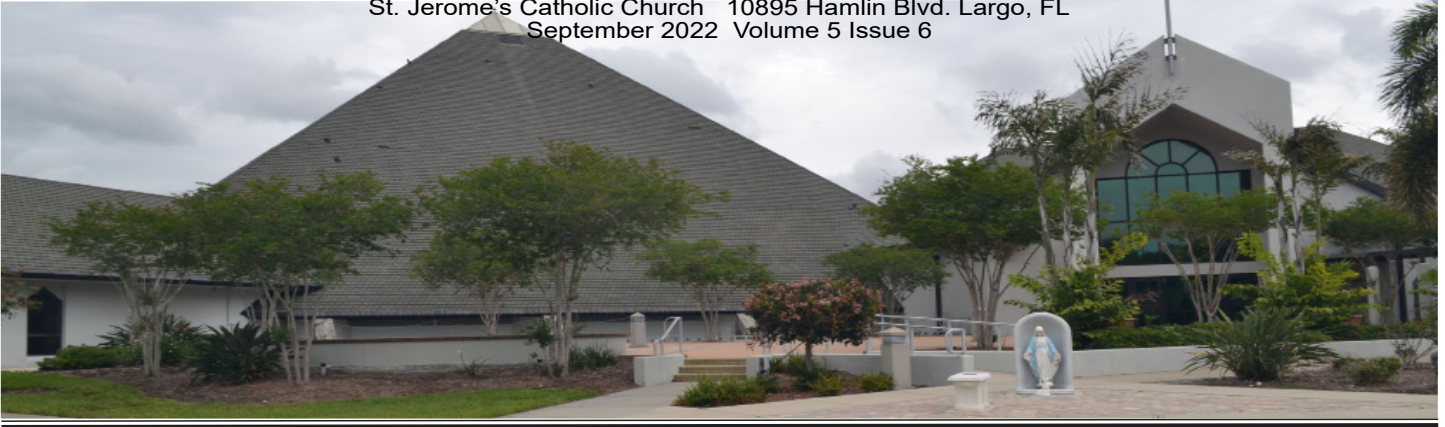


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights of Columbus Council 17249 Receives Top Award

The Knights of Columbus Council 17249 in Largo was awarded the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top honor for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

In the past fraternal year, our council has been involved in providing golf cart rides from the parking lot to the church, helping with Saturday confessions, working in the grotto, attending funerals, providing Sunday morning breakfasts on the third Sundays of the month, cleaning up the grounds, helping with traffic at various events, helping the Fellowship Committee with their various events (grilling hot-dogs and hamburgers, for example), erecting the Christopher Columbus statue, helping with LifeLine, giving away chickens to the needy, laying engraved bricks in the grotto, and much, much more.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact local Membership Director Gregg Appel at karokeya1@gmail.com or karokeya1@yahoo.com

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The statue of Mary, located in the grotto, is one of our many council's projects.

OUR MISSION

Knights are Catholic men who build a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Bill McClelland

Brothers, Bingo continues to set new records nearly every week for attendance and/or sales. Please support the efforts by volunteering to help when you can, even if it isn't

every week. This is a major fundraiser for the expansion of programs we have planned for this year.

We had another successful breakfast in August. While this is done as a community service to the parishioners, we continue to receive donations that cover our expenses, plus a modest profit of \$100 to \$450 each month. More importantly, this is something many people look forward to on the 3rd Sunday and produces

additional benefits.

In August, we added two additional Knights from conversations at breakfast and sold three bricks. Also in August, we received donations of Bob Anderson's KofC items from his daughters.

During the August breakfast, we sorted the items. Some of these treasures will stay with the council and others will be donated to KofC Florida and perhaps Supreme. I have contacted the state historian to verify what will be housed in Orlando and what should go elsewhere. Once Sean Denny and I review the items, I will update the council as to the distribution.

