



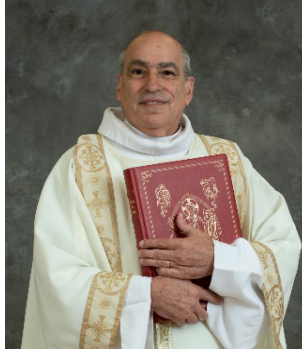
APRIL 3, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHARITY
MERCY
PENANCE

Lent

PRAYER
FASTING
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THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Deacon's Desk**Dear friends in Christ,**

In the Gospel today, **Jesus** is in the temple area, the most important place that any **Jewish** scholar of the law then could teach. Passover, **Jewish** prime time on its biggest stage, prompts the scribes and **Pharisees** to test **Jesus**. This Gospel should raise a few questions for us. Why was **Jesus** writing in the dirt on the stones of the temple courtyard? Why did the scribes and **Pharisees** bring only this woman to **Jesus**? Doesn't it take two to commit adultery?

Jewish law required equal punishment of both parties. The answers to those questions may not come to us on this side of heaven, but asking those questions is not merely a matter of curiosity. It points to some important questions about how we are to live **Christian** lives.

At the heart of things, and all the teaching that **Jesus** did not only in the temple, but during his **three** years of public ministry, **Jesus** was constantly proclaiming, "**Believe that God loves you and live your life in response to that love!**" So, **Jesus** taught that the life of His disciples is always and really about responding in love. This means for **Jesus** the most important questions which can be applied not only to this situation but to every situation will always be: How do we see **God's** love as present right here, right now in our midst? The other question will always be: How do we respond to that love as individuals and as a community?

Something very important happened while **Jesus** was writing in the dirt that day. Both the woman and those who brought her left profoundly changed by **Jesus'** question and actions. If we believe in **God's** love for us and for everyone else, we can get up when we fall, dust ourselves off, and try again to live as **God** calls us to live – not out of fear but out of gratitude. May we offer forgiveness rather than condemnation when we and others make mistakes so that it shows the presence of the reign of **God** in our midst.

**Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.
Have a blessed week,
Deacon Frank**

The **Mass** is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our **website: www.sjbitaliana.com** under **Livestream Mass**.

If you would also like to join me for daily **Mass** at **St. Brigid of Kildare**, please go to **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and to **St. Brigid parish Facebook page**.

**Mass celebrant for April 10, 2022,
is Fr. Klinger, assisted by Deacon Frank.
Distribution of Palms**

**Confessions heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's Church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of **St. John** at **614-294-5319**.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick Sciarretti, Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Al Iosue, Pat Rossetti
Sunday, April 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday	
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory by John Violand
Sun. 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera
Sun. 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Mike Badarina by Rudolph Biscuso
Sun. 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Edward & Cecilia Carfagna by Relatives & Friends
Sun. 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Roseanne Fuller by Rick & Kathy Zibbel
Sun. 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Norina Wolfe by Luisa Stefanelli

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: **Jim Behal**
by Chris Soteriades

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL**AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS****

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village, and Mary Spellacy who is residing at Friendship Village in Dublin. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, James Graf, Linda McCreary, Guy Williams, John Contino, and Msgr. John Cody.**

If SJB parishioners want to send a card or note of prayerful support for Msgr. Cody, he is at Mohun Health Care Center, Room 413, 2340 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219. If you would like to text him, his phone number is 614-398-7119. He will be in recovery/therapy for the next 6-8 weeks.

REAL PRESENCE, REAL FUTURE

Your Voice is Needed Real Presence, Real Future is an initiative that looks to the future of our diocese considering the unique needs of people today, the needs of the culture around us, and the desire to form and equip **Catholics** to fulfill their baptismal call to become missionary disciples of our **Lord and His Church** to those in their everyday lives. Part of the initiative is to foster viable, sustainable, and vibrant parishes and schools that support the evangelizing mission of **Jesus Christ and His Church**. This will involve combining or even closing parishes. **Please go to <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/draft-models-spring-2022>** to view a video of the proposed changes and/or provide feedback. **St. John the Baptist is part of planning group 1. Thank you for your time! The survey will be available until June 30.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets
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Columbus, Ohio 43215
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*Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our
St. John the Baptist Facebook page by visiting
our website www.sjbitaliana.com.*

