m. at Willowbrook Lanes (Plainfield & 83) beginning September 11th.

Come for a fun evening out to socialize with other men in our parish. No experience needed.

For more information call Ken Boor at 708-246-1469 or kenboor@sbcglobal.net.

**Ladies Bridge Group:**

Would you like to spend a fun, relaxing afternoon playing cards with fellow parishioners and friends? We are looking for people to sign up now. Our bridge group starts in September and ends in May with a luncheon. We meet the third Wednesday every month at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us, please call Lynn Workman at 708-784-9257.

**CALL CENTER PART TIME POSITION**

The Ministry of the Arts department of the Congregation of St. Joseph has a PART TIME job opening in the Call Center: Afternoons from 1 – 5 p.m. four days a week during the months of August to December and three days a week during January to July.

Candidates must have friendly, helpful telephone personality; Strong communication skills; Accuracy and follow through; Solid computer skills; Be dependable with a team perspective.

Applications can be completed at the Switchboard in the LaGrange Park Center – 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park by August 22, 2012.

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Prayer Opportunities

“Tuesdays with Mary”
Resumes August 28, 3 p.m.
Rosary resumes for the rest of the academic year in the Mary Garden. For inclement weather, we will meet inside the new and improved Community Room!

All are welcome. No experience necessary!

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Sr. Josephine’s
Bible Study Returns
Tuesday, September 4th
1:30 p.m., Parish Center

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Little Rock
Fall Scripture Study
Begins September 10, 1 p.m.
Parish Center

“Good News in New Places”
This nine-week study describes how Christianity spread from its beginning with the Jews and other followers in Jerusalem to the gentiles in Antioch and beyond. The associated commentary references selected scriptures, especially in Acts and Paul’s Epistles, but also in other passages of the Old and New Testaments.

The commentary is read by the Little Rock group in preparation for a discussion based on questions in a study guide. The discussion is followed by a video lecture by a bible expert about the study for that week. Meetings of the group are on Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost of materials for this study is $20. Please call Joan Roeder at 708-354-4862 to register even if you have previously participated in Little Rock. All are welcome.

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Writing with Women
Starting September 19
Wednesdays for six weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Where: 1218 Morgan Ave., La Grange Park, IL

Do you enjoy journaling? Are you looking for spiritual growth? Would you like meeting and sharing with other women? Then you will enjoy this unique opportunity of coming together to unearth your pearls about aging and share your wisdom using the questions from Aging As A Spiritual Practice by Lewis Richmond. Cost: $40 (plus cost of book)

Jane Kucera, your facilitator and author is a Spiritual Director who has been journaling for over 30 years. She also has extensive experience in facilitating a variety of groups. She has led classes such as: The Artist’s Way, Vein of God, Ira Progoff’s Journaling and numerous others. Her latest journaling was using the Bridges Spiritual Series. We are hoping for fun, new insights and reflections on this wonderful stage of life.

Space is limited. Call Jan Kucera today to reserve your place. 708-579-1785
The Ultimate Answer To Violence

Last year a French movie was released entitled, "Of Gods and Men" that was described by the New York Times as "perhaps the best movie on Christian commitment ever made."

Based on a true story it tells how, in 1996, an Islamic terrorist group kidnapped a small community of Trappist monks from their remote monastery in Northern Algeria, held them, and eventually killed them. But the movie is about something deeper than these bare facts. It focuses on how each of the monks, ordinary men with no ambitions for martyrdom, had to accept possible martyrdom. Each had his own struggle, and for several of them it was a mammoth one. The film climaxes with a "Last Supper" scene where the camera locks-in on the face of each monk. Each face manifests both joy and agony in that man's unconscious realization that he is soon to die and yet how, because of what he has already worked through and accepted within his soul, that death will be a triumph.

At one point in the story, just as it was becoming clear to the monks that the political and military violence surrounding them would at some point invade their monastic enclosure, the movie presents us with a very poignant scene, Military helicopters hover over their little village and their monastery, with their propellers sounding ominously like war-drums. As this war-beat drowns out most every sound, the monks respond by going to their chapel, putting on their monastic robes, linking arms and chanting gentle songs of trust and praise to God, and we are left staring at the contrast: gentle songs of trust in the face of hovering military hardware.

Which of these is more powerful?

That scene is paralleled in the Gospels when they describe the birth of Jesus: A world filled with violence, under the hard military fist of the Roman Empire, is looking for an answer from above. And what is God's response: A helpless baby asleep in the straw. How will this baby ultimately triumph? How do gentleness and meekness inherit the earth?

