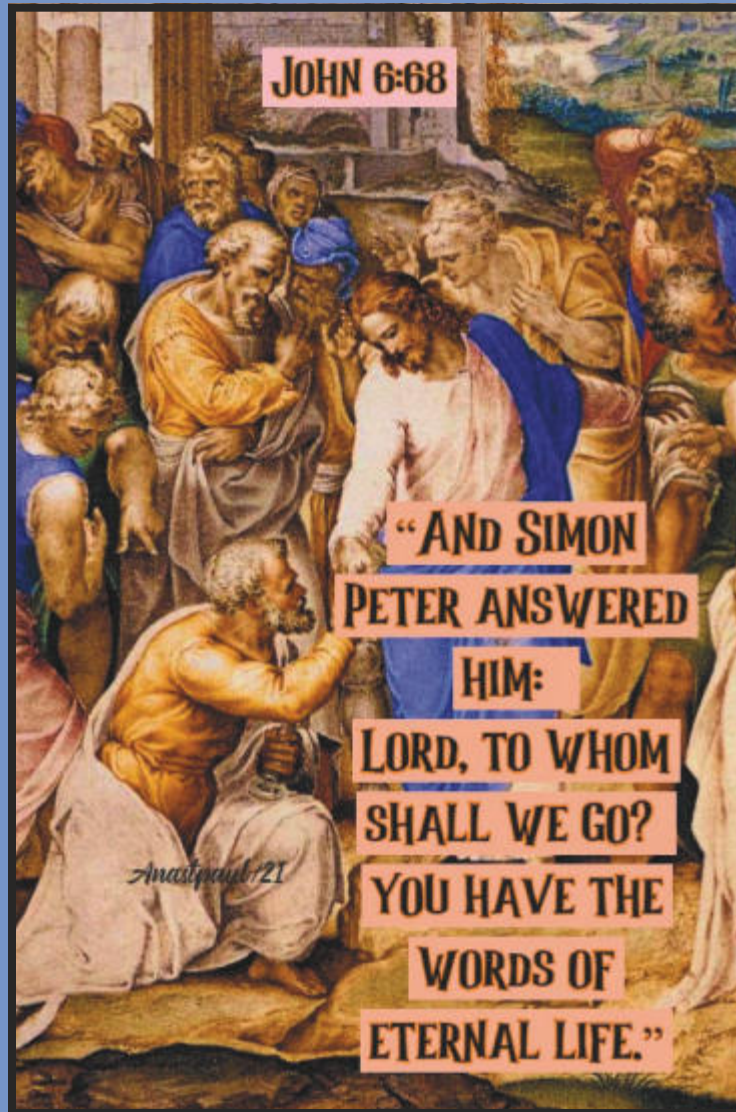


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22, 2021



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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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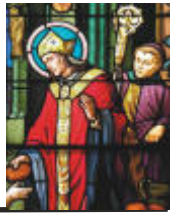
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



August 22, 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18/Ps 34:2-3, 16-23/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69 [21st Sunday]
Monday: 1Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-9/Mt 23:13-22 [St. Rose of Lima]
Tuesday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-18/Jn 1:45-51 [St. Bartholomew]
Wednesday: 1Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32 [Sts. Louis & Joseph Clasanz]
Thursday: 1Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13 [St. Monica]
Saturday: 1Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30 [St. Augustine]
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-8/Ps 15:2-5/Jas 1:17-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-23 [22nd Sunday]

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 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.

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 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.

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., Aug. 23rd - Private Intention
 Tues., Aug. 24th - Edward Czulewicz (Cindy Fabin)
 Wed., Aug. 25th - Victoria & Joseph Baniszewski (Family)
 Thurs., Aug. 26th - Richard & Theresa Jenks (Marcia)
 Fri., Aug. 27th - Doris Inter (Ina Ring & Family)
 Sat., Aug. 28th, 4:00PM - Joseph Macioch (Family)
 Sun., Aug. 29th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **STELLA & MARTIN RADOMSKI** as gifted by their Family.

