

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, featuring a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The building is made of light-colored stone or brick with arched windows. The sky is clear and blue.

# St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and Hamlet Streets*

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**Msgr. Frank P. Lane,**  
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*(National Italian Parish ~  
Est. 1896)*

## **MASSES/MESSE:**

**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

**Monday & Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

## **WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:**

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

## **PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:**

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Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Administration of both parishes is done through the office at St. John the Baptist – 168 E. Lincoln Street. Requests for copies of sacramental records, scheduling of Masses and other sacramental celebrations, hall rental and other non-emergency needs should be made during regular office hours or email [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org). Please notify the Parish Office of any changes, such as address or telephone, etc., by calling during regular hours or email [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org).

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Announcements must be submitted in writing  
by Tuesday at noon.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY:**

**Gina M. Bishop**, Music Director  
**John C. Huffman**, Organist

## **PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

We welcome you into our Parish Families.

Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

**Registration:** Please fill out form and return to Office.

**Participation:** As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONE:**

One half-hour prior to weekend Mass or by request/appointment.

## **BAPTISM/BATTESIMO:**

Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.

Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

## **MATRIMONY/MATRIMONIO:**

Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/INFIRMI:**

**In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins.** Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly and give the information regarding the hospitalization. **If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures**, please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Italian Catholic Church

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

### **100th ANNIVERSARY MASS at SACRED HEART**

A reminder to everyone of both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist Parish** – on **November 19th** after the **11:30 a.m. Mass** at **Sacred Heart**, celebrated by **Bishop Fernandes**, there will be an informal social gathering in **Ryan Hall**. The parishioners of **St. John the Baptist** are invited to join the people of **Sacred Heart** and attend the **Mass** and the **after-Mass Gathering**.

**The Young Catholic Professionals** are arranging to have food trucks in the parking lot and there will be refreshments and dining tables in **Ryan Hall**.

A Reminder: There are **RCIA** classes on **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** at **St. John the Baptist**. While it is preparatory for those entering the **Church**, it is also open to all adults, **Catholic** or not, who would like to expand their understanding of the **Faith**.

Please remember to vote on **November 7th**, this coming **Tuesday**, if you have not already done so. Help all who value the dignity of women and children and all human persons by voting:

**NO on Issue #1.**

**Thank you and many Blessings!**  
**Msgr. Frank Lane**

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

## MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

<b>Sunday</b> 11/5	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Gaetana Capoccia</b> by Maria Capoccia
<b>Monday</b> 11/6	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Mary Lou Palma</b> by Louise Masdea
<b>Tuesday</b> 11/7	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Antonio (Tony) Polletta</b> by Eliana Caradonna
<b>Wednesday</b> 11/8	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+ Amalee Soteriades</b> by Darlene Rauch
<b>Sunday</b> 11/12	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>+ John Cua</b> by Michael Cua
<b>Monday</b> 11/13	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11/14	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Antonio (Tony) Polletta</b> by Joe & Patty Rosetti
<b>Wednesday</b> 11/15	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. John's and Sacred Heart</b>

### **Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:**

**Mary Lou Palma**  
by *Chris Soteriades*

**Blessed Sacrament:**

**Joyce Tisone**  
by *Carl Tisone*

**Mass Time Change:** Mass times at Sacred Heart are **Thursdays** at **6:30 p.m.** and at **St. John the Baptist** are **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** at **9:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday** evenings at **6:00 p.m.** followed by **RCIA** at **7:00 p.m.** in **St. John the Baptist Parish Library** on the **second floor**.

### **Mass Intentions**

Please consider your **Mass Intention** for your loved ones for our weekday **Masses**, **Mondays**, **Tuesdays**, and **Wednesdays** as **Sunday Mass Intentions** are all booked. **Thank you!**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday, November 5, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Valerie Milano, Tania Wade
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Kurt Heininger, Pat Rossetti
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 3, 4, 5:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Margi Baker, Gretchen Heininger
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday, November 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Davide Cugini, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnnMarie Pastore, Sharon D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 3, 4, 5:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Al Iosue, Margaret Panico-Harn

*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. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, and John Contino.**

**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 **k.koesters32@gmail.com**. Leaders for **November** are:  
**November 5** Gary Bosco  
**November 12** Albert Iosue  
**November 19** Gary Bosco  
**November 26** Tania Wade

**Parish School of Religion:** Growing in faith means living a life centered on **Christ**, through active participation in **Sunday** liturgy (**Mass**), the Sacraments, and generous service to others. Children with strong faith and values make for happier homes and have proven to do better in school.

