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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16TH, 2026

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906
St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ
Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ
Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. *Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?*

2nd Reading Question Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. *Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?*

Gospel Question The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. *When have you felt heard by Jesus?*

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST 22/23

St. John's

August 22nd EM: J. Coup

Lector: D. Respole

August 23rd EM: J. Orsini

Lector: K. Kelly

St. Mary's

August 22nd EM: L. Gates

Lector: D. Knight

August 23rd EM: T. Mowery

Lector: A. Schamp

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 15th, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + David A. Smith (Kathi)

5:30p.m. (SJ) **NO MASS**

Sunday, August 16th, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Deceased Members of the St. John Central Class of 1976

11:00 a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, August 17th

5:15p.m. (SJ) + Joseph Hores Birthday dec. (Family)

Tuesday, August 18th

***9:00a.m. (SM) + Paula Perticarini (Family)

Wednesday, August 19th, St. John Eudes

No Confession or Mass today

Thursday, August 20th, St. Bernard

***9:00a.m. (SM) + Paul Cook Happy Birthday in

Heaven (Wife ~ Phyllis)

Friday, August 21st, St. Pius X

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Steve and Verna Kiss Sr., Steve Kiss, Jr. (Mary Ann)

Saturday, August 22nd, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Scarnechia Family)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Irene Campsky (Joyce Zoborek)

Sunday, August 23rd, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Pete & Maureen Flowers (Joseph Hodorowski, John & Marie Gosney)

11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

***Please note that there will be no daily confessions or mass on Wednesday this week, and that the daily mass on Tuesday and Thursday will be at 9:00am (no confession prior to mass on Tuesday and Thursday).



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno,

Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler,

Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L. Robertson

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Our Knights of Columbus Council #1246 is helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families by providing the ***Building the Domestic Church*** kiosk in the back of our churches. Check out engaging, faith-based literature available for anyone to take—free of charge!!



Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized!

Augustus Curtis Koshenka

8/8/26 ~ St. John's



Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of August 8/9

St. John's: Adult (100env) \$3,713, Loose \$483, Assumption (5env) \$55.50, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$5, Grade School (3env) \$25, Building Fund (1env) \$10, Candles \$52

St. Mary's: Adult (50env)\$1,810, Loose \$302, Assumption (2env) \$20, Building Fund (2env) \$30, Food Pantry (2env) \$15, Candles \$78



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please*

pray for the following: Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich, Sandy Bass, Anthony De Genova, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovalov, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Paula St. John, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan, Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrienne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Richard Gates, Liz Gates, Peggy Gress, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin, Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson, Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold, Tom Lengyel, Joe Munjas, Fr. Tim Shannon, Bill West, Johnny Rushman, Linda Tylka, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion, Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston, Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Marlene Workman, Cathy Wright

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW



This Labor Day, Monday September 7th, St John's Church will be hosting our 2nd annual cruise-in-style car show. It will be from 10am -4pm and free to spectators. There is a \$10 entry fee. Thanks to your generosity last year our profit was \$7,500 that we were able to divide between the Salvation Army Emergency Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Bellaire Local Schools Weekend Food Program, the Living Bread Pantry & the Coat Closet at the Bellaire Presbyterian Church!

We are in need of Gift Cards for the Car Show. Please drop them off at the parish office by Wednesday Aug. 30th. Thank You! Any questions please call Dom at 740-579-6867

**Daily Mass Schedule this week**

I will be away this week from Tuesday through Thursday. Fr. John Mucha will have the daily masses on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am, but there will be no daily mass on Wednesday.

St. Mary's Festival

Please enjoy our St. Mary's Festival this weekend. It's not too late to volunteer, we always need more helpers! Thanks to all who make our festivals possible through your generous donation of time and/or supplies!

Parish Picnic

We are looking forward to our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 13, 12:45pm-3:00pm at the Powhatan Point Park Shelter. Please fill out the RSVP today!

