

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, August 25, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“For this reason I have told you that no
one can come to me unless it is granted
him by my Father.” ~John 6:67



August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule a visit

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 9:30am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



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NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



***Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...***

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Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
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***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings encourage us to trust God to fill us with the grace needed to serve him and follow his Son, Jesus. In the first reading from the Book of Joshua, the people decide that they will continue to serve the God of Israel because it was by his power and benevolence that they were protected throughout their journey from captivity in Egypt to the Promised Land. When questioned by Joshua the people answered:

"Therefore we will also serve the Lord, for he is our God." Then in the second reading from Ephesians, Paul likens love between a husband and wife to that of Jesus and his Church. **"For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body."** And finally in John's gospel, we see the difficulty that many people had in accepting what Jesus was teaching. They loved the miracles and healings, but when it came to Jesus claiming to be God's Son and that he was the **"Bread of life"** come down from heaven, it became too much for many people. They simply left him, so Jesus turned to the Twelve Apostles and asked they where they stood. It was Peter who spoke up and said: **"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."**

Many of Jesus' disciples stopped following him and returned to their former ways of life. How could that happen after all they saw Jesus do and heard him say? We would never do that! But are we so sure? Well you could say that we would have done the same thing 2000 years ago and are actually doing the same thing right now, in our time and place. Of course, we won't ever admit we don't believe his teachings or that we have walked away from him. Sometimes we fool ourselves that going to Mass once a week assures us that we are still buying what Jesus is selling. But then, aren't returning to our former ways of life every time we yell at a spouse or child, apologize and do it again a half hour later? Sit in church and promise to forgive someone yet wake up carrying the same grudge? Hear Jesus challenge us to give from our want not from our excess, but then keep coming up with excuses to cling to every dollar?

Say to God or a priest that we sincerely want to stop doing bad stuff like gossiping, cheating on taxes or spouse, stealing and many other things. Then as soon as leave the parking lot we go back to the same old self. Every time we wake up the exact same person, we were the day before we are, in a sense, returning to our old selves. We say we believe, which is the easy part. It's doing the right things, embracing the new life promised to us and made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus that shows we want to be transformed into the beautiful persons God created us to be and say: **"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?"**

Our 2024 Backwards Money Drawing is being held this Sunday, August 25th starting at 10am in the school cafeteria, during a special Hospitality. The 500th ticket drawn will pay the lucky winner \$10,000. Plus, there are many other money prizes totaling another \$10,000 that will be awarded throughout the drawing. Hopefully you are in on the action. But if not, you still have a chance. **The number 500 ticket is being raffled off and will be put in the drum to be one of the last 10 tickets drawn, which is a guaranteed winner!** Chances to be in this raffle are \$10 each and can be purchased in the cafeteria right up to the final call before the 500th ticket is drawn and assigned to the winner of that raffle. So, get in on this special chance to definitely win some money.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. There are many items of information and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, the **Backwards Money Drawing**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home.

Have a great last week of August. **Smile, share and continue to allow the "Bread of Life" to fill your life with the presence of Jesus. Plus remember: A rich person is not one who has the most but one who needs the least.**

God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 25, 2024-21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The 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 sin of the

world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin 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

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and

in what I have failed to do,

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

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 the

life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

AUGUST 25, 2024-21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 6:63c, 68c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING

Eph 5:21-32

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Today

Special Backwards Money Drawing Raffles

BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

Ticket #491-\$300

Ticket #492-\$400

Ticket #493-\$500

Ticket #494-\$600

Ticket #495-\$700

Ticket #496-\$800

Ticket #497-\$900

Ticket #498-\$1,000

Ticket #499-\$2,500

Ticket #500-\$10,000

Grand Prize



Enter to Win

Today, August 25th, is the Backwards Money Drawing!

The drawing starts at 10am in the school cafeteria.

There will be a special hospitality sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady during the drawing. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy some refreshments and friendship and hopefully see your ticket(s) pulled for a winning money prize. All the tickets will have been sold except the ticket numbered #500.

Why? Because this ticket is being raffled off that day. When there are only 9 tickets left in the drum, the winner from a separate drum is pulled and that person gets the ticket numbered #500, which is then filled out and put in the big drum with the remaining 9 Backwards Money Tickets. It becomes one of the last 10 tickets pulled and is a guaranteed winner! You could win anywhere from \$300 to \$10,000 depending on when it is pulled. Special raffle tickets for the numbered #500 ticket are available for sale at the rectory. They are only \$10 each and will be sold continuously right up to the drawing on Sunday. Stop by the rectory and get in on this chance to be a definite winner and maybe even the grand prize winner.

You never know!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

The Religious Education office will re-open Monday 8/26/2024.

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. The Registration fee is \$250.00.

