

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (NOVEMBER 17, 2019)

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Monday - Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Saturday at 4:00PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM (Vigil) & 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30PM (or by appointment)



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Saturday at 5:00PM  
Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM

Confessions: Saturday at 4:30PM (or by appointment)





# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



### 33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. *“The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,”* Jesus warns in today’s Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed *“rise[n] against nation[s],”* kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of *“powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.”* Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy.

*“They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.”* This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. *“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.”* In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 17th, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 [33rd Sunday]

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1-15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1-15/Lk 19:41-44 [Presentation of Mary]

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10-13/Lk 19:45-48 [St. Cecilia]

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3-6, 16-19/Lk 20:27-40 [St. Clement]

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 [Feast of Christ the King]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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**"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

**"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

**PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

**"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

**THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

**ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  New Registration  Change of Address  Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18th — Clair & Jeanne Vance (K. Ciecierski & J. Macie)  
Tuesday, November 19th — Leo Weiner (Joryensen Family)  
Wednesday, November 20th — Speice Family (Family)  
Thursday, November 21st — Carolyn Family (Jim & Bard Wnukowski)  
Friday, November 22nd — Irene Chrzanowski (Dave Lesnieski)  
Saturday, November 23rd — Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)  
Sunday, November 24th — Ziegfried & Danuta Kendra (Family)

## REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally set aside as a month when we remember those who have died. As is customary at St. Stan's, a memorial garden will be set up in the sanctuary and a list of our deceased loved ones will be placed there. Forms are available for you to complete so that we can place their names in the memorial garden.

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

On November 18th, baking items will be needed for the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Soup Kitchen. There will be no need for bakery items in December. Many thanks to all who donate their time and supplies!

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fr. Jason is interested in reconstituting a Liturgy Committee at St. Stan's. The Liturgy Committee would meet a few times a year and assist in planning for the liturgical seasons, special celebrations, and other devotions. The committee would also offer ideas and suggestions that could enhance our prayer and worship. If you are interested in this ministry, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



## THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST MINISTRY

... is preparing gifts for our parishioners in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Thanksgiving cards will be sent to them and they will receive a visit at Christmas time. Please call Rose Marie or Fr. Jason if you know of someone who has been admitted recently.

## CHURCH ENVELOPES

...are now available in the back of the church. Please take your box in order to save us the cost of mailing it to you. Also, if you know someone who can not come to church, kindly take their box to them. Many thanks!

The next NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meeting will be held on November 18th at 7:00PM at the Community Center at 14th & Wallace. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 16th  
Servers: Jack Ciecierski  
Lector: Mary Jo Sulecki  
Gifts: Lombard Family  
Sunday, November 17th  
Server: David Kurutz  
Lector: Tom Widomski  
Gifts: Mazzone Family  
Saturday, November 23rd  
Servers: Marlene Shaba  
Lector: Bobby Sulecki  
Gifts: Justka Family  
Sunday, November 24th  
Servers: Katie Brocious  
Lector: Dan Pomorski  
Gifts: Popovich Family

## WOMANS' SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

... will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the Polish Falcons on East Third Street. A social will begin at noon, with dinner served at 12:30PM. The price is \$15/person. Guests are WELCOMED and ENCOURAGED. Please contact Nancy (454-4046) or Diane (825-5748) to make reservations.

## 31 DAY LOTTERY — JANUARY 2020

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a raffle throughout the month of January. The winner will be determined by the 7:00PM PA Daily Number drawing. \$500 will be awarded the first day of the month; \$100 each Sunday of the month; and \$50 the other 6 days of the week. The cost per ticket is only \$5. See Chris Brocious or any Holy Name member.

"The Guiding Power of Hope," a booklet of Advent prayers and reflections, are available at the entrances of the church. A donation of \$1.25 is appreciated. Donations envelopes are provided and can be placed in the collection basket.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 10, 2019)

<u>This Week</u>	<u>July 1 to date</u>
Amount we need ....\$4,156.00	\$78,964.00
Amount Received ...\$2,852.00	\$56,272.00
Net over/under.... (\$1,304.00)	(\$22,692.00)

Mass Attendance:  
4:00PM = 82  
9:30AM = 79



# Holy Trinity Parish Community

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**5:00PM - November 23rd**

**Lector:** Robert Koziel  
**Server:** Christopher Beres  
**EM:** R. & A. Koziel

**10:00 AM - November 24th**

**Lector:** Bill Downing  
**Servers:** M. & L. Brieger  
**EM:** E. Korytowski, E. Simora,  
 & M. Nitzczynski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18th - *Mass at Saint Stanislaus*  
 Tuesday, November 19th - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Wednesday, November 20th - *Mass at Saint Stanislaus*  
 Thursday, November 21st - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Friday, November 22nd - *Mass at Saint Stanislaus*  
 Saturday, November 23rd - Bob and Shirley Kempisty (Jack & Sandy)  
 Sunday, November 24th - Parishioners of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of Ann and Don Neimeic on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

## PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

11/17 Fr. Glenn Whitman; 11/18 Msgr. Dan Arnold;  
 11/19 Msgr. Andy Karg; 11/20 Fr. Larry Richards;  
 11/21 Fr. James Campbell; 11/22 Fr. John Chaplin;  
 11/23 Fr. Dan Prez

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/17 Dave Slubowski; 11/18 Pearl Wisniewski;  
 11/19 Bill Dyakon; 11/20 Michael Skrzypczak;  
 11/21 Darlene Vlahos; 11/22 Kathy Wisniewski;  
 11/23 Heidi Jankowski

Pre-orders for our annual Christmas Market will be taken until *December 8th*. Please support PCEP and the children who benefit from this Catholic School tuition assistance program.

