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The Feast of the Assumption



On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption (or simply, "The Assumption") is widely celebrated all over Christendom. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life. Assumption celebrations are accompanied by festivals, colorful street processions, fireworks, and pageantry. While a "feast" isn't actually required, there is a longstanding tradition of blessing the summer harvest. There are even special "Assumption" recipes incorporated into family dinners. Sounds heavenly! The devoted light candles, attend mass-

es, and say prayers for peace all over the world.

In the third and early fourth centuries AD, apocryphal (widely believed but not official) writings mused upon the Dormition/Assumption of Mary, none of them attaining the status of dogmatic belief. Then, in the fourth century, the bishop Epiphanius of Salamis wrote about the varying philosophies concerning the nature of the Virgin Mary's passing on, identifying three factions of belief but remaining unable to establish a broad consensus. He concluded, "No one knows her end." By the eighth century, an apocryphal text called the "Transitus Mariae" had become so generally accepted that John of Damascus was able to establish its storyline with the church as the official story from that point forward.

In the West, also in the eighth century, Pope Sergius I encouraged celebrations

for the Feast of the Assumption, and Pope Leo IV confirmed the Feast as official.

The holiday has not only survived but also has thrived to this day, despite the church never having pointed to any historical or explicit Biblical evidence which is only metaphorical, nor fully admitting the story's reliance on apocrypha.

Our advice? Whether you're Catholic, or from another denomination, or not religious at all, go out to the street fairs and parades. God would certainly smile upon a loving, happy gathering of friends!



FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF INTEREST TO CATHOLICS

Pope Francis: Nuclear weapons are 'immoral'

Pope shocked by killing of Jesuit priests in Mexico

Supreme Court sides with football coach in prayer case

Nun in Haiti gave her life 'even to martyrdom', Pope Francis says

Nancy Pelosi receives Communion at papal Mass

Winning 2025 Jubilee Year logo unveiled after global competition

Bishop walks on his knees to bid farewell to Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos in Mexico

Pope Francis: 'I believe it is time to rethink the concept of a just war'

United Nations 'has no power,' Pope Francis says

12 keys to using the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Bill McClelland

rothers,
As most of you know, I am in Europe for just short of three weeks. You should know some very exciting things are taking place in your coun-

cil!

First, Bingo continues to set new records each week. The income this generates will enable us to do more charity work than ever before. Please come to the August meetings where we will unveil the hard work of your Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. We will be looking for additional input before asking for approval.

Second, you will see some program

ideas in this newsletter that Father Tom and I discussed. I hope you can find it in your heart to approve and help with these faith initiatives.

Finally, thanks to all were able to come to the installation of officers. Just as important, thank you to those of you who brought your wives.

Vivat Jesus,

Bill



LAUGHTER is the best MEDICINE

If your electric car runs out of power on the interstate, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity?

I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise, and I was right.

People can be judgmental. I can tell just by looking at them.

I named my dog Five Miles so I could tell everyone I walked five miles a day.

Cop: "Ma'm, what's in that bottle?"
Woman: "Water."

Cop: "No it isn't It's wine.:"

Woman: "OMG.Jesus did it again!"

One thing nobody talks about when you're an adult is how hard it is to get rid of a cardboard box because it's a really, really good box.

A clean house is a sign of a broken computer.

To the thief who took my anti-depressants: I hope you're happy.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR



Fr. Tom Morgan

All are invited to participate in the "Investiture of the Brown Scapular" at our 9:00am



Sunday Mass on August 14, 2022. The investiture will take place after the homily. In addition, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after this Mass on August 14th.

We recently returned to our chapel for the celebration of Daily Mass. Please see below for our new procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion that will take effect on Monday August 1, 2022, at Daily and Sunday Mass.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

Announcement: Effective Monday August 1, 2022

Masks will continue to be available for Sunday Mass on the baptismal font in the church and at the back of the chapel for Daily Mass for those needing to wear a mask.

The wearing of masks by those distributing Holy Communion will now be optional.

We will resume the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue on the part of all those distributing Holy Communion.