Next month, we will have another vote on a framework for our programs. It is important to establish the direction and focus for the next year, so I encourage you to come to the general meeting for the vote. Viva Jesus, Bill

LAUGHTER is the best MEDICINE

I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

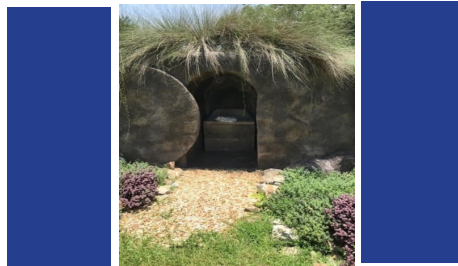
I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR



Dear Brother Knights,

I recently saw a recreation of Jesus' tomb at a local church near my family's home in Plant City. We have a custom



at St. Jerome of having

Fr. Tom Morgan a similar recreation of the tomb near the church from Good Friday through the Ascension of Jesus. We are at a point that we need to replace the tomb we have used in the past. We are looking for a creative team that might assist us to create a similar but larger tomb than the one pictured in the right column for Easter 2023. If you can assist us with this project, please call our Parish Manager at (727) 595-4610 or email him at parishmanager@stjeromeonline.org and leave your name and number. It is our desire to recreate a tomb that will be a permanent presence on our church grounds and available for reflection year-round.

I invite you to reserve Wednesday December 7, 2022, for an evening with Chris Stefanik at 7:00 pm at our church, "How to Live a Joyful Life." Chris is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith.

Recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput calls Chris "one of the most engaging defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today." Chris's live seminars reach more than 85,000 people per year. His reality TV show, videos, and radio spots reach millions of people, and his educational initiatives are turning the tide in the Church. He authored the Chosen Confirmation program which has already formed more than 500,000 teens.

A graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Chris is also the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, a non-profit which operates as the headquarters for Chris's various initiatives. Above all, Chris is proud to be the husband to his wife Natalie and father to their six children.

Chris STEFANIK
Author
TV Host
Public Speaker

Living Joy

WEDNESDAY
December 7, 2022

St. Jerome Catholic Church
1065 Hardin Boulevard, Largo, FL 33774

- Doors open at 6:00 pm
- Program starts at 7:00 pm
- Followed by Q&A and book signing
- BOOKS will be available for purchase

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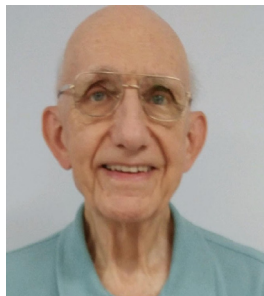
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Joe Giles
September 2



Nick Steele
September 17



Melvin Wrubel
September 19



Bill Hicks
September 21



JOURNEY OF Faith

By Jim Hand, Editor

In roughly 1955 I was working in Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, IN, on the painting crew. Latex paint hadn't been invented yet, I guess, because all we used was oil-based paint for the bed frames, door frames, and anything else metal that we painted. We probably painted the patient room walls in oil also, but I don't remember that.

At any rate, our cleanup station was in a little room in what was probably considered the basement of the hospital where two huge incinerators were located to dispose of anything and everything no longer of use to the hospital. These incinerators were probably 20 feet or so from the painters' cleanup room in which was located a 55-gallon drum which had

been cut in half vertically by an acetylene torch. Some legs were attached to the half barrel which now sat horizontally on the floor. Into it had been poured gallons of gasoline to wash the oil-based paint out of our brushes and rollers, and to clean our hands and arms.

I was just a kid. What did I know about gasoline fumes traveling here and there toward two incinerators? Why didn't the adults who worked with me know of the danger involved? I've wondered many times why we weren't blown to smithereens when those fumes reached an incinerator flame.



I can only conclude that it was the hand of God, keeping all of us safe to accomplish what was meant for us to do in life. I hope and pray that my life has been worthy of being saved.

A Prayer for Priests to Be Recited by the Laity By Cardinal Richard Cushing:

O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the face of Your Son and for love of Him, who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Your priests.

Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings.

Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands.

Keep them close to You, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in dis-

tant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I commend to You the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from sins, the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and who have offered me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priests who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me, and the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity.
In Jesus' name,
Amen



In the Spotlight

After graduating from high school, Vic enlisted in the Navy because he wasn't ready for higher education. He enlisted on Pearl Harbor Day in 1967. He spent two years in active duty and then he was in the Navy Reserve. He wanted to join the Marines, but his mother had heard too many horror stories about the Marines, so he joined the Navy. To his surprise, Vic ended up being a cook. After his tour of duty was up, he went to St. Petersburg's Jr. College where he started studying accounting but found it less exciting than he had anticipated, so he was introduced to nursing by a girlfriend. This was in 1970-71. He studied hard to maintain a B average. In time he learned that he would have to intern in Morton Plant Hospital, but the more he thought about nursing, the less it appealed to him.



