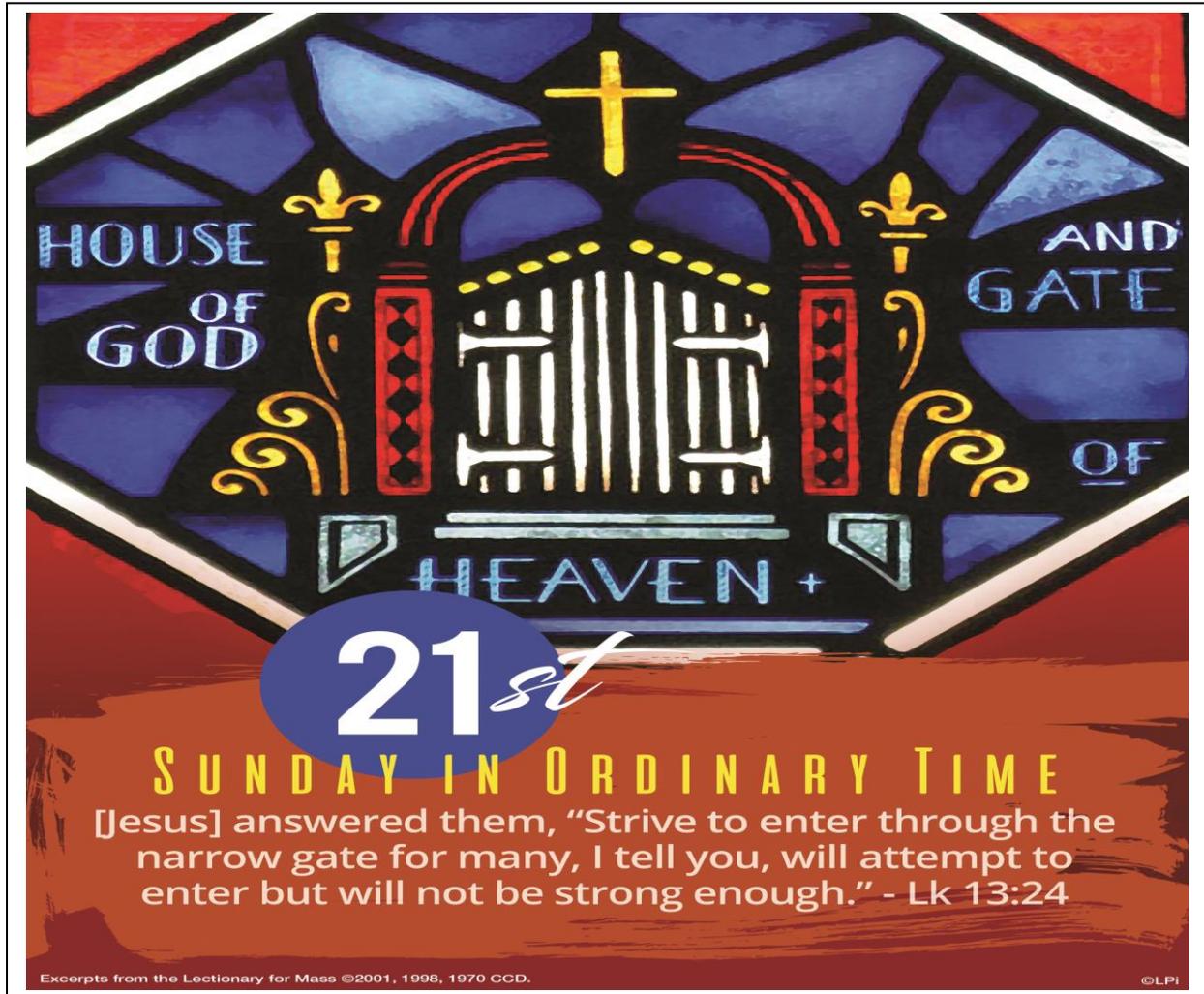


*Catholic Community of
St. Catherine of Alexandria &
St. Ignatius of Loyola*



August 25, 2019

SUNDAY MASS

St. Catherine Sat 4:00pm
Sun 10:30am
St. Ignatius Sun 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:30pm
St. Ignatius Sun 7:45-8:15am

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DAILY MASS

St. Catherine Mon-Fri 6:30am

ADORATION

St. Catherine Mon-Fri 7:00-8:00am

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers.

To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call 301/934-9630. Please leave your name/phone #, person's name, facility and room #.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of August 18, 2019

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$1,772

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$770

Thank you for your generous support of our church & ministries.