**The Holy Trinity Finance Council will meet on November 20th at 6:30PM in the Social Hall Conference Room.**



November 19 - Fr. Jason Glover  
 November 22 - Sue Carpenter

We appreciate the generosity in helping us meet our CSA Appeal goal of \$12,421! The money raised beyond this goal (\$13,764) was used to replace the center doors of the Social Hall and the sidewalk in front of those doors. Along with the \$2,000 yet to be paid to the CSA, additional money raised through the #iGiveCatholic campaign will be used for church roof repairs.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 10, 2019)

Regular Offertory..... \$2,211.00 (57/146 mailed)  
 Loose Cash.....\$85.00  
 Total Offertory.....\$2,296.00  
 Church Heat Env. ....\$50.00  
 Votive Candles.....\$40.00  
 Mass Attendance: 5:00PM = 52 / 10:00AM = 89

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE	
Dream Goal .....	\$3,000.00	\$48,000.00
Amount we need ....	\$2,365.00	\$38,405.00
Amount Received ...	\$2,296.00	\$35,793.00
Net over/under.....	(\$69.00)	(\$2,612.00)

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (2019) AS OF NOVEMBER 11:

Pledges: .....\$26,185.00  
 Paid:.....\$24,030.00  
 Due: .....\$2,155.00  
 Assessment:.....\$12,421.00

\*80 Families have contributed to the CSA

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temple offerings	stones	votive
insurrections	Teacher	deceived
earthquakes	nation	kingdom
signs	famines	plagues
prisons	persecute	synagogues
defense	governors	testimony
destroyed	wisdom	adversaries
	perseverance	secure

“The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone...”

- Luke 21:6b

### GIVING TUESDAY

The Tuesday following Thanksgiving Day has become known as globally as "Giving Tuesday," where people are encouraged to make tax-deductible donations to charities of their choice. Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity parishes have become part of this national movement known as #iGiveCatholic. It, too, is held on Giving Tuesday (December 3rd), but it specifically benefits Catholic organizations. Beginning November 18th, online donations to either parish can be made at [www.igivecatholic.org](http://www.igivecatholic.org). From that website, you can click on "The Diocese of Erie," and then search for either "Holy Trinity" or "St. Stanislaus." Envelopes are also available at the entrance of each parish if you wish to make a cash donation. They can be placed in the collection baskets. The proceeds given to Holy Trinity will be designated for roof repairs to the church building; the proceeds given to Saint Stanislaus will be designated for roof repairs to the school building. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

**The "31 Club"** is a prayer program built around the concept of people attending Mass and praying for priestly and religious vocations every month on a specific date. Reminders are posted in the weekly bulletin. We appeal parishioners from both parishes to sign up on the list in the back of Church or to call either Parish Office with the day you want to specifically pray for vocations and offer your intention for vocations at a Mass you attend each month. There are "no dues, no meetings" club. Simply offer prayer, but oh, how so powerful it can be for the future of the Church and the People of God!

### "THE TRANSITIONS" MINISTRY

"The Transitions" ministry is for individuals who are widowed, divorced, or separated. They are hosting their annual "Coping with the Holidays after Loss" gathering today, November 17th, from 2-4:00PM at Saint Mark Catholic Center (Grandview Blvd.). Consider bringing a snack to share, as well as a friend who may benefit from this gathering.



### **BLANKET DRIVE**

This year, we are inviting you to participate in the "**Blizzard of Blankets**" program. If you have blankets that you no longer need, bring them by either Parish Office before November 23rd. Father

will take them to the drop off point on Perry Square. The blankets will be distributed to the homeless of Erie.

With the impending winter months ahead of us, we urge you to exercise due prudence in balancing your obligation to attend Mass and personal risks you may take due to inclement weather and poor road conditions. Additionally, when ill, be mindful of the potential of spreading your illness onto others attending Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass for these legitimate reasons, know that there are several televised Masses:

**Channel 55 - Sundays at 6:30AM**

**Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM**

**Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM**

**Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM, 12:00PM, & 7:00PM**

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

... will take place during Mass at both parishes on the weekend of December 14th-15th, *Gaudete Sunday* - a Sunday of "Rejoicing." Please consider inviting anyone who desires to celebrate this sacrament to Mass. Perhaps you can offer someone, who otherwise can not drive, a ride to Mass.