The person distributing Holy Communion at the statue of Mary (for Sunday Mass and at the back of the chapel for Daily Mass) will continue to wear a mask. (this will allow for anyone who might have a concern for their health to receive Holy Communion in this way).

The station at the statue of Mary for our Sunday Masses and at the back of the chapel for our Daily Masses will now become the station for those who would like to receive a low gluten host.

Pipe Stops on Our Church Organ.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Billy Baldwin
August 6



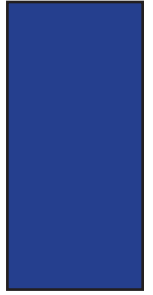
Fred Belzel
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Fr. Joseph Waters
August 10



Jim Blackwell
August 12



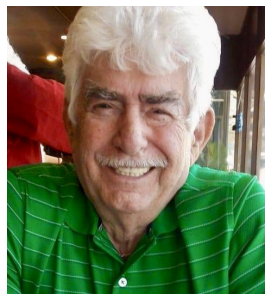
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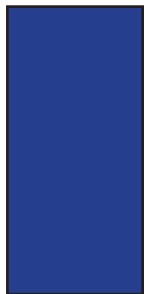
Peter Valasquez
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Rickard Tomiano
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Ron Bozzuto
August 22



JOURNEY OF Faith

The transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly takes place in the chrysalis or pupa.

Butterflies goes through a life cycle of five stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Inside the chrysalis, several things are happening and it is not a "resting" stage. The caterpillar's old body dies inside the chrysalis and a new body with beautiful wings appears after a couple of weeks.

The change inside the chrysalis is slow and gradual. The caterpillar's body digests itself from the inside out. The caterpillar is attacked by the same sort of juices that it used in its earlier life to digest food. Many of the organs are hidden in the caterpillar and they take a new form within the chrysalis. The old body is broken down into imaginal cells but not all the tissues are destroyed. Some old tissues pass onto the insect's new body. One imaginal disk will become a wing and there are imaginal disks that form the legs, antennae and the other organs of the butterfly.

During the first three to four days, the chrysalis is a little bag filled with fluid. The cells use the fluid to grow a new body. Cells are undifferentiated and they can become any type of cell. Some parts of the caterpillar's body are more or less unchanged, including the legs. Underneath a caterpillar's skin the beginnings of wings form before it sheds its skin for the last time. Inside the chrysalis, the butterfly's wings



are fully formed. A butterfly's sucking mouth parts are formed from the caterpillar's chewing mouth parts.

The chrysalis loses nearly half of its weight because the metamorphosis consumes energy. During the transformation, the chrysalis cannot defecate. The waste products accumulate and can be seen as a reddish-colored liquid under the butterfly after it emerges. Complete transformation takes about two weeks. Some species survive the winter in the chrysalis and the transformations take a couple of months. Moths goes through the same transformation but they form a cocoon instead of a chrysalis. A butterfly cocoon is a silk covering of a chrysalis.

A couple of days before the butterfly emerges, the chrysalis changes color. The butterfly's patterns and color can be seen though the chrysalis. The butterfly breaks out of the protective chrysalis and pumps blood into its



newly formed wings. Then it flies away, mainly to look for a mate.

There is nothing else in nature that is so dramatic. How do we explain this? So though science has learned exactly what goes on in this metamorphosis, it chooses, for the most part, to stick to a scientific explanation, of course. Ultimately, though, a reason has to be given and eventually science has to fall back on the Big Bang Theory. Yes, it's a theory, and as far as I'm concerned, such a theory demands more faith than I can muster. I would never make a good atheist, for I don't have enough faith to be one. Just as Joshua said many years ago, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."



Pete Ganio

In the Spotlight

I was born on the feast of Mount Carmel and received my early sacraments at Saint Francis of Assisi church in Vineland, NJ. I was an altar server and reader regularly at the Saturday evening Mass. My confirmation name was Joseph, in part because he was Mary's husband. I attended Rutgers University in 1993 and graduated their pharmacy school in 1998. I traveled to Florida in August 1999 for the climate and beaches. I met my wife late in 2000. We moved within the same few days from our respective places, mine being New Jersey, hers being South Carolina.