*Office Hours are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
Office is closed Good Friday, April 15, 2022.
Website: info@sjbitaliana.org*

*Deacon Frank Iannarino – Administrator/Recto
Msgr. John Cody – Retired/Holy Service on weekends
Father Charles Klinger – Retired/Holy Service on weekends
Father Charles Cotton – Retired/Holy Service on weekends
Father Antonio Kim – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community
Ms. Aggie Howard – Executive Assistant
Ms. Victoria Gammell – Secretary and Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Gina Bishop – Director of Liturgy
Mr. John Huffman – Organist and Musical consultant*

*Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or
by appointment)*

*Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by
appointment)*

*Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at **Saint
John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by
Deacon or Priest)*

*Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian
Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish
Administrator)*

*Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more
information)*

*Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of
Parish Administrator)*

***Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in
writing by **Tuesday at noon.***

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for April are:

April 3, 2022 Gary Bosco
April 10, 2022 Carl Tisone
April 17, 2022 Gary Bosco

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

March 27, 2022

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 36

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,201.00
Loose:	\$ 155.00
Total:	\$ 1,356.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (81.36)
	\$ 1,274.64
Votives:	\$ 31.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 45.00
Total:	\$ 76.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,356.00	(\$ 1,529.00)	-53%
FYTD:	\$112,515.00	\$99,788.89	(\$12,726.11)	-11%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 4, 2022

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 11, 2022

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

EVENTS THIS WEEK

4/3 Sun.	<u>KCC Religious Education – Library & Classroom</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 12:00 Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass
4/4 Mon.	<u>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
4/5 Tues.	<u>Toastmasters International Meeting – Marrapese</u> 12:30-2:30 p.m. <u>St. John's Prayer Group – Marrapese Hall</u> 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner with Piave Club <u>Piave Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall</u> 6:30-8:00 p.m.
4/8 Fri.	<u>KCC – Mass Fr. Kim</u> 7:00 p.m. SJB Church
4/9 Sat.	<u>James Behal Memorial Mass – SJB Church</u> 10:30 a.m. <u>Italian Language Class – Italian Cultural Room</u> 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday</u> of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.

FUTURE ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETINGS FOR 2022

Date	Executive Board	General
April 25	6:30 p.m.	
May 2		6:00 p.m.
May 23	6:30 p.m.	
June 27	6:30 p.m.	
July 11		6:00 p.m.
July 25	6:30 p.m.	
August 1		6:00 p.m.
August 22	6:30 p.m.	
September 12	6:30 p.m.	
September 26	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Catholic Diocese of Columbus
Letter of Gratitude from J.O.I.N.

Dear Deacon Iannarino and the
St. John the Baptist Catholic Community,

Thank you for the generous gift of your Ash Wednesday collection. We are humbly blessed to share your donations with our sisters and brothers who may otherwise go without things like transportation, medication, running water, etc., things we often take for granted. We are all privileged to be a part of this compassionate and giving faith family.

God bless you with His grace and peace.
Lisa Keita



Real Presence Real Future

The second round of Draft Models is here! Thank you to the 5,300 parishioners who participated and to the 2,600 of you who provided feedback through the online survey. That doesn't include the numerous e-mails and written letters that we received, which show us how much you are truly engaged in this important work.

The feedback we heard from the Fall Consultation Sessions greatly helped us understand where parishes might be grouped together and what some of your greatest concerns were.

Your feedback has been gathered and is shown in the video presentations for this second round of draft models. *Please go to realpresencerealfuture.org* to watch the planning group video where your parish is located.

You will hear answers to 4 Big Questions that came from the Fall:

- Wasn't this about Evangelization?
- Our parish is fine, why do we need to change?
- What do these changes actually mean?
- What is the timeline for all of this?

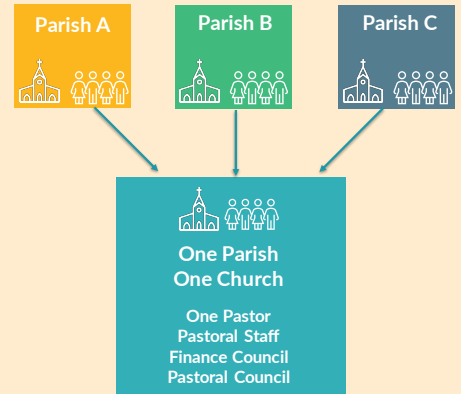
Clarity about what mergers and collaborations might mean as well as some recent statistics concerning sacramental participation, October Mass Counts and next steps are made clear in the Round Two Video Presentations.