PARISH PICNIC

The *Caring Crafters* are hosting the annual Chinese auction at our church picnic on Sunday, Sept 13. To make it a success, we are asking for donations such as: gift certificates, prepared gift baskets, merchandise,

goods or handmade items. Please kindly have all donations dropped off at the church rectory by Sept 13, or call if a pick up is needed. Thank you as always for your time, generosity and support.

**St. John the Evangelist / St. Mary Parishes Faith Formation Program 2026-2027**

Classes Pre-K through Adult begin Sunday, September 13, 9:30am-10:45am, St. Mary's Church Religious Education Building. There will be other times available for adults to attend class together during the week. Please

return the registration form, found at the entrances to church, to the parish office by Monday, August 17th. You can place in collection basket, mail it to 3745 Tallman Ave, Bellaire, OH 43906, take a picture of the completed form with your cell phone and text to (740) 298-4158, or Email it to office@bnspcatholic.org.

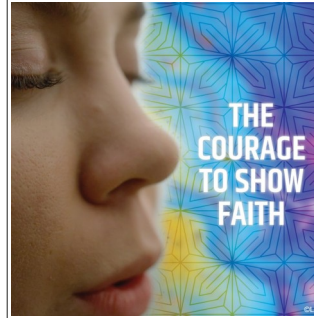


Questions? Call or text (740) 298-4158. To sign up online you can find the link on our website, bnspcatholic.org, or scan the QR Code to find the link for online sign-up!

There will be a Zoom mtg to discuss our program next Sunday at 7:00pm!

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same? ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it**

to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

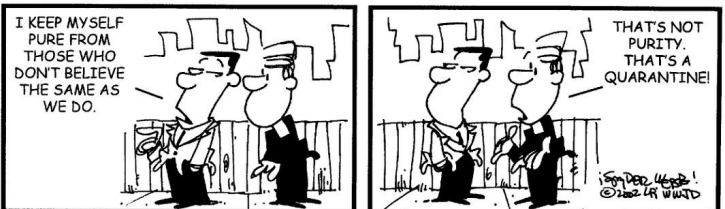
— Father John Muir

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**Congratulations To Our Newly Married!**

Cole & Hannah (D' Aquila) Runyon
8/8/26 ~ St. John's

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? ...or learn more about it?**

Have you or someone you know been thinking about becoming Catholic, getting baptized or receiving the other sacraments of initiation, or simply learning about more about the Catholic faith? Our **Discover Catholicism & OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins **Thursday, August 27th at 7:00pm** in the St. John's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome - whether you're exploring the faith, a baptized Christian considering becoming Catholic, a baptized Catholic who still needs First Communion or Confirmation, or simply want to better understand Catholic teaching. For more information please call or text (740) 298-4158.



This Week on Formed

Week of August 16, 2026



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

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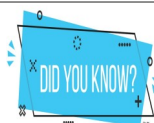
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name?

Answer: Pope John Paul I



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 23, 2026

First Reading: I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

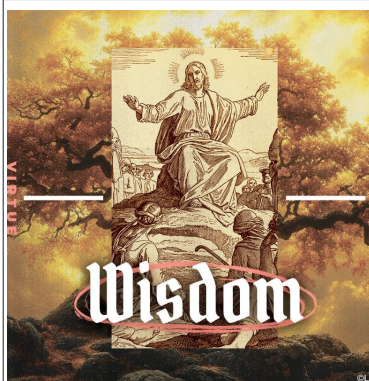
Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading: For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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CCC 551-553: the Keys of the Kingdom
CCC 880-887: foundations of unity: the college of bishops with its head, the successor of Peter



Virtues, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarlyness. It is more than

being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (*Sum.* II-II, 45, Art. 2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be. ©LPi

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY****Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities**

Dear God,
Move in our community:

Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more
compassionate. Amen. ©LPi