In May of 2001 I volunteered for catholic mission work, starting in Chicago, with one of my college roommates: Eric Gladkowski. My travels took me to Rome, Vienna, and Munich with prayer at 6 am, Mass at 7 am, and meditation at 8. On Sundays we assigned an hour in the early morning for adoration. I completed my service in August and returned home. I was confused upon my return and a bit uncertain about my path. I could return to extend medical mission service or go back to Florida to see if I could build on the relationship I had started. I sought the advice of Sister Tarsisia who advised me to check in with my preexisting relationship in Florida before making a decision.

It was great to see my future bride after a hiatus, and I'm pretty sure the Holy Spirit embraced the both us when we hugged again. My wife Michelle converted to the catholic faith, and I was able to witness three sacraments in her spiritual journey before marriage in 2002 at St Cecilia's Church in Clearwater.

We became parishioners at St. Jerome's in 2002 and were blessed with four healthy children: Cecelia, Zekeal, Ignatius, and Elijah.

I joined the Knights for two reasons: my father was a Knight and I

believe this group to be the best of the best at St Jerome's. There is also a third reason: Joe Ghezzi asked me to join.

I'm thankful for everything this parish has grown to become, and especially the takeaways from the homilies from each Mass. The youth ministry here has blossomed and helped me become a very proud father celebrating Masses that my children participate in. Their faith has helped me reconnect with the Holy Spirit and broaden my faith.

I would also like to thank Joe Ghezzi and Edgar Lecuyer for being present at some of the morning masses. There is a very strong spiritual presence when we greet one another.

One lesson I've learned through my journeys is that there is a resplendent and magnificent impact you have on the souls of those around you and those you may have never met before through your sacrifices and faith. In the end it's one thing for one to enjoy the rewards of heaven, but wouldn't it be something if you could share that reward with everyone you've ever come in contact with. The salvation of all souls would be a dream come true.

Ave cor Marie,
Pete Ganio

Several of Our Council Knights Became Members of Assembly 1448, Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Largo, FL.

When a 3rd Degree Knight decides to move up to the 4th Degree, he gives witness to his personal willingness to foster the virtue of patriotism in his life.

The virtue of patriotism has its roots in the virtue of piety, a twin of the virtue of religion, so it is that, as practical catholic men, the Knights of Columbus are loyal sons of their country and also loyal sons of their church.

The new 4th Degree Knights below belong to Assembly 1448 in Largo. If I have left anyone out, I apologize. ~~~Jim Hand, Editor.



Bill Bannon



Fred Belzel



Jim Cullinan



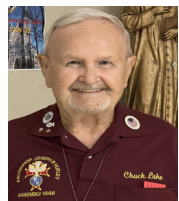
Ralph Frizzle



Joe Ghezzi



Rick Hendrickson



Chuck Lake



Paul Lee



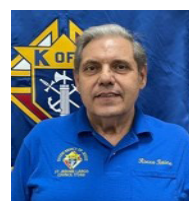
Edgar Lecuyer



Joe Moore



Greg Musick



Rocco Totino

New Officers Installed for Fraternal Year of 2022-2023



Chaplain
Fr. Tom Morgan



Grand Knight
Bill McClelland



Deputy GK
Pete McCabe



Chancellor
Chuck Lake



Recorder
Rocco Totino



Financial Secretary
Fred Belzel



Treasurer
Paul Lee



Advocate
Gregg Appel



Warden
Gene Sanders



Inside Guard 1
Pete Ganio



Inside Guard 2
Ed Wirth



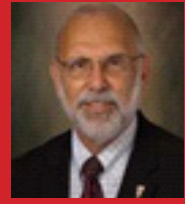
Outside Guard
Joe Moore



Field Agent
Tony Crevello



1-Year Trustee
Jim Blackwell



2-Year Trustee
Pete Grasso



3-Year Trustee
Rick Hendrickson



District Deputy
Pete Grasso



Lecturer
Ed Wirth



Worthy Grand Knight Bill McClelland (right) congratulates Knight Ralph Frizzle for becoming a member of the 4th Degree Assembly.