One of these models will be applied to every parish in the Diocese of Columbus. With diverse geography, ethnic groups and populations in our diocese one size does not fit all. Watch the Planning Group Video for your parish to find out what the second round draft models show for your area.



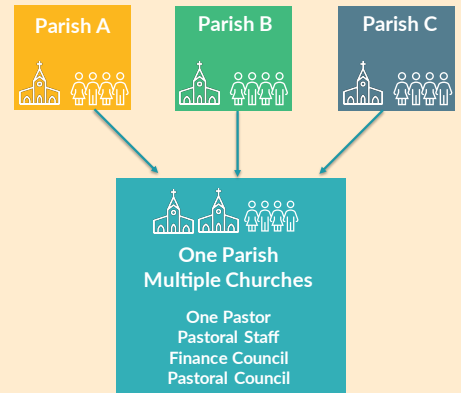
MODEL A

- Traditional model
- Can be created by a merger of parishes and the closure of some churches
- One parish may merge into the other or two or more can merge and create a new parish



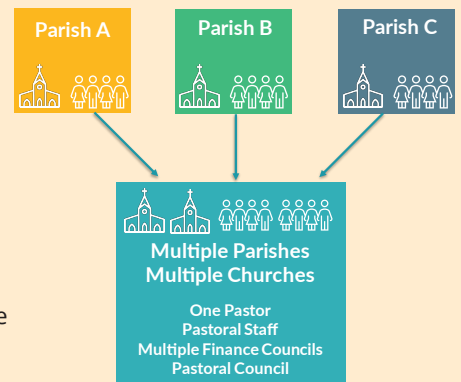
MODEL B

- Single parish but will have multiple worship sites
- Created by a merger of parishes
- One parish may merge into the other or two or more can merge and create a new parish



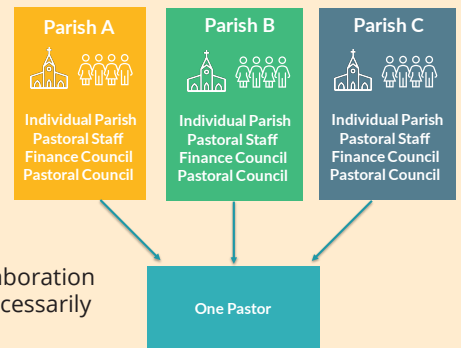
MODEL C

- One pastor for all parishes in the collaborative
- Each parish remains a separate entity with its own church, but shared vision is created for all parishes in collaborative
- One Pastoral council but separate finance councils for each parish
- Common staff and shared ministry across the collaborative.
- Establish service agreements for shared clergy/ staffing/ ministry costs



MODEL D

- One pastor is responsible for multiple parishes
- The parishes are separate entities and each offer a full-range of ministries
- May lead to greater levels of collaboration between the parishes, but not necessarily
- We are **NOT** recommending this model.



Six Elements of Missionary Disciple Formation

As we continue the RPRF initiatives, we must not lose sight of Missionary Disciple Formation.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus tells the disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The formation of missionary disciples is the heart of evangelization in the Diocese of Columbus. The following six elements are a crucial part of forming and being mature Catholic Missionary Disciples.



Kerygmatic Encounter

A kerygmatic encounter is the essential first step of the missionary disciple journey. While we encounter Jesus in many ways, most especially in the Eucharist, the kerygmatic encounter is a unique type of encounter in which one comes to know Jesus in their lives while being presented with the gospel message. Essential to this experience, is the opportunity to personally respond in conversion, repentance, and surrender to Christ.

Ongoing Spiritual Formation in the Sacraments and Prayer

The disciple continues to encounter Christ in the Mass, other sacraments, and daily prayer. This work of formation in prayer and sacramental living is ongoing.

Missional Training

Having encountered Christ and responded, a disciple's life is moved into a new direction. Formation, or training in how to evangelize is essential after the kerygmatic encounter.

Discipleship Small Groups/Community

Living as missionary disciples requires the support of fellow disciples. Community is a necessary part of disciple formation.

