

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022



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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

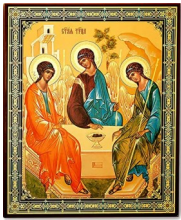
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Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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 Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

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, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

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 notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be 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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"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 St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at 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.

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.

"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 Sue (450-2987).

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 (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

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

Mon., Sept. 26th - Private Intention
Tues., Sept. 27th - Theresa Feyas (The Sulecki Family)
Wed., Sept. 29th - Shirley Jankowski (Helen Zimmerman)
Thurs., Sept. 29th - Stanley Widomski (Kathleen Krawczyk)
Fri., Sept. 30th - Joan Oldenski (Sue & Dotti)
Sat., Oct. 1st, 4:00PM - The Leo & Veronica Tomczak Family (Family)
Sun., Oct. 2nd, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **FLORENCE & STANLEY KOMOREK**, as gifted by the Family.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE

Sales are underway for the Holy Name Society monthly lottery raffle for October. Tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

PARISH DAY PREPARATIONS

The Women's Society is in need of donations of *new* items for the Parish Day gift auction. Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Office/Nazareth Center. Thank you for your ongoing support!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Parish Day preparations are well underway. We would like to ask you to consider donating some baked goods for our Bake Sale. This has proven to be a huge fundraiser for our Parish Day. Thanks, in advance, to all who work to make this a successful day!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are sign-ups sheets in the back of the church for anyone willing and able to give their time to making our Parish Day a success. Please consider signing up for a time and a task. It is always a lot of fun!

MARRIAGE MOMENT 09-25-2022

Sometimes in marriage we settle into a comfortable routine. But sometimes that routine morphs into boredom. Does your marriage need a change of pace to refresh it? OR, Maybe you've had enough excitement lately and you just need to chill. Decide together.

WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022)

Many of our weekend collection counters were out of town this past week, so they were unavailable to count this past weekend's collection. We will resume our financial reporting in next weekend's bulletin. Thanks for your understanding!



Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker? Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor. We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace. Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that? Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?
Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

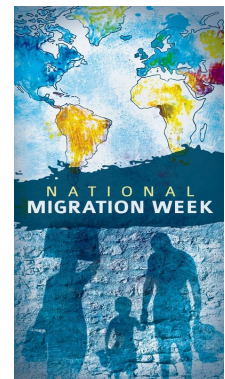
Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?
Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?
Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?
Answer: Tied shoes.



PARISH DAY / "A Taste of Poland"
Saturday, October 8th, 4:00PM: Polka Mass
Sunday, October 9th, 11:30AM-5:00PM:
Dinner & Festivities

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **STEVE & PAM LESZEK**, as gifted by the Family.



10/02 - Marcia Nitczynski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 26th - Steve & Pam Leszek (Family)
 Tues., Sept. 27th - All Souls
 Wed., Sept. 28th - All Deceased Fathers
 Thurs., Sept. 29th - All Deceased Mothers
 Fri., Sept. 30th - Don Benzowski (Times Old Newsies)
 Sat., Oct. 1st, 5:15PM - Anthony Coccarelli (Jeannie McGinley & John)
 Sun., Oct. 2nd, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, that failure to do so has eternal consequences. We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him. Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway. So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

USHER MEETING

The next Ushers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the social center. New members are always welcome!

PARENTING POINTERS 09-25-2022

Is your child a "neatnik" or a "clutter-bug"? The latter is usually harder to live with. Is it time to negotiate age appropriate clean-up practices? Everyone old enough to walk can share in making a household a home. Got this covered? Good. If not, call a Family Meeting.

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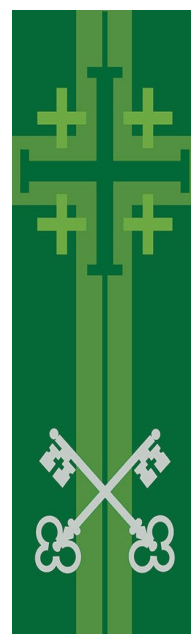


The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).

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WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 18th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,816.00 (33/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$42,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$24,000.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,816.00	\$25,361.00
Net (over/under):	\$416.00	\$1,361.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 33; 10:30AM = 56

"... neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

- Luke 16:31

News for Our Partnership

MEN'S CURSILLO: OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

All men of the parish who would like to make Cursillo for a spiritual experience you won't forget. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact someone who has made one to sponsor you.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL

Saint Gregory Parish (48 South Pearl Street, North East) is inviting everyone to "Days of Eucharistic Renewal" on September 26-28. Mass will be celebrated at 8AM on Monday, September 26. At 6:30PM, there will be an evening presentation entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With the Word of God," with hospitality to follow. Tuesday, September 27, Mass will be at 9:30AM with the school children. The evening session is at 6:30PM and is entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With God's Mercy." Opportunities for confession will follow. Wednesday, September 28, Mass will be at 8:00AM and at 6:30PM. Hospitality will follow. Fr. Kevin McDonald, CSSR will be the presenter.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this October 14-16, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this October!

RESPECT LIFE MASS

All are invited to celebrate life on October 2 at 11:30am at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, 353 Pine Street Meadville, PA 16335. There will be a reception to follow immediately after. Pro-life Groups are encouraged to RSVP and attend together. Groups can RSVP by visiting the Social Justice and Life webpage at www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife or by calling 814-824-1250.