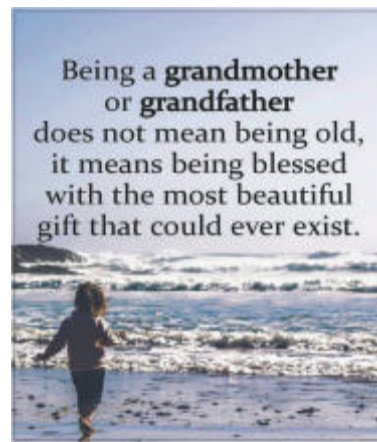
A special "thank you" to the **Holy Trinity Choir**, who has invited our choir to join them in celebrating Zabawa's Polish Heritage Mass this coming weekend. It is an honor to minister with you and to celebrate our mutual heritage! We will be back to celebrate at St. Stan's the following weekend.



Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they resent us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives. In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life. As he presents them with this choice, he boldly states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or twelve, now is the time to decide, 'will we serve the Lord?' We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God. With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods... Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

IN MEMORIAM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 6th for former parishioner **JOAN IGNASIAK**, who died in Port Richey, FL on February 19th & for former parishioner **DONALD OBUSZEWSKI** on August 13th, who died on in Loma Linda, CA, on April 11th. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."



WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 15, 2021)

NOTICE

This Week July 1 to date

Amount we need
 Amount Received
 Net over/under

Mass Attendance:
 4:00PM = N/A; 9:00AM = N/A
 Envelopes: xx/168

TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE



"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

Our candlemakers are meeting consistently on Wednesdays in St. Stan's Parish Hall, from 10AM until about noon. Not only are they making candles, but they are generating many ideas this ministry can benefit our parishes, especially those who seek comfort in these devotional candles. All parishioners, from both St. Stan's and Holy Trinity, are welcome to join this ministry. No experience is necessary, as the craft is very easy to learn.

ANNOUNCING BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I - Cassandra Lockett & Tommie Twillie (September 4th).

Holy Trinity Parish Community

ONLY 5 SLEEPS until ZABAWA 2021!!!



The sanctuary candle burns this week in honor of the **PARISHIONERS OF HOLY TRINITY** and for the **SUCCESS OF ZABAWA**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 23rd - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)
 Tues., Aug. 24th - Maria Jarema Ostapa Anniversary
 Wed., Aug. 25th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
 Thurs., Aug. 26th - Don Benczkowski (Marie Leszek)
 Fri., Aug. 27th - Warfel Family (Estate)
 Sat., Aug. 28th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Aug. 29th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)



August 24 - Thaddeus Dudzinski & Leonard Sebastian
 August 25 - Giuseppe Mangini & Joan Rowland
 August 26 - Don Neimeic

A SPECIAL WELCOME...

to the **Holy Trinity Class of 1961**, who will be joining us for our Polish Heritage Mass this coming Saturday, as they celebrate their 60th year class reunion. Welcome Back!!

NEW HOURS FOR ZABAWA!

Friday, 5pm-10pm (*Kitchen closes at 9pm)
 Saturday, 12pm-10pm (*Kitchen closes at 9pm)
 Sunday, 11am-4pm (*Kitchen open until sold out)



POTATO PANCAKE MAKING SESSION
 Tuesday, August 24th
 Potato washing, onion cutting at 3pm
 Potato Pancakes at 6pm
 Please, come & join us!



On Sunday, August 8th Bishop Persico celebrated a special Mass for couples with milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021 at St. Jude Church. Pictured with Msgr. Dan, who concelebrated with the Bishop, are Holy Trinity parishioners: Skip & Theresa Ignaczak (May 9, 1981) and Mead & Dorothy Carlson (February 6, 1981). Congratulations to them on their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

"ZABAWA" MEANS...

1) a festivity, especially a party, entertainment; 2) the act of entertaining; 3) fun, enjoyment, a good time; 4) a game, an enjoyable activity, merrymaking; 5) cheerful celebration, revelry; 6) noisy, lively enjoyment; 7) amusement.

IT MEANS ALL OF THE ABOVE, TO US!!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 15, 2021

Regular Offering: \$3,233.00 (27/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$21,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$16,555.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,233.00	\$17,295.00
Net (over/under):	\$868.00	\$740.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 37; 10:30AM = 49

No Turning Back

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:67-68 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on John 6:60-69.