There will be a Catechist meeting on Wednesday 9/4/2024 7:30pm in the St. Raymond Auditorium. Please make every effort to attend.

Because no marriage is beyond hope...
 A marriage-saving program her in the
 New York/Metropolitan Area.

-Is your marriage tearing you apart?

-Do you feel hurt and angry?

-Does talking make it worse?

-Thought of leaving or divorce?

-Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is September 13-15, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples
 facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will
 not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you
 reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to
 attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages
 hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet
 Friday, September 6th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church
 for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration
 is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of
 prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!

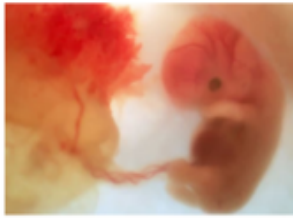


First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

September 7, 2024

8:10am

St. Raymond Church
 Near the Blessed Mother Statue
 Make Reparation for sins against
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Second Month of Development

Your baby is growing very quickly. He/She is now 1 & 1/4 inches long and weighs 1/30 of an ounce. All internal organs; including heart, stomach, liver, and kidneys are present and beginning to work. Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days. Your baby's fingerprints are formed and will never change except for size.



"Most high glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true command."

St Francis of Assisi

Come and see how Secular Franciscans love joyfully in the world and celebrate God's Creation. Blessed Raymond Lull Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets on the fourth Thursday of the month Tabor Retreat Center 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside. Please contact Louise at 516-318-7798 or Deacon Bob at the Rectory for more information.



St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
10AM TO 3PM**

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 81 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of July, 1 new client was welcomed into our Outreach Program and the client received food assistance and information on organizations that could assist with other services, such as DDS and St. Vincent De Paul.

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

Pantry items needed this week: Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil (small bottles), Coffee, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Tomatoes, Mac and Cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Chick Peas, Pinto; White and Black Beans, Canned White Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned Fruit, Grape Jelly, Soup, Canned Meat, Cold Cereal, Jello or Pudding, Snacks, Hair Conditioner, Deodorant, Shaving Cream and Razors.

If you would like to donate food to the food pantry but you find grocery shopping difficult, the Parish Social Ministry will gratefully accept supermarket gift cards so they can purchase food items needed to help our clients. The cards can be dropped off during our days of operation.

May God's blessings shower upon all of you!

**St. Raymond's
Bereavement Ministry**

**We are offering
a Program for
those grieving
the death of a
loved one.**



**Six Sessions beginning
Thursday September 19, 2024
at 7:30 PM
in St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria**



**Register: Call the Rectory
at 516-593-5000
or fill out the form below and
send to the Rectory**

Your Name:

Address:

Best Tel. #:

Relationship to the Deceased:



**September 29
8:30 - 4pm
followed by
Catholic Mass**



**Presents
Celebrate
Marriage**

**Come spend the day with the love of your life.
This enrichment will renew your dreams, increase
your passion and refresh and celebrate the
Sacrament of your marriage.**

**Location: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743**

**\$100 per couple
mail check payable to WWME 497 Clay Pitts Rd
East Northport, NY 11731 breakfast and lunch**

**Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss
(631)486-8607
chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org**



*Marriage "is a marvelous
gift, which contains
the power of God's own
love: strong, enduring,
faithful, ready to start over
after every failure or
moment of weakness."*

-Pope Francis

**Newly engaged couples who are
interested in finding out more
information on our "at home"**

Pre-Cana

**program, please contact:
Frank & Ginny Honerkamp
516-887-9212 (evenings)**

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



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The Year of
Mission



Institution Narrative

What is the Institution Narrative? Simply put, the Institution Narrative is the words of Jesus at the Last Supper which we hear in the Mass. These are the words of the Mass that describe what Jesus did and what he said, including the words of Consecration which gave us his Body and Blood for the Holy Eucharist. When we hear the word "Institution" in this context, we are talking about the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

One Narrative from Multiple Texts

Fr. Guy Oury, author of *The Mass*, teaches, "The Account of the Institution is reported two different ways in the Gospel narrative. According to the Pauline tradition, followed by Saint Luke, the Lord after each consecration commanded his disciples to do what he had done, in memory of him: 'Do this in memory of me' (Lk 22:19). 'Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me' (1 Cor 11:25). Saint Matthew prefaces each consecration with an invitation to partake of the bread and wine: 'Take and eat'... 'Drink from it, all of you' (Mt 26:26ff)." Fr. Oury continues, "St. Paul and St. Luke speak of the 'cup of the new covenant in my blood.' St. Matthew's rendition is more direct and abrupt: 'This is my blood of the [new] covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'... As reported in St. Matthew, the words of institution contain what amounts to a complete doctrine of the Eucharistic celebration. They say in effect that the death of Jesus has the character of an expiatory sacrifice for the sin of the world. Beyond that, they say that the Eucharist gives us the true Body and the true Blood of the crucified Christ as our food, and by the very fact of sacramental eating of the victim it also gives us participation in Christ's own sacrifice—this by will of the Lord expressed in person..." Interestingly, "There is not a single Liturgy that adhered strictly to one of the four scriptural formulas to the exclusion of the three others. Every liturgical account of the Institution was made of borrowings from more than one text" (*The Mass*, pp. 91–92).