(Left) Fr. Tom listens as District Deputy Pete Grasso reads comments that apply to the new officers: their duties, obligations, and commitments. Our success, as a fraternal would not have been possible if not for the Knights of Columbus' enduring commitment to integrity, professionalism, excellence and respect.



(Left) New officers take their oath of office for the fraternal year of 2022-2023. (Right) Worthy Grand Knight Bill McClelland and Worthy Advocate Gregg Appel discuss the officer jewels.



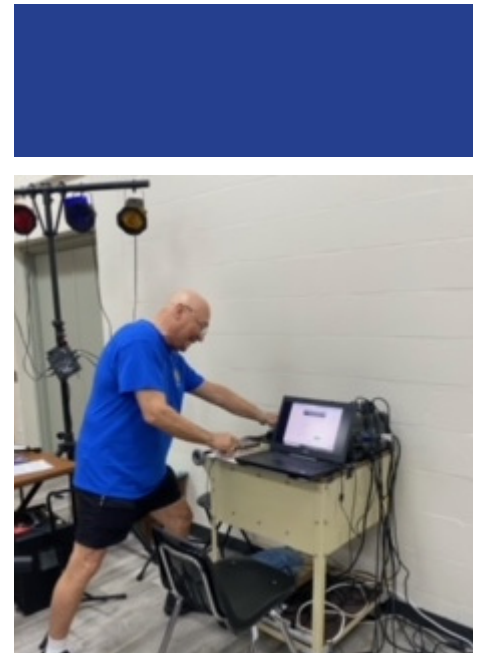
Knights Help with July 4th Celebration



Gregg Appel belts out a few patriotic songs.



Denise McCabe made the deliciou popcorn and cleaned up the machine after we were through with it.



Ralph Frizzle wrestles with his audio/visual deice.



L-R: Rocco and Pete Ganio cook up some delicious hamburgers.



Dawn and Pete Grasso and Chuck and Dollie Lake enjoy each other's company.



Jean Push, Christa Belzel, and Pat Glim work to keep the line moving.



The condiment table was a popular place to stop and load up on goodies.

Our Lady of Guadalupe to Be Honored by a Prayer Service in the Church

The silver rose portion of our Lady of Guadalupe demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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The Our Lady of Guadalupe and the silver rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.

In recent years the program has expanded to eight silver roses traveling the western, central, and eastern corridors of North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the roses from destination to destination, and finally to the Shrine of Our Lady of



Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. It will arrive there in December.

Every stop along the route of the pilgrimage is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. English, French and Spanish booklets containing recommended prayers, scripture readings and a litany accompany the silver rose.

This year the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Thursday, August 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the church at St. Jerome's, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Our parish is only 1 of 3 in the DOSP to receive the honor of hosting the silver rose.

Rethinking the Mortal Sin of Suicide

Across the country, mental illness and suicide rates are high and rising. Approximately 20% of adults reported in 2020 that they suffered from mental illness, and the share of adults reporting anxiety or depression disorders spiked to over 41% last year. Mental illness and suicide are particularly pronounced among young people and those in rural areas. Higher suicide rates are further compounded by even greater challenges in accessing care.

July's launch of 988, a new mental health crisis response number, marks a historic opportunity to ensure that the growing number of people in crisis can get appropriate and more equitable access to mental health services - and that our broader emergency response infrastructure (which includes 911, emergency medical services and law enforcement)

can guide people to the right places, at the right times.

The new, easy-to-remember 988 will provide an alternate access point into care and help keep people in crisis from needlessly cycling through hospital emergency rooms and the criminal justice system. It will also provide minority communities that are often fearful of calling 911 for a loved one in mental health crisis, an option less biased toward a response based solely in law enforcement.