MEAT RAFFLE

Saturday, October 1st
Saint James Place
2622 Buffalo Road
(Handicapped Accessible & Air Conditioned)
\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door
Includes: Pizza Buffet, Beer, & Soda (& BYOB)
50/50 Drawing; Major Prize Give-aways

28TH ANNUAL ERIE DIOCESAN ROSARY

Please join us at St Jude the Apostle Church on March October 9th, 2022 at 2PM to pray the Rosary and take part in Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Ross R. Maceli, our new pastor, has welcomed us to use the Church and parking lot for the March which will be held rain or shine. Homilist will be Vice-Rector Fr. David M. Renne, for St. Mark Seminary. Fr. Jerry S. Priscaro, our Spiritual Director will lead the Rosary in the Church.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LUKE'S

Our faith formation program is for children in Kindergarten through 10th grade, for children wanting to receive the sacraments, and for adults wanting to join the Catholic Church. For more information or any questions, contact Sr. Carmen Maldonado. She can be reached at 814-825-6020 (ext. 5), or email faithformation@slerie.org. All public school students should register now for their religious education sessions this coming year.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL

October 15 and 16 marks the beginning the Year of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Erie. The Parishes of the Erie East Deanery invite you to come together to spend some quiet, reflective time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be three sites and times available for Eucharistic Adoration. They are as follows:

Saturday, October 15 St. Mark Lawrence Park 3:15 – 4:15
Sunday, October 16 St. Casimir Church 12:30 – 2:00
Sunday, October 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel 5:30 – 7:00

Please plan to join the Erie East Deanery as we pray for and with one another the weekend of October 15 and 16.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 9/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; **9/28) Open;**
9/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; **9/30) Open;**
10/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; **10/2) Open**

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/26) Msgr. George Appleyard; 9/27) Fr. Jeff Lucas; 9/28) Fr. Michael DeMartinis; 9/29) Fr. Kyle Seyler;
9/30) Fr. Tom Aleksa; 10/1) 10/2)

Sunday, Sep 25, 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

"Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion!"

Blessed are the wanderers

Biblical prophets warn the comfortable not to overlook the suffering of those less fortunate. Today on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we support the church's solidarity with uprooted people since the Second World War. A mass exodus to the West of Soviet bloc refugees prompted Pope Pius XII, future Pope Paul VI, and layman James Norris to form the International Catholic Migration Commission. The ICMC continued its response to the "boat people" of Vietnam, Bosnian Muslims, Afghani refugees, and more. Their efforts restore dignity, inspire change, and companion the displaced. Welcome the stranger.

Monday, Sep 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Give them a healer's welcome

Believed to have been twin brothers, Cosmas and Damian were third-century Christian Syrian physicians who accepted no payment for caring for the sick. They were eventually martyred by the Romans. Many of us know "saints" in the healthcare profession who work physically and emotionally demanding jobs. The next time you or someone you love needs medical help, ask Cosmas and Damian to support the professionals coming to your aid.

Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, FOUNDER

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56

"He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem."

Enrich the faith of others

Saint Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission in 1625. Priests who joined had three requirements: to live in imitation of Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to educate fellow priests in the practical matters of being a priest. When he realized peasants knew so little about the faith and that local priests were poorly trained in administering the sacrament of Penance, Vincent preached such a stirring parish mission that priests from a nearby town had to be called in to help him hear confessions. How can you help others practice their faith?

Wednesday, Sep 28, 2022

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

"Let the dead bury their dead. But you... proclaim the Kingdom of God."

Carry on the work of the dead among the living

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish custom was to bury a person in the family burial cave the same day they died. The body was left for a year while the family mourned, the first seven days in shivah, followed by a less intense 30-day period of shloshim. The burial rite was not complete, however, as the family would return to the cave a year later for the "second burial," the collection of remains to be placed with the bones of other ancestors in the family ossuary. It is theorized that when Jesus commented, "Let the dead bury their dead," he may have been referring to this second burial, suggesting to his disciples that there was more urgent work to be done among the living. Pray for the dead but serve the living!

Thursday, Sep 29, 2022

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51

"... you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Angels watching over us

Today we honor the only three angels in scripture who have names. Michael is cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation and is known for being a protector. Gabriel is most famously a messenger, having relayed information to Daniel, but best known for giving Mary the news that she would be mother to our Savior. Raphael is associated with healing and appears in a series of adventures in the Book of Tobit, including his cure of Tobit's blindness. At various times, each of us needs protection, a message from God, or healing. May these three archangels lift our prayers when we and our communities most need these things.

Friday, Sep 30, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

"Whoever listens to you listens to me."

Get to know the word

If you are a fan of scripture, then right next to your Bible should be The Jerome Biblical Commentary. The 2,000-plus-page book is a treasure trove of insight about the Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars from across the globe. It is a great resource for helping people to engage more deeply with scripture through study and reflection. The book is named after Saint Jerome, who is best known for his biblical commentaries and translations. Jerome believed that "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." It's never too late to increase your knowledge. What would be the first scripture passage you'd look up if you had the book in hand? Why?

Saturday, Oct 01, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."

In loving color

Though she only lived 24 brief years, Thérèse of Lisieux, the "little flower," was so spiritually mature she was asked to guide novices who were entering her Carmelite order. She used vivid metaphors, comparing the Trinity to a kaleidoscope because the three mirrors transform simple images into colorful designs. She wrote: "As long as our actions, even the smallest, do not fall away from the focus of Divine Love, the Holy Trinity, symbolized by the three mirrors, allows them to reflect wonderful beauty. Jesus . . . always sees beauty in everything we do."