This may strain the logic somewhat, but Jesus hints at an answer to that question in his response to his disciples when they ask why they do not have the power to cast out certain demons, when Jesus can cast them out. Jesus' answer is metaphorical but deep. He replies, in essence, that "demons" are cast out not through a superior cultic power, but through a superior moral power, namely, by the power that is created inside someone when he or she sufficiently nurtures a deep private integrity, graciousness, love, innocence, and gentleness, and holds these in fidelity in the face of all temptation, including violence. Nurturing these things inside oneself connects a person to the ultimate source of all Being, the Ultimate Power, the power that Jesus called his "Father". And this power, and this power alone, ultimately stands; everything else, including the most sophisticated military hardware eventually gives way to age, rust, obsolescence, and death. The helicopters that hovered above those chanting monks now lie in junkyards, the monks' chant goes on.

That isn't easy to accept. The perennial temptation is to try to defeat violence with a morally superior violence, the kind we see at the end of cathartic movie where the hero outguns the bad guys by displaying more muscle, firepower, and accuracy than they did. The demon is then cast out by a superior violence. But that is not the way of Jesus or of the Gospels; nor was it the way of those martyred Trappist monks in Algeria.

In the face of impending violence, our first action should not be an attempt to marshal a superior violence. No. Like those martyred monks, we are meant to link arms and sing songs of love and trust. Or, to vary the image, like the three young men in the Book of Daniel, we are meant to sing sacred songs, even as we are walking amid flames seven times hotter than usual.

To accept this response to violence does not, in se, rule out the possibility of morally justified self-defense or the possibility of a just-war. The world is complex, morality is complex, and we are not always at the same place within our lives, within our faith, and within our trust in God. One size doesn't fit all. And, in "Of Gods and Men", each monk had to make his own agonizing decision apposite to meeting violence. So too for each of us.

This is not a criterion for all moral decisions about self-defense and war (though, irrespective of circumstance, we should ever live with the maxim that violence always begets more violence) but an invitation, an invitation to begin more to cultivate within ourselves the kind of "prayer and fasting" that casts out all demons, including violence. The invitation is to begin to nurture within a deep private integrity, graciousness, love, innocence, and gentleness, and hold these in fidelity in the face of all temptation, including violence.

Fr. Ron Roheiser, OMI

Lord Hear Our Prayer

Pray for our Sick

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over ________ who is sick. Look after him/her in every danger, and grant him/her your healing and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
Robert Petkus, father of Liz Ryan and grandfather of Jack, Patrick and Teddy Ryan

Baptisms
Molly Reagan, daughter of Robert & Kathleen (McCarty) Malham
Sofia Rose, daughter of Matthew & Bethany (Walsh) McMurray
Ryan James, son of Patrick & Patricia (Duhig) Woods

Mass Intentions
Monday, August 20, St. Bernard
6:30 Florence Devine
7:45 Antoinette Piszczor; Klein & O’Sullivan Families

Tuesday, August 21, St. Pius X
6:30 Our Beloved Dead
7:45 Vince & Diane Grant 50th Wedding Anniversary
Don Heppes

Wednesday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 Howard King
7:45 Amedeo & Adina Misantoni; Matthew Kero

Thursday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima
7:45 Eugene Garvy; Robert Cisek

Friday, August 24, St. Bartholomew
7:45 Living & Deceased Goss Family Members
Living & Deceased Sugrue Family Members

Saturday, August 25, Ss. Louis & Joseph Calasanz
8:00 James Beggen
5:00 Ted & Mary Ann Nosal, 50th Wedding Anniversary
John Den Besten; Ernest Pellegrino

Sunday, August 26, Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary
7:30 Philip James; Patricia Wilson
9:00 Patricia Jugovich
10:45 Mable Grimes; Carmencita Pesch
5:00 SJC & Holy Cross Parishioners (Uganda)

Italics—Living

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Readings for the Week
Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

St. John of the Cross would be honored if you would consider remembering the parish in your estate planning. Thank you.
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You Are Invited to the St John of the Cross

Back to School Tailgate

Wednesday, August 22
St John of the Cross Parking Lot
See your old friends and meet new ones. Please stop by for coffee, juice, and donuts after the kids go into school with their classes. Either come before or after the kindergarten open house. All preschool families welcome too!
Kids and strollers welcome!
Rain location: Parish Center.

Sponsored by the Parent Association