CONFIRMATION PREP

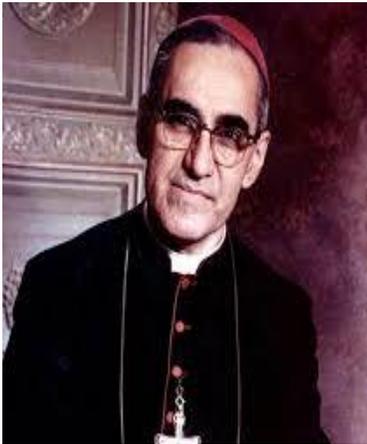
Registration for Confirmation Prep 2019-2020 is now open. This is for all students entering grades 7 (Confirmation 1) and 8 (Confirmation 2) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This includes students who attend CCD, a Catholic school, or are home schooled.

Registration and payment can be done online or in person at the Sacred Heart parish office. The registration form contains the list of expectations and requirements of participants, which are also listed in the Program Overview, along with the schedule of meetings. Click this link for registration and more information:

<https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/confirmation.html>

From the Desk of Fr. Q,

While I am working on my Spanish in El Salvador this year, I have also gone to Central America the last two summers as well. I wanted to share some thoughts on St. Oscar Romero, the late Archbishop of San Salvador. Let us keep each other in prayer! El Salvador experienced a brutal civil war in from 1979-1992, and the Archbishop Romero was a courageous voice for peace and justice. He was assassinated by military forces in 1980. Pope Francis canonized him in 2018.



This was the simple bedroom where Romero lived while archbishop. It was just a few steps from the chapel where he celebrated daily Mass for a convent of sisters



This was the chapel where Romero was celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980, when shots rang out and struck him at the altar. The inscription in the back reads, "At this altar, Bishop Romero offered his life to God for his people."

Fr. Aaron Qureshi ("Fr. Qureshi" or "Fr. Q")

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday August 26 - Weekday
6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23: 13-22

Tuesday August 27 - Saint Monica
6:30am Rev. Msgr. Maurice V. O'Connell
1 Thes 2: 108 Mt 23: 23-26

Wednesday August 28 - Saint Augustine
6:30am Mary Ellen & Trish Noughton
1 Thes 2: 9-13 Mt 23: 27-32

Thursday August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
1 Thes 3: 7-13 Mk 6: 17-29

Friday August 30 - Weekday
6:30am Michael Dobry
1 Thes 4: 1-8 Mt 25: 1-13

Sunday September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm Augustus A. Proctor Sr.
8:30am People of the Community
10:30am Winnie Fox
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 Lk 12: 13-21

Shelves of Hope Food Pantry

Food Items for August

**Peas, Carrots, Mixed Greens, Cereal,
Canned Spaghetti and Beef Ravioli**

Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am

ALL POOR BOX DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR PANTRY

Diocese of Mannar, Sri Lanka

Our parishes will have a collection for the the Diocese of Mannar, Sri Lanka the weekend of **September 7th & 8th** for the Diocese. **Bishop Emmanuel Fernando** will tell us about the experiences of his important mission work. Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you!

Calendar

August 26	Opening School Mass for Teachers at Shrine
September 3	1 st Day of School ANS
September 8	Faith Formation Begins
September 11	A Grateful Plate Planning Meeting at St. Ignatius
September 14	Shelves of Hope Pantry
September 25	A Grateful Plate
September 28	Shelves of Hope Pantry
October 5	St. Ignatius Yard Sale



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization dedicated towards the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. If you are interested in joining, please contact WGK James Hojnowski at jhojnows@kent.edu or 301-861-6407 for more information.

Clothing Drive Announcement

If you have any clothes you want to give away, please consider putting them in a bag into the storage shed outside the St. Catherine's Meeting Hall.

SEAFOOD DINNER

Holy Angels Church 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD

Sunday, Sept 8 from 11:30am to 4:00pm

Crab Balls, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Friend Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Homemade Cole Slaw, Old Fashioned Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Dinner Rolls, Fruit Jello and Beverages

Bake Sale ~ Craft Tables

Adults \$28 Carry Outs \$26 Children 6-12 \$8
Children under 5 FREE!