Suicide is a mortal sin. We must remember, though, that for a sin to be mortal and cost someone salvation, the objective action must be grave or serious matter; the person must have an informed intellect (know that this is wrong); and the person must give full consent of the will (intend to commit this action). In the case of suicide, we must wonder whether a

person always has full consent of the will. Fear, force, ignorance, habit, passion, and psychological problems can impede the exercise of the will so that a person may not be fully responsible or even responsible at all for an action. Here again the Catechism states, "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide". This qualification does not make suicide a right action in any circumstance; however, it does make us realize that the person may not be totally culpable for the action because of various circumstances or personal conditions. Therefore, we offer the Mass for the repose of the soul of a suicide victim, invoking God's tender love and mercy, and His healing grace for the grieving loved ones.

Former Satanist Discusses His Conversion to Christianity

The co-founder of a Satanic movement in South Africa is telling his personal story about choosing to leave Satanism after his heart was overwhelmed with the love of Jesus. Riaan Swiegelaar, a former reverend at the South African Satanic Church, stepped down from his position in May. He took to Facebook on July 4 to share his testimony.

"I'm doing this interview because more than 100 people on WhatsApp and almost 200 on Facebook are sending me messages wanting to know why I left the South African Satanic Church and turned my back on Satanism," Swiegelaar said. He continued, "To be very honest, I initially thought I would slip out the back door quietly. I didn't really think that people would be this interested in why I am going to talk from my experience and talk about my choices."

Swiegelaar, who was involved in Christian ministry 20 years ago before becoming an atheist, recalled what drew him to Satanism four years ago. "I got involved with Satanism because at the time it resonated with me, being very broken and sad without realizing it. I think the reason a lot of people turn to Satanism is that they come from a very broken place. I have met thousands of Satanists over the last three years. They are extremely broken and extremely hurt. That's the one thing we all have in common," he said.

Holding back tears, Swiegelaar explained that he turned against Satanism after recently experiencing unconditional Christian love. "I've known unconditional love only four times in my life. I want to thank those four Christians. Words cannot express what they have done for me," he said.

"To show someone love is everything. It is not a simple thing. They

have showed me everything. They have showed me the love of Christ. I have seen it in them," Swiegelaar added.

He pointed out that love was shown to him during a time when he was a "monster" and an "ugly person." In mid-May, Swiegelaar gave his last interview as a Satanist on a radio station. Following the interview, a woman working for the station came to him and demonstrated God's love in an unexpected way. "I told her, 'I don't believe in Jesus and I don't believe Jesus Christ existed'". She came to me after the interview and she hugged me and held me in a way that I've never been loved," Swiegelaar said. "That's all she did. She just said it was nice to meet me in person." A week later, on WhatsApp, through her status, I learned that this woman is a Christian. I've never had a Christian do that," he stated. "I've never experienced a Christian show that much love and acceptance to me unconditionally. After I said the things I said, she did that. That stayed with me."

A week later, Swiegelaar was performing a satanic ritual by himself which he said was geared towards gaining more power and influence as a Satanist. "I did this ritual and I opened myself up and Jesus appeared and I was extremely cocky and I said, 'if you are Jesus, you need to prove it.' And He flooded me with the most



Riaan Swiegelaar

beautiful love and energy and I recognized it immediately because that woman at the radio station showed it to me. That's how I recognized the love of Christ." Swiegelaar said he didn't think he was worthy of God's love because he has been living a gay life. Recently, he has been having "conversations with God, and the Kingdom of God is not a gated community, it is open to everybody."

He concluded by assuring his followers that he will be posting material that he's written recently about his connection with Christ.

The Satanic Church of South Africa confirmed Swiegelaar's resignation and thanked him for his contribution. "We, as the SASC Council, want to thank Swiegelaar for his contribution, both as the pastor and the co-founder of the SA Satanic Church. We wish him success in all his future endeavors."

The Faith Life of Catholic Celebrities

Stephen Colbert

Colbert dubs himself America's most famous and influential Catholic.

The youngest of eleven children and a graduate of Northwestern University, Colbert and his siblings were taught by their devout parents the value of faith and intellectualism. His dad was an immunologist and a university medical school dean while his mom served as a stay-at-home parent.