Faith Is A Beam Radiating From the Face of
God. — St. John Eudes

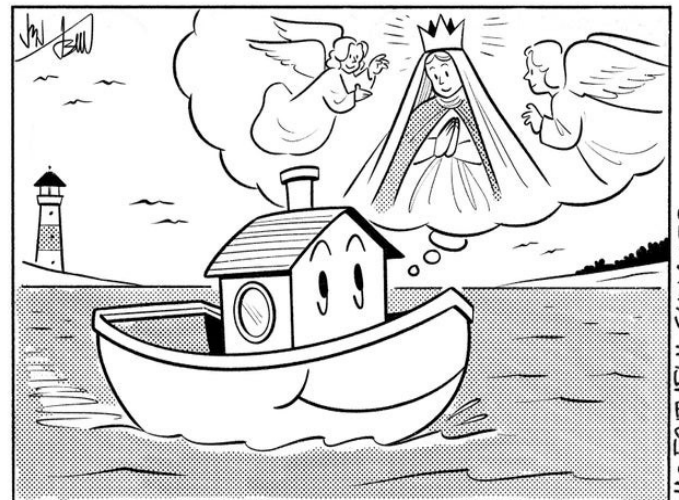
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**Strengthening Faith**

Question: *Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?*

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

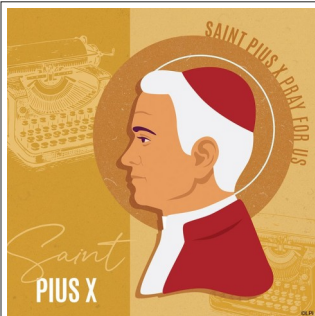
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"What's a boat's favorite Marian feast?"**"The Queenship of Mary!"**

FUN FACT!

In very old traditions, such as the Old Testament, kings often had multiple wives, which meant many children. In those situations, a mother would often secure the crown for her son, so the title of "queen" went to the king's mother.

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St. Pius X

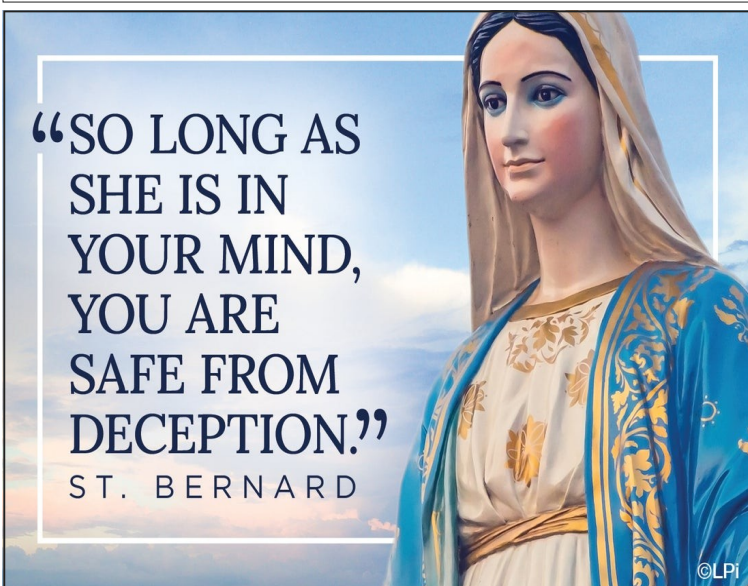
St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in 1914. St. Pius X's love for the Eucharist was evident from a young age and he carried this devotion throughout

his life. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status.

One of St. Pius X's most significant contributions to the Church was the role he played in lowering the age of eligibility for First Communion. Recognizing the significance of early spiritual formation, he sought to enable children to receive the Eucharist as soon as they reached seven years old. He believed that children could experience the profound graces of the Eucharist, grow in their faith at an early age, and that the reception of Holy Communion regularly in a child's life would set the foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth.

His papacy was also marked by his efforts to combat the rising tide of modernism — a movement that challenged traditional Catholic teachings. He wrote an encyclical entitled "*Pascendi Dominici Gregis*," subtitled "On the Doctrines of the Modernists," condemning modernist errors and safeguarding the integrity of Church doctrine. His commitment to preserving the traditional scope of Catholicism, especially the teachings of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist, earned him the epithet "Pope of the Eucharist."