Vic Carro

were not far away. He stayed with Probation and Parole until he retired after 33 years, managing offices as a senior supervisor. "I could have gotten a Federal position in Tampa, but I didn't want to drive that far to work."

When the state of Florida moved Probation and Parole under

the Department of Corrections, the job mainly became administration which did not appeal to Vic. He was able to work his way up to a level he was content with, knowing retirement was just around the corner.

A woman Vic knew went to Florida State and was majoring in Criminology, and Vic thought that sounded interesting, so the V.A. let him switch majors. He went to Florida State for that, but after one semester he said he hated it, but the V.A. would not let him switch again, so he went back home and finished up his Criminology Degree and got an intern job for probation and parole a while, expecting to move out of Florida at any time. However, before that happened, he met Vanessa who became his wife in 1975 and he just decided to look for a job, not knowing what to expect.

He got a job with probation and parole which he considered temporary because he still wanted to move to North Carolina. But Vanessa got a good job with the county and kept getting promoted, so Vic had to put a move to North Carolina on hold once again. He and Vanessa began having children. They had two sons and adopted a third. They sent their children to catholic school. Many years later they bought a 2nd house in Georgia for vacations and kept it for 6 years. He still longed for N. Carolina, because he missed the seasons, rolling hills and mountains, and the beaches, and the outer banks

Vic is a cradle catholic as is Vanessa. Their son Curtis is a priest and is assigned to St. Raphael where he is now the pastor; their son Greg works for Pinellas County Government, and son Justin works as an EMT in Pennsylvania. They have 3 Grand Children. Vic has expanded his catholic and bible knowledge quite a bit by going to classes at St. Jerome's for at least 6 years. He has been a Knight for about a year. Since retirement he has done much volunteer work with St. Jerome's church, as Emergency Fund and at Life Line. He is thoroughly enjoying retirement.

SOME TIPS ON PRAYER

Would you like to pray more but find you just don't have time? Or do you feel too intimidated somehow? Don't worry. You're not alone! But developing a better prayer life isn't as hard as it may seem. (In fact, it's easier than keeping on a diet to lose weight, or giving up certain bad habits, such as smoking!)

Here's a good suggested schedule for prayer time during the day. Also, making a Spiritual Communion with Jesus is a simple and yet powerful way to get closer to our Lord for example. We have this prayer on our site as well.



be thinking of anything else [but the prayers you're reciting] and that if your mind becomes slightly distracted all is lost....the Lord leads each of us as He sees we have need." This

article has some good points on how best to deal with those times when you feel like "nothing happens" when you're praying.

For those times you may experience spiritual dryness from illness or other hardships, we'd like to recommend this article entitled "How can I pray when I can't even think straight?". The important point here is not

And don't let any distractions in prayer that you may experience keep you from praying! As St. Theresa of Avila once wrote "Do not imagine that the important thing is never to

to give up when you feel you're not communicating with God as well as you'd like. As the author writes "even if you just sit in silence and can say nothing cry out to him [God] in the simplest way and he will hear you."

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous,
it is not pompous.

It is not inflated, it is not rude.
It does not see its own interests.

It is not quick-tempered,
It does not brood over injury.

It does not rejoice over wrongdoing,
but rejoices with truth.

It bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

Sunday Breakfasts Help Promote Fellowship



SEPTEMBER 30: THE FEAST OF ST. JEROME

St. Jerome was taught Latin and Greek grammar at an early age. As a student, he lived an immoral life but now and again guilt and remorse would engulf him and he would do penance and atone for his sins by visiting the catacombs of the Apostles and martyrs in Rome every Sunday and imagine himself in hell. He did this even though he was not a Christian.

In his early years, St. Jerome was very skeptical of Christianity but after traveling to Rome to study philosophy, rhetoric, and grammar, he started to appreciate what Christianity had to offer.