A Fuller Picture of the Last Supper

At the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples ate a ritual meal. This meal had an order of events and a progression that would have been familiar to the disciples. What we recognize now in the Mass reflects parts of the meal that Jesus changed significantly. Those changes we now see at the heart of the Mass, as the priest stands in the person of Christ. These words and actions at the heart of the Mass are the true words and actions of Jesus, the words and actions by which Jesus changes the bread and wine into the Eucharist, his true Body and Blood.

To summarize from above, if we take the four Gospels together (or, in this case, Gospels plus the writings of St. Paul), we get a fuller picture of Jesus and his life, words, and ministry. The early Church knew we shouldn't leave anything out and knew the best way to give the "whole picture" was to use all the inspired Gospels and books of the Bible. We certainly benefit from the faith and wisdom of those who have gone before us! We have in the Bible four slightly different accounts of the words and actions of the Last Supper. As we said earlier when reflecting on the Gospels, we have four different Gospels because each writer had a particular audience he was writing for. Some things would have been widely known in certain audiences and so didn't need to be written down. For example, St. Matthew didn't need to talk about Jewish meals, sacrifices, and practices because he was writing to a Jewish audience who would have known all that. On the other hand, St. Luke and St. Paul do talk about the customs more, because they were primarily writing to non-Jewish people. When it comes to the Eucharist, what is essential and what is found in each account is that Jesus, by his word, changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood, gives Communion to the disciples, and asks them to continue this celebration. That is exactly what we do in every Mass!

For Reflection: Before participating in Mass, spend time with each of the Institution Narratives in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians. Attune your mind to be attentive to the words you will hear again during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Next Week: Anamnesis, Mystery of Faith



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour

Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4pm

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30pm

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of Mission,
we now offer some ideas how to apply them to your life

PILLAR 1 – EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Excerpts from *Falling in Love With Christ*

by Ronald Witherup, SS

There are five aspects of St. Paul's deeply personal experience in falling in love with Jesus that strikes me as pertinent today:

• **Love is a two-way street:** While the risen Lord startled Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul was free to reject the Lord. Paul, like every other Christian, had to be baptized, had to get acquainted with the stories of Jesus of Nazareth, had to grow in his faith. His love of Christ grew from him being the Church's biggest persecutor, to its most ardent evangelizer.

• **True love grows over time:** True love is never stagnant. Paul's relationship with Christ also grew throughout his ministry. Paul's letters show that spending time with Christ is essential. Thus the importance of prayer, the sacraments, liturgy, and the word of God that we see underscored in Paul's letters.

• **The newness from falling in love:** St. Paul speaks of the dramatic transformation that experiencing the love of Christ brought him. Paul uses the language of "new creation: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2Cor5:17; also Gal 6:15).

• **The ultimate value of love:** St. Paul speaks lovingly of the communities he founded, who were like his spiritual children (1Cor4:14-15). But he also recognized the difficulties of human relationships. He knew the power of sin to turn things upside down. Sometimes, he saw his communities wracked by divisions (such as the Corinthians) or outside agitators (such as the Galatians), but he always worked at getting them to see that enduring love could overcome all their difficulties.

• **Love's openness to the future:** Love remains open to new avenues, new developments. Paul viewed his love of Christ as something to be shared. After his conversion, Paul immediately set about evangelizing; to proclaim the love of Christ and to bring others into contact with Christ. Are we willing to risk falling in love with Christ?



**"You have the words
of eternal life."**

John 6: 68

**("The Bread of Life
Discourse")**

Pillar 1 - Eucharistic Witness

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." St. Paul VI

St. Francis of Assisi

Deacon (+1226)



The joy of encountering, knowing and loving Jesus was the hallmark of St. Francis' life and one of the personal attributes that helped him draw others to Christ. He censured friars who went about with a sad and gloomy face. He exhorted them to have a cheerful demeanor. This was St. Francis' habitual outlook, even in trials. When robbers and thieves beat him up and threw him in a snowy ditch, he jumped out and joyfully sang praises to God. St. Francis shows us the joy that comes from following and obeying Jesus, the joy that enables us to endure suffering and persecution.

St. Francis had a burning desire to imitate Jesus who endured rejection and suffering for the love of us. So, suffering with Jesus was what he considered "perfect joy." "Perfect joy!" Francis knew that perfect joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It makes us rejoice in sharing Jesus' humiliation and suffering, knowing we will share in His resurrection and glorification.