Colbert has described a transformative renewal of his Catholic religion in his early twenties, after having experienced doubts and turning away from his faith.

He said he was walking along some

streets in Chicago as a twenty-two-year-old during his time as part of a comedy troupe. It was then that a stranger handed him a pocket Bible with New Testament Scriptures along with the books of Psalms and Proverbs.

Upon reading some passages from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Colbert has said he felt "absolutely, immediately lightened," mentioning his life has never been the same.

Today, Colbert not only shares his Catholic faith openly through his on-stage work, but he reportedly has taught First Communion and Sunday School classes at his church.



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What Is Envy and How Do We Deal with It?

Tradition lists the following as the Seven Capital Sins: pride, envy, avarice, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth. Much has been said and written about all these deadly vices that grip the human soul.

One thing that all agree on is that pride is the first and deadliest; it is the mother of all sins. The numbering after that varies, though traditionally, envy is listed as the second capital sin.

Envy is often explained merely as a worse version of jealousy. It might seem that envy is just another way to explain the sin of wanting what others have - envying their possessions. This is not, however, a complete or accurate explanation of this deadly vice.

St. Thomas Aquinas pithily describes envy as sorrow for another's good. This is a succinct but powerful description of envy and a feeling that many of us have probably experienced. When hearing the good news of others - the promotion of a colleague, a friend's engagement, a sibling's success - envy leads us to sorrow, frustration, or anger at this news. It is envy that causes us to be unhappy when someone else is experiencing joy.

While the sin of jealousy craves the success or possessions or experiences of another, envy agonizes that it belongs to them in the first place. Jealousy sees the success of another and says, 'I want that for myself.' Envy sees the success of another and



says, 'I don't want them to have that.' Envy entails sorrow for another's good. It is not sinful to be sad at another's happiness and enjoyment of an evil that they merely perceive as good. This distinction must be clear lest anyone is accused of the sin of envy when expressing sadness or frustration at another's basking in the revels of evil, only for the reveler to retort "You should be happy that I'm happy."

The sin of envy creeps in when the soul does not rejoice for another when it should be rejoicing. In fact, the sin of envy directly contradicts the biblical command: "Rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15). For when the vice of envy in our soul sees the rejoicing of others, it moves us to sorrow.

Not only does the sin of envy entail sorrow at another's good, but it also entails the opposite - pleasure at another's failures. When seeing the mistake of another, hearing of their failure or misstep, or learning that some misfortune has befallen them -

envy leads us to take pleasure in this negative news.

Envy deeply harms our relationship with others because it pits our joy and our success against theirs. Envy causes us to view ourselves in competition with the world, seeing others' successes as our failures and others' failures as our successes.

This deeply misses the mark on what it means to be part of the Body of Christ. As Christians, we are truly united in the Mystical Body of Christ, and our actions have effects on the entire Body. Therefore, the good of another ought to be viewed as our good as well, and the woes of another ought to be viewed as our woes, too.

Ultimately this is what leads to love - willing the good of the other. Love chooses the good for the other, regardless of whether it brings some good to us. Love is always about the other; envy is always about us.

In addition to deeply harming our relationship with others and how we live within the Body of Christ, the vice of envy deeply harms our relationship with the Lord as it rejects the good He has blessed us with, looking instead with sorrow and rage to the good of others.

To help combat the second deadliest sin, ask the Lord for the grace of gratitude. Begin and end each day focusing on the gifts that God has blessed you with and thank Him for them. Then rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

The Faith Life of Catholic Celebrities

Patricia Heaton

The television actress grew up in the Cleveland area as one of five children and was raised a devout Catholic. She attended daily Mass for her mom, who died from an aneurysm when Heaton was twelve. Heaton once appeared with Colbert to discuss their shared Catholic faith. Her sister Sharon is a Dominican nun and has served as assistant registrar at Aquinas College (Nashville).