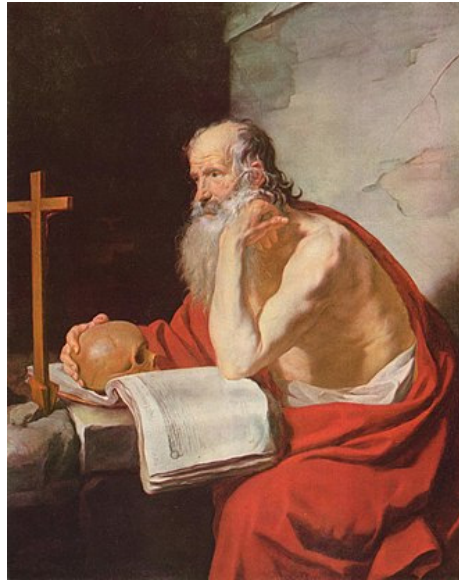
In Rome he met a friend who began to encourage him to convert to Christianity and around 366 AD, Jerome was baptized by Pope Liberius and became a Christian.

Jerome and other Christian friends traveled around Syria and Asia minor. During these travels, Jerome and Bonosus had a falling out and they went their separate ways. Jerome and some of his friends journeyed towards Antioch. In Antioch, they all fell ill and some of his friends died.

Jerome received a vision around 374 A.D. that led him to drop studying secular courses and concentrate on devotion to God. He studied the Bible, under Apollinaris of Laodicea.

St Jerome took to the desert of Chalcis in Antioch and successfully translated the Hebrew Gospel of Matthew into Greek.

After returning to Antioch around 378-379 A.D. Jerome was ordained as a priest by Bishop Paulinus. Jerome did not want to be a priest; he wanted to remain a free monk. But the Bishop and Pope insisted that he must be ordained a priest. Jerome requested that he be exempted from serving in a ministry and his request was granted under one condition: that he continued embracing his cur-



rent pious life.

Jerome then went to Constantinople and studied scripture. In 382, after two years in Constantinople, Jerome left for Rome where he was secretary to Pope Damasus I.

While in Rome, Jerome began a revision and translation of the Latin Bible based on the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament. Based on the Septuagint, he updated the Psalter containing the Book of Psalms.

Jerome continued to promote the ideal of asceticism to those around him. Among the people who were attracted to Jerome's asceticism was a group of women who wanted to live pious and saintly lives. Some of these women hailed from noble and patrician families such as Paula, Marcella, and Lea who were widows. As Jerome continued to help these women, hatred for him continued to build among the clergy and commoners in Rome. Another reason why the clergy were against him was that he was

very witty and they accused him of arrogance and hot-temper.

After the death of Pope Damasus I, who shielded Jerome from criticism, Jerome was left unprotected and made to leave his job as a secretary. He was even accused of having an improper relationship with the widow Paula.

The general population in Rome was also very displeased by Jerome after Paula's daughter's health deteriorated drastically and died four months after practicing asceticism as prescribed by Jerome. They accused Jerome of taking away the life of a very young and promising woman.

To escape from these vicious accusations, Jerome left Rome for good in August 385 and went to the Holy Land. A while later Paula and another daughter joined him there for guidance and instructions. After pilgrimage in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and other holy places of Galilee they settled in Bethlehem.

In Bethlehem, St Jerome wrote extensively for 34 years. He defended the divinity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and battled several heresies.

Jerome corrected the Latin version of the New Testament and translated the Hebrew Bible from the original Hebrew and Old Latin. He also produced a number of commentaries on Scripture.

St. Jerome comes second after Augustine of Hippo as the second most voluminous writer in ancient Latin Christianity. This makes the Catholic Church recognize him as the patron saint of librarians, translators, and encyclopedists.

St. Jerome died on September 30 420 A.D. near Bethlehem. His remains were originally buried in Bethlehem but were transferred to the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2022

The International Festival celebrates the Feast of St. Jerome on September 25, following the 12:30 Mass, of our patron, St. Jerome.

This is a time when parishioners who have different ethnic backgrounds will offer their ethnic food to be sampled. Along with different foods, there may be cultural items and even participants dressing in their ethnic clothing.