**Our Parish School of Religion** is held every **Sunday** at **St. John the Baptist** following the **9:30 a.m. Mass** in the Parish Library on the second floor. Everyone is welcome, including non-**Catholic** children. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact **Sharon Curtin** at **614-563-8405**, or at **SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org**.

**RCIA:** Classes are now being offered for both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist** parishes on **Wednesday** evenings right after the **6:00 p.m. Mass** at **St. John's**. **RCIA class** starts at **7:00 p.m.** in the parish library located on the **second** floor. This class is required for anyone who wants to enter the **Catholic Church**, for those baptized **Catholic** but did not complete the Initiation **Sacraments**, as well as those who simply desire to deepen their understanding of **Catholicism**. **Questions:** **Sharon Curtin** at **614-563-8405**, or **SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org**.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

11/5 Sunday	<p><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</b> 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>SJB – Parish School of Religion – after</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass – 2nd Floor Library</p> <p><b>SJB – Italian Language Class – Marrapese Hall</b> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>KCC – Religious Education Class – Italian Classroom –</b> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>KCC – Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass –</b> 12:00-3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ryan Baptism – Msgr. Frank Lane – Marrapese</b> 2:00-5:00 p.m.</p>
11/6 Monday	<p><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Lane –</b> 9:00 a.m.</p>
11/07 Tuesday	<p><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Lane –</b> 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. John Prayer Group – Marrapese Hall</b> 5:30 p.m. – Join Piave Club for Dinner</p> <p><b>Piave Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall</b> 6:30-8:00 p.m.</p>
11/8 Wednesday	<p><b>SJB – Finance Meeting – Italian Cultural Classroom at 1:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane –</b> 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SJB – RCIA Class – Library –</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>
11/9 Thursday	<p><b>La prossima – Young Italian Group Meeting</b> Marrapese Hall – 6:30-10:00 p.m.</p>
11/10 Friday	<p><b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim –</b> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. There are no meetings in June or July – 10:45-11:15 a.m.</b></p>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN  
October 29, 2023  
Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 30

Envelopes:	\$	1,681.00
Loose:	\$	339.00
Holy Day:	\$	25.00
Total	\$	2,045.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$	-(163.60)
	\$	1,881.40
Votives	\$	48.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$	10.00
Total	\$	83.00

\$\$\$ ? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING ? \$\$\$

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/23-6/30/24)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$ 3,000.04	\$ 2,045.00	-\$ 955.04
FYTD:	\$ 54,000.72	\$ 53,888.32	-\$ 112.40

Income and Expenses from September 1, through September 30, 2023

Income:	\$	15,687.80
Expense:	\$	28,302.87
Difference:	-\$	12,615.07

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Please help St. John the Baptist maintain this beautiful 125-year-old building with a donation by using the QR code below to donate. Thank you!



**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 6, 2023**

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 13, 2023**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard



**Office Hours:** Parish office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.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's at 614-294-5319.



**La prossima Meeting in Marrapese Hall, Thursday, November 9th from 6:30-10:00 p.m.**

This is a newly formed Italian Club for Young Adults.

La prossima is a Young Adult Group keeping the culture alive through the next generation.

A vibrant club for young adults of Italian descent.

The Altar Guild is now selling entries for its annual Ohio State Bowl game pool. Cost is \$10.00 per square, with winning numbers at the end of: Q1, Q2, Q3, Game End receiving a payout of \$200.00. If OSU makes the championship playoffs, the pool will be for the first game. This pool always sells out in less than 2 weeks. So if interested, see Gary Bosco in Sala Hall after any Sunday Mass ASAP over the next few weeks. Once all squares are sold, numbers will be drawn in Sala Hall after Mass and copies of the score sheet will be available for all participants. Good Luck and thanks for supporting the Altar Guild fundraiser that supports our SJB church.

AROUND US

**Liturgical Year:** The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory whose feast is celebrated on November 2.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2023:** We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**November 20: Solemnity of Christ the King:** The last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. This feast is a public, social, and official declaration of the royal rights of Jesus, as God the Creator, as The Word Incarnate, and as Redeemer.

**National Vocation Awareness Week:** Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During **Vocation Awareness Week**, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to **God's** call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life.



**Did You Know – Childcare for Those in Need:** Most childcare centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. Without diapers, babies cannot be placed in childcare facilities nor participate in early childhood education programs. Without childcare, parents cannot go to work. For more information, and ways you can help, visit [www.bottomsup.life](http://www.bottomsup.life).