Ongoing Catechesis

Catechesis is the echoing or handing on of the Truths of the Faith. Thorough catechesis is necessary for complete and mature disciple formation.

Ongoing Scriptural Study

Missionary disciples need to continue to grow in their love and understanding of Sacred Scripture.



The Rescue Project with Fr. Riccardo from ACTs XXIX will be a Kerygmatic encounter, the first step of Missionary Disciple Formation.

The Ohio Expo center is prepared to host 5000 people for this amazing event. Plan to attend and bring someone who has never heard the gospel message or who may need to hear it again in this unique way.

Register at stgabrielradio.com

June 18th and 19th
Ohio Expo Center
Columbus, Ohio

St. Joseph's Day Celebration: Thank you on behalf of **Deacon Frank** and **St. John parishioners**. We would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to the **Breakfast Helpers** who made this possible: **Todd Caserta, Harvey Rossetti, Pat Rossetti, Bob Glick, Vince Militello, Margaret Panico Harn, and the Altar Guild**. What a wonderful and delicious breakfast and great turnout. To view the celebration, go to **St. John's** website: www.sjbitaliana.com – **About** – **Photo Gallery**.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The first fifteen days of the month fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of **April** falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2022

For health care workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may governments and local communities support them.

Buckeye Catholic Open House: **St. Thomas More Newman Center**, the **Catholic** campus ministry at **Ohio State**, is hosting an **Open House** on **Thursday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** This evening, intended for high school seniors coming to **OSU** in the fall and juniors considering **OSU**, will begin with vespers, include student, and parent testimonials, tours, refreshments, and a **FREE** student T-shirt. Students and parents should **RSVP at BuckeyeCatholic.com**.

Register Today for the Rescue Project LIVE experience with Fr. John Riccardo on June 18 & 19: The **Rescue Project Live** will engage you to answer the deepest cry of your heart. We live in a confusing time, and we need unshakable confidence in **Jesus** to live life passionately and with a clear purpose. Join **Fr. John Riccardo** for the first-ever **Rescue Project LIVE**, a **two-day** experience at the **Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio**. You will be blessed by the music of **Damascus Worship** throughout this experience and **Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday**. **Space** is limited so register early. You. Truly. Matter. Visit stgabrielradio.com to register.



O Most Glorious Mary, Ever Virgin Mother of God, Queen of Angels and of **Men**, we implore you to come quickly to the aid of the **Ukrainian** people. Restore civility and harmony so that their citizens and all peoples of that region may live in security and times of lasting peace. For all who have died in war, may **God** have mercy on their souls and bring consolation to their families. For all the wounded, be their sure hope; for all the displaced, be their sweet refuge. May the violence and destruction of war cease and may your **Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ**, be enthroned as **King of All Hearts** and **Prince of Peace** forever. **Amen**.



The month of **April** is dedicated to the **Holy Spirit**. To believe in the **Holy Spirit** is to profess that the **Holy Spirit** is one of the persons of the **Holy Trinity**, consubstantial with the **Father** and the **Son**: “with the **Father** and the **Son** he is worshipped and glorified.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

The **Holy Spirit** is the **Person of Love** in the life of **God**. He is also like a **breath**, an aspiration of infinite **Love**, from which we draw the **breath of life**.

It is Fish Fry Time: One of the great parts of **Lent** is the return of that wonderful **Catholic** institution, the **Friday Fish Fry**. Please go to columbuscatholic.org for a complete schedule of the **Fish Fries** offered throughout the **Columbus** area during **Lent**.

NEIGHBORING PARISHES EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

April 14th, Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sacred Heart Church	6:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist	No Service
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	7:00 p.m.

April 15th, Good Friday – Passion of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	3:00 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	12:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	12:00 p.m. Stations 7:00 p.m. Service

April 16th – Holy Saturday

Sacred Heart Church	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist	No Service	
Korean Catholic Community	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	Easter Vigil	8:30 p.m.

April 17th, Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m. Mass
St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m. Mass
Korean Catholic Community	12:00 p.m. Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Previously called “**Passion Sunday**,” this **Sunday** marks the beginning of **Passiontide**, a deeper time of **Lent**. This is the third **Sunday** of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final **Sunday of Lent** before the beginning of **Holy Week**. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life

“We should not accustom ourselves to war. Instead, we need to convert today's anger into a commitment for tomorrow, because if, after what is happening, we remain like we were before, we will all be guilty in some way.