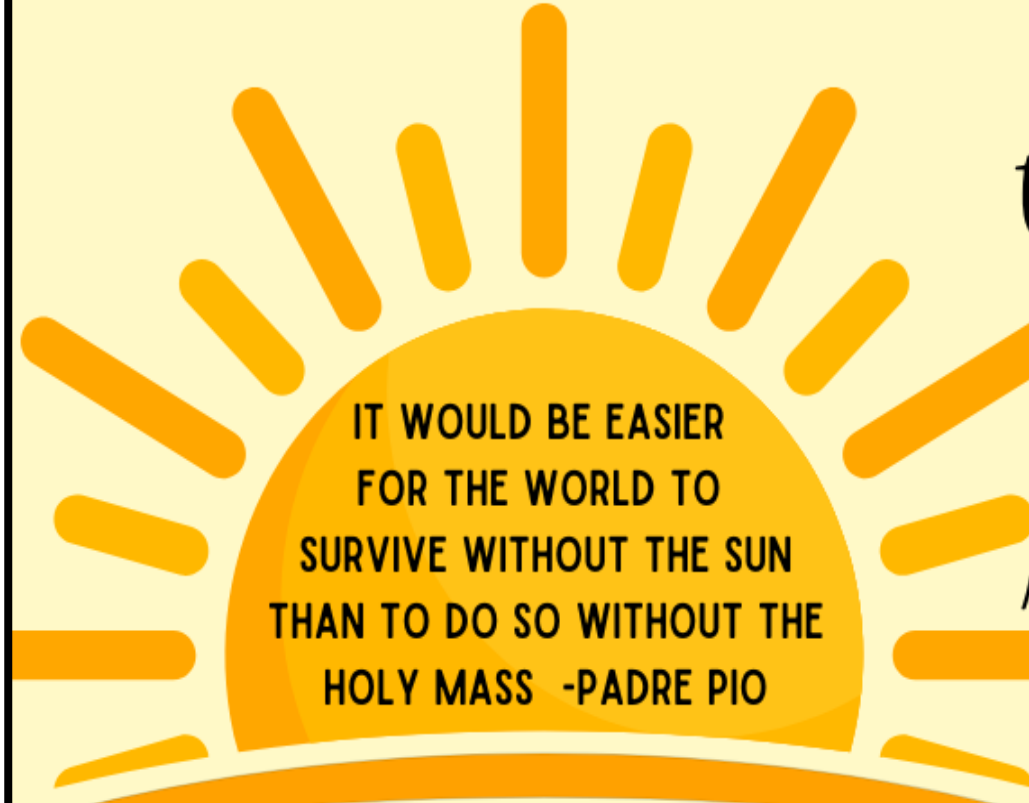
In life, there is suffering, sorrow and grief. Joy can still endure, even a flicker, when we keep the faith that we are infinitely loved by God. Joy can be restored. In self-absorption, we don't accept the gift of joy. Joy comes thru an encounter with Jesus.

As those who have encountered Jesus, we are called to share the joy of the Gospel: Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel. The world is so sad oftentimes – people need to see our joy as disciples of Jesus like people saw St. Francis' joy, the joy of knowing Jesus and His love.

A Christian who is living the mission of a disciple is one who believes in Jesus, who knows Jesus, who can't live without Jesus, and who wants to share with others the love, peace, and joy that he has experienced as a result of living in relationship with Jesus.

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Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation (Baker Academic). This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.



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Monday, August 26th

7:15am Mildred Hinshaw

8:45am Daisy Martinez

Tuesday, August 27th St. Monica

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

Wednesday, August 28th

St. Augustine

7:15am Joan Vidal

8:45am Mark Charles

Thursday, August 29th

St. John the Baptist

7:15am Daniel O'Brien

8:45am Peter O'Brien

Friday, August 30th

7:15am Mary Lou Hart

8:45am Eric Mkritchian

Saturday, August 31st

8:45am Joanne Petraro

5:00pm Nocturnal Adoration Society

Sunday, September 1st

7:30am Christopher Carini

9:00am Francis Gerard Murphy

10:30am Rose, Jack & Jack Jr. Pellicano

12:00pm Matthew Pick, Linda MacDonald,
Donna Wolfe, Carmelo Simeti

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17/MT 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18/MT 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9/Mk 6:17-29

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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Fr. Don Hansen

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Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

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Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

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Dawn

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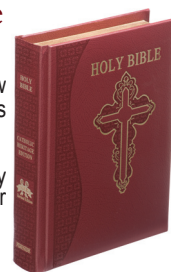
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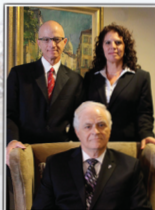


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