We are planning on some nice mu-
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sic, dance, and displays of different countries.

In previous years we had up to 30 countries represented. Because of the pandemic, we had to cancel for a couple of years, but we are back in swing now.

If you have never attended the Festival, you have missed out on a good time. And, if you are a familiar with it, we'd like to see you again for more

fun.

This is your parish, so we ask you to participate in every way possible. Would you be interested in joining other folks from your ethnic country and setting up a table with a small dish of your "special" food? This cannot be a success without YOUR help. Please call the office 595-4610 and they will lead you to someone on the Fellowship Committee for more info.

Relics Are a Biblical Concept

The word 'relic' (like 'Trinity') is not in the Bible, but the Bible does teach the nature and concept of the doctrine. Relics are explicitly biblical: So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Elisha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood on his feet. 2 Kings 13:20-21.

Veneration is essentially different from worship or adoration (reserved for God alone). It is a high honor given to something or someone because of the grace revealed or demonstrated in them from God. The relic (and the saint from whom it is derived) reflects the greatness of God just as a masterpiece of art or music reflects the greatness of the artist or composer. Therefore, in venerating it, God is being honored. The saint is being venerated only insofar as he or she is reflecting God's grace and holiness. If such an item is worshiped, the person doing it is not following Catholic teaching, which fully agrees with Protestantism with regard to the evil of idolatry, or putting something besides God in the unique place of God.

Elisha's bones were a "first-class" relic — a relic from the person himself. Other passages, on the other hand, offer examples of "second-class" relics — items that have power because they were connected with a holy person (Elijah's mantle



The Dead Man Restored to Life by Touching the Bones of the Prophet Elisha

and even St. Peter's shadow) — and third-class relics, something that has merely touched a holy person or first-class relic (handkerchiefs that had touched St. Paul).

The ark of the covenant had relics in it, too: a golden urn holding the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant [the two tablets of the Ten Commandments]. The manna (a type of food produced by God to feed the wandering post-Exodus Jews) was biological, so presumably it had to be supernaturally preserved if it lasted very long. The parallel to relics and the practices and principles connected to them is very clear.

Superstition and idolatry are — like lust or pride or greed — erroneous and wicked attitudes that reside in someone's heart. We don't usually know if this is what they are thinking simply by observing outward actions. Two people could be bowing before a relic. One could be viewing it as a charm or an idol and is gravely sinning. The other is venerating it, which is perfectly biblical and Catholic. So the lines are difficult to determine, based on these inherently subjective factors. It's not a simple matter.

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"I WANT TO KEEP IT!"

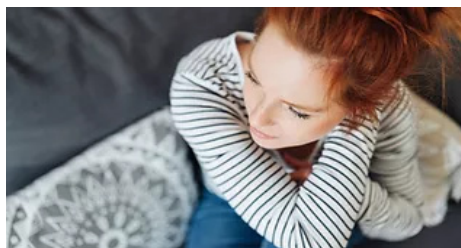
Brothers,

I am set to present before all the Masses on Oct 1-2 some comments concerning Kimberly Home and pregnant women. The title is "I WANT TO KEEP IT" I will discuss their free services for new and expecting moms

I will focus on Kimberly Home and a call for us to become Ambassadors to the community. I will be wearing my Knights shirt.

Perhaps we could encourage awareness among the brothers. Also all of us wearing the Knights shirt at Mass that weekend would send a united signal to the parishioners. God bless you all.

Kevin Manning



A PLACE OF HOPE



AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Vin Scully: American Catholic Legend

Legendary baseball broadcaster Vin Scully recently died at the age of 94. A devoted Catholic, Scully was unashamed to use his platform as baseball's most popular announcer for the good of the Church, and he leaned on his faith when tragedy repeatedly devastated his family.

In his 67 years as a professional sports broadcaster, Scully was the voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers and called nationally televised baseball and football games on CBS and NBC. His career spanned from the days of Jackie Robinson and Joe DiMaggio to those of Clayton Kershaw and Derek Jeter.

Vincent Scully was born in the Bronx in 1927 and named after his father. Tragedy struck early in his life when his father died of pneumonia. Vin was only four.