~Pope Francis @Pontifex on Twitter



But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8:7

Prayer:

By Your help, we beseech You, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Your Son handed Himself over to death. 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. Amen.

Sunday, Apr 03, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT/ THIRD SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Pause and refresh

We rush through the hours checking items off a to-do list: work and chores, errands and meals, and more. The weekly Sabbath was designed as a pause from the maddening race of accomplishment. Pausing keeps us from making mistakes born of thoughtlessness. Jesus once asked religious elders to pause and consider their own errors before stoning a woman for hers. Father Edward Hayes (1931-2016) started a house of prayer in Kansas as a place of spiritual recollection. Pause and pray with Hayes: "May the work of my hands be part of the redemption of the world and its eternal springtime liberation."

TODAY'S READINGS: Year C: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (36). *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

Monday, Apr 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The original Wikipedia

Why would Pope John Paul II name a Spanish bishop who lived 1,400 years ago the patron saint of the internet? Because Saint Isidore of Seville was the equivalent of the internet in his day. A "walking encyclopedia" you might call him. He, in fact, wrote an encyclopedia, which was used as a textbook for 900 years, as well as a dictionary and a history of the world. And like the World Wide Web, he spread information everywhere he could—founding schools and requiring seminaries in every diocese. Knowledge is power—pass it on!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20 (251). *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

Tuesday, Apr 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST

Charity is good medicine

Vincent Ferrer brought healing to a suffering church and world in the early 1400s. The Dominican-order priest used his massive popularity to end a three-way power struggle over the church's legitimate pope. People loved Vincent, not just for his preaching but for thousands of miracles attributed to him—right as Europe was ravaged by war, plague, and famine. "If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor," Vincent preached, "you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire."

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 06, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Answer your call, no matter the cost

On this day in 1830, James Augustine Healy was born to Michael Healy, an Irish-Catholic immigrant, and Eliza Smith, a mixed-race African-American enslaved person, in central Georgia. Raised as a free person, James was sent to the North for school and later decided to pursue the priesthood. Though most of his peers likely did not know he was black—and James did not announce it—he became the earliest-known African American to be ordained in the

Catholic Church, following seminary in Canada and Europe. He also became the first black bishop and ordinary in the United States when he was named to the Diocese of Portland (Maine) in 1875. He was named a bishop-assistant to the papal throne two months before his death in the year 1900 and remains an example to all of faithful service to the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free."*

Thursday, Apr 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JEAN-BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

Be the change

In the late 1600s Frenchman Jean-Baptiste de La Salle founded the De La Salle Brothers, whose communities and schools are now worldwide. De La Salle's innovative vision emphasized the inherent dignity of the student. He believed that "not only is God so good as to have created us, but God desires all of us to come to the knowledge of the truth." Early on, de La Salle battled opponents to his reforms. He never lived to receive official approval for his congregation of teaching brothers, which came nearly six years after his death. Are you called to uplift a reform or innovation that others oppose? You have a friend in Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle. May he pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."*

Friday, Apr 08, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Tap into a higher power

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." That insight comes from author Alice Walker but certainly has its roots in scripture. Prophets and evangelists all spoke of the power available to each of us, if only we would access it. But we often make the mistake of looking for power in money, might, or celebrity, where we eventually find our paths blocked or our dominance fleeting. True and lasting power comes from love—love that is God. As we come to comprehend the breadth and depth of this love, Saint Paul tells us, we will be "filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:19). The ultimate renewable energy—straight from its divine source—is ours for the taking.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"*

Saturday, Apr 09, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Remember those who gave all

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis on this date in 1945. He was a Lutheran pastor and theologian best known for his book *The Cost of Discipleship*, which has become a Christian classic. Ardent in his resistance of the Nazis, he became a target for harassment by the Gestapo. He fled to safety in the United States but soon returned "to share the trials of this time with my people." He was arrested, imprisoned, and hanged. A gallery of 20th-century martyrs in Westminster Abbey features Bonhoeffer along with Martin Luther King Jr. and Father Óscar Romero. Few of us are called to the ultimate sacrifice, but all of us are called to remember and revere those who answered that call.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"It is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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