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GIVES	GRUMBLING	BETRAY	LIFE	WORDS
ETERNAL	TURN	BACK	BELIEVE	JESUS
LEAVE	KNOW	TEACHING	FOLLOW	HARD

ZABAWA 2021
We are back!!!

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- John 6:68

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ZABAWA 2021!

BACK TO SCHOOL

This week, Fr. Jason resumes his teaching at Gannon University. He will not be in the Parish Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please keep all students returning to school in your prayers, that they have a safe and productive school year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PARISH PICNIC

Many have asked and the answer is “yes,” we will resume hosting our annual parish picnic after the pandemic forced the cancellation of last year’s picnic. Many places, like our traditional venue at Camp Glinodo, are still not accepting reservations. For those that are, the reservation fee is too steep to justify. So, it was decided that our picnic will take place at Saint Stanislaus Rectory & Courtyard on **Sunday, September 13th, starting at 11AM**. More details will follow.

CHANGES FOR 2021 ZABAWA

- No kids’ area
- No grand raffle, daily 50/50
- Back to food/beverage tickets
- No ticket exchange in the big tent
- Theme baskets in the tent behind social center
- Moving jewelry vendor next to beer in the big tent
- No instant booth, instants will be sold by walking around (their base will be at the festival auction area)
- No church tours
- All condiments in all areas must be in sealed packets, must be handed out as well as all silverware must be handed out
- Sunday hours change, 11am-4pm

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult”, He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a Fish & Pierogi dinner on Friday, September 17th, from 4-7PM. They are offering both a “dine-in” and “take-out” option. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. All meals are served with two sides (potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni cheese, green beans, or French fries), a roll, and ice cream. The Fish Dinner consists of 3 pieces of fish; the Pierogi dinner comes with 2 pieces; and the Combo dinner includes 2 fish and 1 pierogi.

SUBMISSION AS STEWARDSHIP

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ. What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy. That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it. I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything? To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

8/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 8/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 8/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic; 8/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 8/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 8/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 8/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 8/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

8/22) Fr. John Detisch; 8/23) Fr. Phil Oriole; 8/24) Fr. Marc Solomon; 8/25) Fr. Bob Manning; 8/26) Fr. Tom Brown; 8/27) Fr. Joe Gregorek; 8/28) Fr. Bill O’Brien; 8/29) Msgr. Bob Brugger

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who do you serve?

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve."

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt "a presence in the room that couldn't have been anybody but Jesus." For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as "God-awful gospel," and fans mourned the loss of what they'd come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: "Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody." The choice remains ours.

Monday, Aug 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Family finesse

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

"One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God."

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it's part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn't force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Play a stirring role

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in *Go and Make Disciples*, Jesus "gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate." Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021

The past is present

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

"You are like whitewashed tombs."

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called "an evil which endures in our society and in our Church" (Brothers and Sisters to Us). Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future.

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021

Be alert!

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!'"

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come." The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to "awakening faith." The church wants its members to be vigilant and tell us in the catechism that the "Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!" Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God's presence today.

Friday, Aug 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Hang in there

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

"Stay awake."

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we're told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered "small" acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

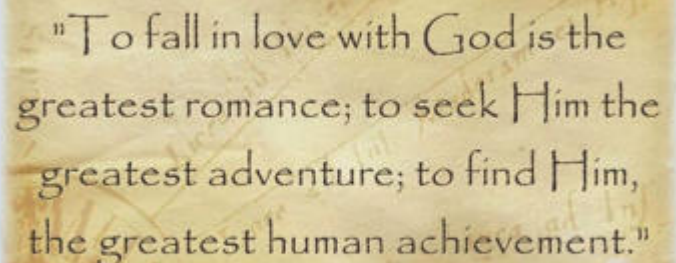
MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let happiness be your song

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

"You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another."

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. "Happy is [the one] who has God," he succinctly put it. To "have" God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: "For me it is good to cling to God." Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song "Happy" a few years back, "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth."

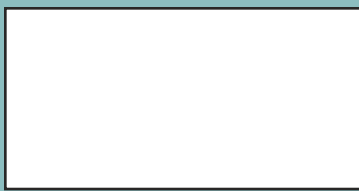


"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

-- Saint Augustine

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