### MERCYHURST PREP HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...

### **SINGING IN THE RAIN**

at the MPS Performing Arts Center

November 21-23 at 7:00PM & November 24 at 2:00PM

Adults = \$10; Seniors = \$7; Students = \$5



### MOUNT CARMEL FEATHER PARTY

... will be held on November 23rd from 6:00-10:00PM. There will be tips, instant, free refreshments, raffles, and cash prizes. Wine and craft beer, as well as snack foods, will be available for purchase.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of action in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions. Do not take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. We participate in something more profound than what we can see.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. December 1st marks the First Sunday of Advent.

### Code of Conduct

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. In this spirit, the Diocese has issued a ministerial *Code of Conduct*. To read the policy, visit:

<https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>



## Sunday, Nov 17, 2019

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Love this world—lightly

Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19  
“...when there will not be left a stone upon another stone.”

Visit the Great Wall of China. Marvel at the Coliseum in Rome. Pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Walk like an Egyptian in the shadow of the Great Sphinx of Giza. Thrill to an adventure in search of Mayan temples in the Yucatan. What you discover at each of these astonishing sites are the ruins of former kingdoms and lost greatness. Such structures are mysterious and compelling, awe-inspiring and a little sad. As the church year winds down and our readings turn apocalyptic, we're reminded that only three things last: faith, hope, and love. Invest in these!

## Monday, Nov 18, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

### If at first you don't succeed

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43  
“I want to see.”

As a child in France, Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852) watched her mother care for the poor and heard travelers tell stories of the “New World.” It's not impossible to think that when Rose joined the sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart, she had hopes of serving the poor in faraway lands. In 1818, after years of teaching in France, Rose and four other sisters were sent to answer a bishop's request for assistance in his vast Louisiana territory. From New Orleans, the sisters were missioned to Missouri to establish schools. By the time Rose got to Sugar Creek, Kansas in 1841 to open a school for Potawatomie girls, she was 72 and her primary ministry became one of prayer. Indeed, the people she served called her the “woman who prays always.” Saint Rose, help us imitate your perseverance and care for the poor.

## Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019

### Man up!

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10  
“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

Some say it's a man's world, but it isn't. It belongs to God. However, today *is* International Men's Day. It's part of “Movember,” when men grow a “mo” (mustache) to draw attention to male health issues, including emotional health. For men, the Good News offers an invitation to heal the emotional wounds of the past; address anger, violence, and abusive domination; deal with relationship dysfunction and grow into wholesome, kind, and holy individuals. Today join with men everywhere to welcome the Son of Man who came to save us all.

## Wednesday, Nov 20, 2019

### Be mindful of your daily bread

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28  
“[They] were arrested and tortured ...”

Why do religious traditions usually include dietary laws or restrictions, as well as periods of fasting and abstinence? Perhaps it has something to do with remembering “who we are.” Nothing is more ordinary and everyday than eating (although for many in the world, sadly, it can be a struggle to find anything to eat). Alongside the church's guidelines on fasting and abstinence during the Lenten season, look for a way every week to incorporate some dietary practice of your own choosing that helps you remember your relationship of dependence on the Creator for your nourishment—both physical and spiritual.

## Thursday, Nov 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### From generation to generation

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44  
“If this day you only knew what makes for peace.”

Today we celebrate the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a moment to recognize Mary's great faith and its link to her parents' deep faith. Church tradition has it that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, brought her to the temple at age 3 to be dedicated to God. This acknowledgement that faith is passed from one generation to the next is something many modern Catholics also understand. Is that true for you? Consider thanking a family member who inspires and encourages your faith.

## Friday, Nov 22, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

### Cecilia, you're breaking my heart

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48  
“The sanctuary was reconsecrated with songs, harps, flutes, and cymbals.”

Saint Cecilia, patron of musicians, has been inspiring artists and seekers for centuries—from the Baroque composer Handel to today's music and songwriting legend Paul Simon. Saint Cecilia's association with music comes from a story recounting how her heart overflowed in song to God, even during a particularly difficult time in her life. What a witness to the power of love! In “Anthem for Saint Cecilia's Day,” poet W.H. Auden calls upon Saint Cecilia with the words: “*Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions / To all musicians, appear and inspire: / Translated Daughter, come down and startle / Composing mortals with immortal fire.*” What endeavor in your life are you being inspired to “compose” with “immortal fire”?

## Saturday, Nov 23, 2019

BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO, PRIEST, MARTYR; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### A drama of faith

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40  
“God not of the dead, but of the living.”

The Sadducees, who say there is no Resurrection” wouldn't have known what to do with Blessed Miguel Pro. During a period of harsh persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the 1920s, this Jesuit disguised himself cleverly (as a cop, for instance, bringing Eucharist to prisoners in jail). His underground ministry evoked the irreverent humor and daring he'd exhibited since childhood. Falsely accused of a plot to murder the president and denied a trial, he was shot by a firing squad. After forgiving his captors on the way to his execution, he stretched out his arms, Christlike, and voiced the slogan of the Catholic resistance, *Viva Cristo Rey!* (“Long live Christ the King!”) Photos of his execution rallied the resistance. How does his courageous witness inspire you?