Referencing Jesus in her self-description of her Twitter account, Heaton has credited her Catholic faith in saving her from suicide dur-

ing struggles early in her acting career.

A wife and mother of four sons, Heaton went through a self-described "Protestant wilderness" following her first marriage and divorce. Embarking on the annulment process, she rediscovered her Catholic faith and has since returned to the Church.

Openly pro-life, Heaton opposes abortion and the death penalty. She has also been vocal in her stance against those involved in the sex abuse scandals of the Catholic Church.



How The Disciples / Apostles of the Bible Died

Disclaimer: Other than Judas & John, these are not Scriptural. Some are historical, some passed down by Christian traditions and are consistent with how they would have been treated in their time.

- **Andrew**: (brother of Peter) Martyrdom by crucifixion (bound, not nailed, to an "X-shaped" cross) at Patræ, Achaia [southern Greece]. Hung alive for two days, exhorting spectators all the while.
- **Bartholomew** (Nathaniel): Martyrdom by being skinned alive and crucified, head downward by the idolaters of Armenia (Western Asia near Turkey). The most travelled of the Disciples after Jesus death, Preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia [Iraq], Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, Arabia and India.
- **James the Greater** (son of Zebedee / brother of John) : Beheaded with a sword by Herod Agrippa around 44 AD near Palestine and not far from where he was a local missionary to the Jews in Judea. His accuser was converted by James' courage & the two were beheaded together.
- **James the Lesser** [son of Alphaeus]: Was first Bishop of Jerusalem Martyred in his early 90's by being thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple at Jerusalem, then stoned and head bashed in with a club.
- **John (The Beloved)** (son of Zebedee / brother of James) : Natural Death The only apostle who did not meet a martyr's death. Banished by Roman Emperor Domitian to Isle of Patmos where penned Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Was later freed & went to preach in Turkey and died at 100.
- **Jude** (Thaddeus) : Wrote Book of Jude. Martyred by being beaten with

- a club then crucified 72AD at city of Edessa [Turkey] while on a missionary trip that went to Persia (Iran).
- **Judas Iscariot**: Suicide / hanged himself (Matthew 27:5) after betraying Jesus (John 13:2). Scriptural.
- **Matthew (Levi)** : Martyred about 60 AD by being staked and speared to the ground. Preached the Gospel in Ethiopia (Africa) and was killed for questioning the morals of the king.
- **Simon Peter** (The Rock / Petra): Martyrdom by crucifixion at Rome by Nero. Crucified around 68 AD upside-down at his request because he did not consider himself worthy to be crucified like Jesus.
- **Philip**: Said to have been tortured, impaled by iron hooks in his ankles and hung upside down to die, preaching to death 54 AD in Heliopolis, Egypt. Preached in Phrygia which was in the Roman Province of Asia near Ephesus [Turkey].
- **Simon [The Canaanite]** : Called "The Zealot" because he was associated with that sect. Thought to have ministered mostly in Jordan. Martyred by crucifixion in Britain in 74AD and then sawn in half.
- **Thomas [Didymus]** : Martyred thrust through by spear in India. Preached the Gospel in Parthia [Iran] and in Kerala, [southern India] where yet today the Mar Thoma Church exists.
- **Mark** (John Mark): Was dictated to writing the Book of Mark. Martyred - dragged to death.



- **Luke**: The Physician. Wrote Luke and Acts. Was hanged on an olive tree,
- **Matthias** [Disciple who filled the place of Judas Acts 1:20-26] : Was stoned and beheaded at Jerusalem.
- **Apostle Paul (Saul)**: Wrote half of the New Testament was beheaded by Emperor Nero at Rome.
- **James (The half-brother of Jesus)**: Thrown some 100 feet off a wall - done to him after he repeatedly refused to deny his faith in Jesus. He survived the fall and was beaten to death with clubs.