After her husband's death, Vin's mother - an immigrant from Ireland - brought her son to her homeland to mourn with family. He recalled walking home from school one day at age eight and seeing the final score of a game where the mighty Yankees had thumped the crosstown rival New York Giants by a score of 18-4. As a member of the Catholic Youth Organization, he learned he could get Giants tickets for free. School got out at 2:30, and Giants games were at 3:15, so the young Scully would walk 20 blocks from his Catholic school to the Polo Grounds, and fell in love with baseball.

Scully honed his skills by listening to ballgames while lying underneath a transistor radio, letting "the crowd noise come down like water out of a shower head."

But he had to make one stop before he could pursue his dream of calling games, serving two years in the United States Navy shortly after the end of World War II.

After leaving the Navy, he enrolled at Fordham University, where he majored in English, helped found the university radio station, sang in a barbershop quartet, and played center field for the baseball team. Despite his natural talent, breaking in to broadcasting was not easy: He wrote letters to dozens of radio stations asking for a job before one finally gave him a chance as a substitute anchor.

The Brooklyn Dodgers hired Scully as a radio announcer after Dodgers owner Branch Rickey, a devout Christian, personally interviewed him. Scully thought Rickey would ask him about the intricacies of the sport, but instead Rickey asked about Scul-



ly's personal life. When Scully said he was not married or dating, Rickey demanded, "Get a girl, get engaged, and get married." Scully said, "Later I understood, from those who were doing far better than I, that in his mind, here was this 21-year-old kid going to be on the road with a lot of time on his hands, surrounded by a lot of famous ballplayers, and the temptations would be tremendous. I never gave it a thought that was the reason. He really wanted his employees to be married." Scully followed Rickey's advice and married Joan Crawford.

In 1956, Scully was invited to a private audience with Pope Pius XII in Rome, arranged by his friend, Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca. In the presence of the pope, Scully's eloquence left him. He later recalled being so nervous that he couldn't muster anything to say.

When the Dodgers moved across the continent from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, Scully followed - and quickly got Southern California hooked on baseball.

A 1964 Sports Illustrated article said that in Los Angeles, "When a game is on the air the physical presence of his voice is overwhelming. His pleasantly nasal baritone comes out of radios on the back counters of orange juice stands, from transistors held by people sitting under trees, in barber shops and bars, and from cars everywhere—parked cars, cars waiting for red lights to turn green, cars passing you at 65 on the freeways, cars edging along next to you in rush-hour traffic jams."

In fact, so many people would bring transistor radios into Dodger Stadium to listen to Scully narrate the very game they were watching in person that Scully could hear his own voice reverberating throughout the stadium, and the audio engineers had to compensate for the feedback.

He quickly rose to national prominence after he was hired as play-by-play announcer for the World Series, first on NBC and later on CBS, for tens of millions of viewers. He was also tapped to call nationally televised NFL games on CBS. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame while he was still only midway through his career, and was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. But Scully's life was not always a charmed one.

In 1972, his wife Joan accidentally overdosed on medication and died suddenly at age 35. Scully was left to raise three young children alone. He was devastated. "I felt like I would jump off a building," he later recalled. But he credited his Catholic faith with pulling him through the darkest period of his life. "From the first day I can remember, I was brought up thinking about death. It's a constant companion in our religion. Tomorrow is so uncertain," he reflected. "We didn't stop praying," he said in an interview with the National Catholic Register: "The worst thing you can do in times of trial is to stop praying. The tough moments are when you need God the most."

"There are so many good things about the Church, but that might be the most essential thing I've learned from it: the importance of continual communication with God. That's what all the kneelers, candles, incense, stained-glass windows, holy water and other things are about: directing our minds and hearts to God."

About two years later, he married his wife Sandra Hunt. They raised his three children and her two, and they had another child together. (Sandra preceded him in death last year.)

As the play-by-play announcer for 25 World Series and thousands of Dodger games, Scully called countless iconic moments in baseball.

His play-by-play often sounded more like literature than the ad-libbing of a broadcaster. His words were quite literally like music to the ears. For a Los Angeles Times article, professors of music from the University of Southern California technically analyzed Scully's calls and said they had cadence, rhythm, key signatures, and tonality similar to swing and big band music.