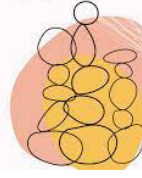
**St. Charles Annual Open House – November 5 – for Prospective Students:** Attention prospective **St. Charles Cardinals** and families: You are invited to see our campus and learn about the school during our **Open House** program taking place today, **Sunday, November 5**, starting at **1:00 p.m.** Included is a presentation by **Principal Jim Lower**, tours of campus, and opportunities to learn about and speak to members of our many teams, clubs, and organizations. There will also be refreshments to enjoy in the company of your fellow future **Cardinal** families. Register for the Open House today at [stcharlesprep.org/admissions](http://stcharlesprep.org/admissions).

**St. Charles Fall Play, *Inspecting Carol*, Being Presented November 15-19:** The **St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department** is proud to announce its fall production, ***Inspecting Carol***, by **Daniel Sullivan**. ***Inspecting Carol*** will be presented **November 16, 17 and 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.** in the **St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street**. **Adult** tickets are **\$15.00**, student tickets are **\$10.00**. Reservations may be placed by visiting the **St. Charles** website homepage at [www.scprep.org](http://www.scprep.org) and using the "**Buy Tickets**" button. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

**Veterans Reception:** The **St. Brendan Knights of Columbus Council 11208** invites all military veterans to a reception, "**Here's to our Heroes!**" held in their honor on **Saturday, November 11, 6:30-9:00 p.m.** in the **St. Brendan School Cafeteria (4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard)**. The Knights will provide food and drinks. Please contact **Fred Kerner** at [joc93@yahoo.com](mailto:joc93@yahoo.com).

**Gold Mass:** **Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, Diocesan Director of Music**, would like to encourage parish members throughout the **Diocese**, as well as **Christians** from other church communities, to attend the **Second Annual Gold Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday evening, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.** The **Gold Mass** is the **Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit** offered for our musicians, to affirm them in their ministries, and to foster a greater sense of community among them. The color gold has been chosen because of its association with instruments, celebration, and performance. Priests from the **Diocese** are welcome to concelebrate with **Bishop Earl Fernandes** for this joyful and majestic liturgy, enhanced by the exquisite music of **Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso**, and current **Mass** settings by **Dr. Fitzgerald**. **Musicians** from various parishes will be participating, along with the renowned Cathedral choir, and all will be uplifted by the magnificent resonance of the **Fritts Grand Gallery** organ. Priests desiring to concelebrate should **RSVP** to the **Chancery Office**. Following the **Mass**, all are invited to a reception in the undercroft to congratulate and thank the musicians.

IN YOU, O LORD, I HAVE  
FOUND MY PEACE



**Women to Women:** On the third **Wednesday** of each month from **6:00-8:00 p.m.**, the **Martin de Porres Center** offers a listening ministry that provides opportunities for women to share their stories in a safe, nonjudgmental place. This is one of six listening circles in **Central Ohio**, which includes a free meal at the start of the meeting. For more information, contact **Linda Bryant** at [lbryant12703@att.net](mailto:lbryant12703@att.net). **MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219/614-416-1910** | [martindeporres@oppeace.org](mailto:martindeporres@oppeace.org).

**Today's Gospel:** The **Gospel** is from **Matthew 23:1-12**. As this picture of the **Pharisees** is painted by none other than **Christ Himself**, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth. Despite their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" – and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to **God**. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to **God**. Our divine **Lord** warned His disciples, and through them, all of us, to avoid the vice of pride. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by **God**, so we must give glory to **God** for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. **St. Paul** reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "**What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it, why glory in it as if it were your own?**" We owe everything we have to **God**, and we should use all the gifts He has given us for His honor and glory, and for that purpose alone. Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the **Christian** rule of life is motivated by love and gratitude to **God**, all is well. But if our hearts and our motives in our religious behavior are self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of **Christ's** day repented and were received into His kingdom; the **Pharisees**, unable to repent, were left outside.

– Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*  
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

"In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbor. There is no authentic religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbor."

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**Prayer:**  
*Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift Your faithful offer You right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things You have promised.*  
*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, Nov 05, 2023**

### Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

**Monday, Nov 06, 2023**

### All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

**Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023**

### Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

**Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023**

### Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

**Thursday, Nov 09, 2023**

### Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

**Friday, Nov 10, 2023**

### You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

**Saturday, Nov 11, 2023**

### A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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



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