Pro-Life Center In Washington, DC, Vandalized



"At a Capitol Hill Crisis Pregnancy Center in DC someone dumped red paint on the door, egged the windows, and wrote 'Jane Says Revenge,'" Daily Wire reporter Mary Margaret Olohan wrote. According to Olohan, the clinic's director, the vandalism makes her "sad," given the work they do for struggling women. She added that she believes it was perpetrated "by pro-abortion protesters concerned about the possible overturn of Roe v. Wade." "The clinic has security cameras but they weren't operating at the time. The clinic needs to fix them," Olohan said. Last month, a Wisconsin anti-abortion organization headquarters was set on fire and at least one Molotov cocktail that failed to ignite was found, according to police. Authorities were investigating the incident as arson.

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Calendar of Events

Event

Holy Hour: An Hour of Prayer

Location: Chapel

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Dates: 2022: August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

2023: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16.

Event

Adult Faith Formation Monthly Sunday Gathering

Location: Parish Center, stage side

Times: 8:30 am - 9:15 am, 10:15 am-11 am, and 11:45 am-12:30 pm

Dates: First Sunday of the month

2022: October 2, November 6, December 4.

2023: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7.

Event

Men's Eucharistic Revival Day of Recollection

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Date: TBD

Event

Women's Eucharistic Revival Day of Recollection

Sponsor: Martha and Mary Guild

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Date: TBD

Modern-Day Ark Built to Biblical Specifications

The Hebrew name to designate Noah's Ark, the one which occurs again in the history of Moses' childhood, suggests the idea of a box of large proportions, though the author of Wisdom terms it a vessel (Wisdom 14:6). The same conclusion is reached from the dimensions attributed to it by the Bible narrative: three hundred cubits in length, fifty in breadth, and thirty in height. The form, very likely foursquare, was certainly not very convenient for navigation, but, as has been proven by the experiments of Peter Jansen and M. Vogt, it made the Ark a very suitable device for shipping heavy cargoes and floating upon the waves without rolling or pitching. The Ark was constructed of gofer wood, or cypress, smeared without and within with pitch, or bitumen, to render it water-tight. The interior contained a certain number of rooms distributed among three stories. The text mentions only one window, and this measuring a cubit in height, but there existed possibly some others to give to the inmates of the Ark air and light. A door had also been set in the side of the Ark; God shut it from the outside when Noah and his family had gone in. Apart from Noah's family, the Ark was intended to receive and keep animals that were to fill the earth again (Genesis 6:19-20; 7:2-3) and all the food which was necessary for them. After the Flood, the Ark rested

upon the mountains of Armenia (Genesis 8.) Tradition is divided as to the exact place where the Ark rested. Josephus and other scholars locate it in Kurdistan. Berosus relates that a part of Xisuthrus's ship still remained there, and that pilgrims used to scrape off the bitumen from the wreck and make charms of it against witchcraft. Jewish and Armenian tradition admitted Mount Ararat as the resting place of the Ark. In the first century B.C. the Armenians affirmed that remnants of it could yet be seen. The first Christians of Apamea, in Phrygia, erected in this place a convent called the monastery of the Ark, where a feast was yearly celebrated to commemorate Noah's coming out of the Ark after the Flood. Suffice it to remark that the text of Genesis 8:4 mentioning Mount Ararat is somewhat lacking in clearness, and that nothing is said in the Scripture concerning what became of the Ark after the Flood. Many difficulties have been raised against the pages of the Bible in which the history of the Flood and of the Ark is narrated.



Constructed with the dimensions described in the Bible in the book of Genesis, the life-size Noah's ark replica sits in Williamstown in Grant County between Cincinnati and Lexington on I-75. It is the only Noah's Ark theme park of its kind.

This is not the place to dwell upon these difficulties, however considerable some may appear. They all converge towards the question whether these pages should be considered as strictly historical throughout, or only in their outward form. The opinion that these chapters are mere legendary tales, Eastern folklore, is held by some non-Catholic scholars; according to others, with whom several Catholics side, they preserve, under the embroidery of poetical parlance, the memory of a fact handed down by a very old tradition. This view could be readily accepted by a Catholic. It has over the ages stated that every detail of the narration should be literally interpreted and trusted, the advantage of suppressing some difficulties once deemed unanswerable.