Scully was famous across the nation, but tragedy was never far away. In 1994, his son Michael was killed in a helicopter crash at age 33. Michael, a chemist for an oil company, had been inspecting a pipeline for damage af

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ter an earthquake when the helicopter went down.

"I've had some pain in my life," Scully said as he reflected on the deaths of his son, wife, and father. "Faith is the one thing that makes it work, makes me keep going. ... You know, this isn't the only stop on the train. There's one big one we're still waiting for."

Scully relied on the Eucharist his whole life. "I used my faith to guide me straight and narrow and strong, for sure. I think about that every week when I'm in line going up to the rail to receive Communion. That's a pretty important moment. It always was and always will be. I feel a tremendous degree of comfort in the Catholic Church. It's where I've grown up, where I've had the most important moments of my life. I've benefitted from the dedication of the nuns in grammar school, the reception of the sacraments and a rich tradition of prayer that you can take with you no matter where you are." He was particularly close to the Blessed Mother, whom he called "the one saint everyone should have a devotion to."

"It has been said, and I believe it to be true, that her prayers are more powerful than those of the rest of heaven combined," he said. "No one was closer or more devoted to Christ on earth, so it only makes sense to see the same thing in heaven. Now,

the Blessed Virgin seeks to help her spiritual children get home to spend eternity with her Son."

He was a parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle in Westlake Village, California, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He worked with Catholic Athletes for Christ to arrange for Masses to be celebrated in Dodger Stadium for players and staff before Sunday games. In 2009, he was given the Cardinal's Award by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and was also recognized with awards from the Catholic Academy of Communication Professionals and the Orange County Catholic Foundation.

In 2016, Scully announced he would retire from broadcasting at the end of the season at age 88. That year, he was awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor a president can grant a civilian. The city of Los Angeles renamed the street on which Dodger Stadium sits Vin Scully

Avenue.

As he prepared to retire, Scully said, "All I know is that I'm profoundly humbled and grateful to the Lord for the gift of being able to cover baseball for practically my whole adult life. When the time comes to sign off for good, I'll look back with joy."



In his final game on October 2, 2016, Scully signed off the air for the last time with an old Irish prayer:

"May God give you for every storm, a rainbow / For every tear, a smile / for every care, a promise / and a blessing in each trial. / For every problem life sends / a faithful friend to share / for every sigh, a sweet song / and an answer for each prayer."

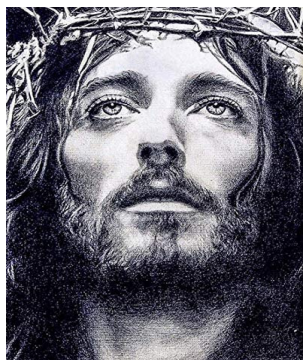
During his final season, an interviewer with the Catholic Digest jokingly asked Scully if, after all his success, he felt like he had one foot in heaven. Scully replied, "I don't feel like I have one foot in heaven, but I think I can see it from here, especially at Mass."

The Holy Name of Jesus

The Holy Name of Jesus reminds of us these ancestors in the faith and hopefully encourages us to want Jesus' name to be our last word.

There Is Power in His Name

Jesus powerfully taught that where two or three are gathered in His name, He would be in their midst. People also called upon Jesus by name when asking for a miracle.

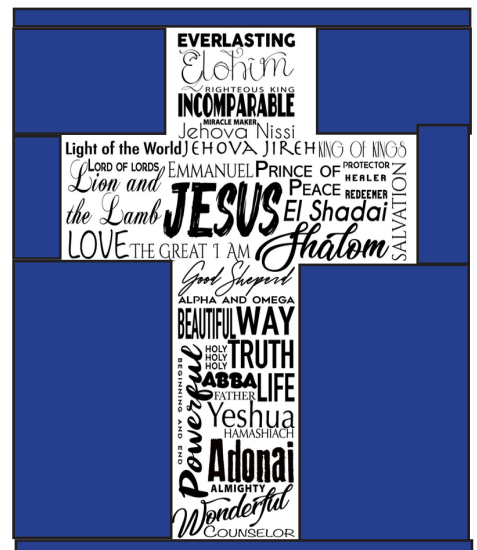


anxious, because His name is powerful for those who call upon Him.