To Have Your News Item placed in the bulletin, please call or send your article or text to Linda Harrigan at: admin.stcatherine-alexandria.md@adw.org by Monday 12:00 Noon for the following Sunday's Bulletin

From the Catechism - "The Apostles Mission"

858 Jesus is the Father's Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he "called to him those whom he desired; And he appointed twelve, whom also he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach." From then on, they would also be his "emissaries" (Greek *apostoloi*). In them, Christ continues his own mission: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." The apostles' ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: "he who receives you receives me."

859 Jesus unites them to the mission he received from the Father. As "the Son can do nothing of his own accord," but receives everything from the Father who sent him, so those whom Jesus sends can do nothing apart from him, from whom they received both the mandate for their mission and the power to carry it out. Christ's apostles knew that they were called by God as "ministers of a new covenant," "servants of God," "ambassadors for Christ," "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

From the writings of the Saints - St. Ambrose on the reborn Jerusalem from *Le Vergini*

"Holy Church is immaculate in her spousal union: fruitful in giving birth, she is a virgin through her chastity, yet she is mother of the children she conceives. Thus, we are born from a virgin who has conceived, not by a human act but through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are therefore born of a virgin, not in physical travail but amid the rejoicing of angels. A virgin nourishes us, not with the milk of her body, but with what the Apostle talks about when he speaks of having breastfed the weak state of the adolescent people of God."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I speak and write, I mention my family quite often. Those of you who have been reading these reflections for the past 5+ years - or who have read my books - may think you know them. When I travel, I do get asked about my family by those who have entered my life through the words on a page. My hope is that by sharing stories about my family and life the reader gets a chance to see himself or herself in the story as well. Then the point being made in the article or reflection can take on stronger meaning because it hits home. However, no matter how much I write about my family and how much you read about them, you will only have a glimpse as to the real people. It will take an actual relationship with one of them to get you to the point where you can say you know them.

That is the same way with Jesus. First, more Catholics need to read more and learn more about Jesus. Bible studies should be the norm and not the exception in our lives. Second, too many of us in the Church can explain who Jesus is from our past formation classes and reading, but we do not actually know him. Jesus is not a topic, a theological term, or simply a historical figure. He is a real being who is alive! He is not dead, but alive! He calls us to do more than read about him. He calls us into an intimate relationship with him. We grow in relationship with Jesus by worshipping at the Mass, spending time with him in adoration, resting in him in the quiet, and by having the Jesus in us meet the Jesus in others. If you do not know him personally, get to know him. I would love for you all to meet my family in person someday, but I would much rather you get to know Jesus instead.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Growing with the GOSPEL

My Family and Me

Luke 13:22-30 ■ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Read the Gospel and Color



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Kids' Corner

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS
TAUGHT
SAVED

NARROW
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KNOCK

DOOR
FEAST
KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W
A K N O C K Y S O J E
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Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.

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Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will **want** to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

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WEEKLY FEATURE

WATCH *Saint Philomena, A Saint for all Times*. Though St. Philomena lived approximately 1700 years ago and was only discovered in the catacombs of Rome in the early 1800's, her faithful witness as a young virgin who was martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ speaks powerfully to our culture, and especially to young people. Commonly referred to as a "wonder worker", she has the distinction of being the only saint canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Learn more about St. Philomena and what a powerful advocate we have before the throne of Almighty God.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

READ: *The Book of Saints and Heroes* The first Christians to visit Europe and the British Isles met pagans who told tales of fairies, talking beasts, and other wonderful things. To these marvelous stories, they soon added new ones about the Christian saints. Some were true, others improbable, and many simply fantastic. You'll also find here true tales of great saints such as St. Louis of France, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary—souls marked by courage, kindness, and piety. These marvelous legends and exciting true stories of Christian saints and heroes will provide many hours of delightful reading to believers and non-believers alike! Find this book in the READ tab under Youth (but it's not just for kids!)

OTHER NOTABLES

READ *God Sent His Son* In this work of Christology, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, a world-renowned theologian, takes as his starting point the Apostle Paul's statement, "But when the time had fully come, God sent for his Son, born of woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal 4:4-5). Based on many years of lecturing on Christology, Cardinal Schönborn's work moves from the solid conviction of faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel, the Son of the Living God, through the development of the Church's understanding of this truth, to the consideration of contemporary issues and the views of various modern theologians. Cardinal Schönborn sees Christology as based on the original Illumination granted by the Father in manifesting his Son, which divides, as if through a prism, into a rainbow of Christological themes. "Christology," he writes, "in every phase of its development, follows its path by this light: 'in thy light do we see light' (Ps 36:10)." Christology is always faith seeking understanding-trying to understand that to which the believer already says, "Yes!"

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