Despite his rejection of modernism, St. Pius X was the first Pope to use a typewriter for his encyclicals, signaling an embrace of modern technology during his time as Pope. St. Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist, pray for us! © LPi

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE**

The Assumption speaks of the victory of Life over death. "Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection..." (Preface of the

Assumption, P59). The Assumption is not only about Mary; it's about us.... We, too, are called to share an everlasting life, in body and soul, in the company of Christ and all who are saved. "I will raise him up on the last day" (Jn. 6:54). The conviction, renewed by the Assumption, that the destiny of the human person is to be in the heights of heaven, is clearly incompatible with allowing human persons to be thrown in the garbage. – *The Virgin Mary and Abortion*, Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**Give Mercy to Others**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response. – *Tracy Earl Welliver* ©LPi

Devotions, Explained!

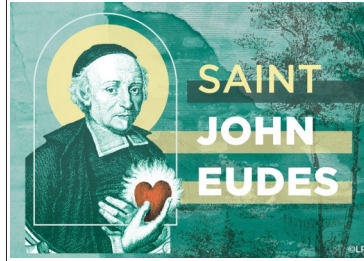
Gregorian Chant, Explained!

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer

being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is “specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services.”

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St. John Eudes

Born in France on November 14, 1601, St. John Eudes' life spanned the “Great Century.” The Age of Discovery had revolutionized technology and exploration; the Council

of Trent initiated a much-needed reform in the Church; among the common people, it was the dawn of a golden age of sanctity and mystic fervor.

As an avid participant in a wave of re-evangelization in France, St. John Eudes' principal apostolate was preaching parish missions. Spending anywhere from 4 to 20 weeks in each parish, he preached over 120 missions across his lifetime, always with a team of confessors providing the sacrament around the clock, and catechists meeting daily with small groups of parishioners.

Early in his priesthood, an outbreak of plague hit St. John Eudes' native region and he rushed to provide sacraments to the dying. The risk of contagion was so great no one else dared to approach the victims. In order to protect his Oratorian brothers from contagion, St. John Eudes took up residence in a large empty cider barrel outside of the city walls until the plague had ended.

At a mission in 1648 St. John Eudes authored the first mass in history in honor of the Heart of Mary. In 1652 he built the first church under the Immaculate Heart's patronage: the chapel of his seminary in Coutances, France. During the process of his canonization, Pope St. Pius X named St. John Eudes “the father, doctor, and apostle of liturgical devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.” The Heart of Jesus because he created the first Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1672, just one year before St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had her first apparition of the Sacred Heart.

Although his Marian devotion was intense from a tender age, the primary inspiration for this feast came from St. John Eudes' theology of baptism. From the beginning of his missionary career he taught that Jesus continues His Incarnation in the life of each baptized Christian. As we give ourselves to Christ, our hands become His hands, our heart is transformed into His heart. Mary is the ultimate exemplar of this. She gave her heart to God so completely that she and Jesus have just one heart between them. Thus, whoever sees Mary, sees Jesus, and honoring the heart of Mary is never separate from honoring the heart of Jesus.

At the time of this writing, Bishops the world over have requested that the Vatican proclaim St. John Eudes as a Doctor of the Church. This would recognize his unique contribution to our understanding of the Gospel, and his exemplary holiness of life which stands out even among saints. For more information on the progress of this cause, on his writings or spirituality, or to sign up for our e-newsletter updates, contact spirituality@eudistsusa.org.

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Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 12:00p.m.— 5:00p.m. St. Mary's Parish Festival
Tuesday: 9: 00a.m.— 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday: 5:30p.m. Caring Crafters
Saturday: 8:15p.m. Men's Study Group (SM)
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00p.m. PSR Parent/Teacher ZOOM Mgt.



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