Many Have Been Devoted to the Holy Name for Centuries

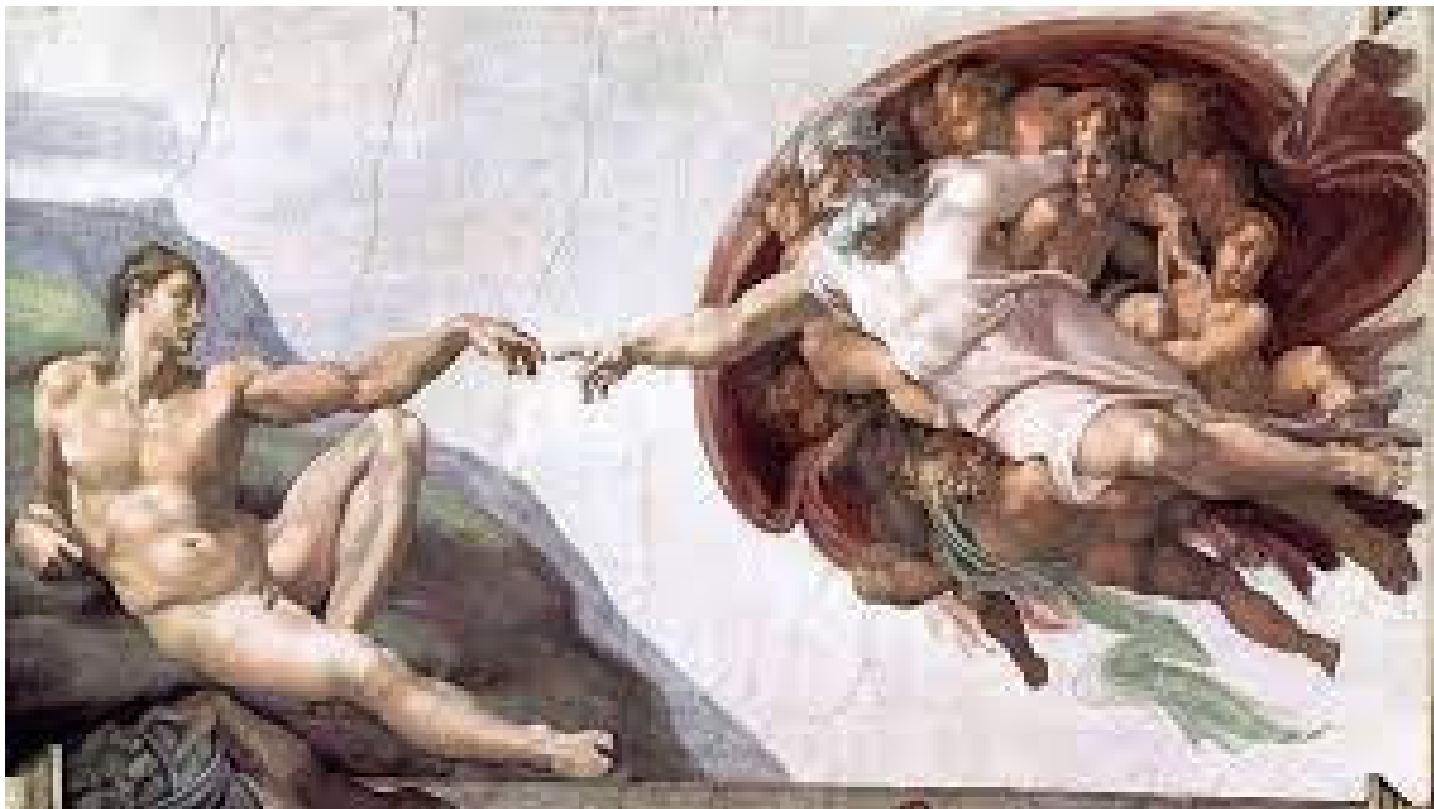
The name of Jesus has been a source of devotion for centuries. In 1274, the Council of Lyons recommended

that all the faithful should foster a devotion to the name of Jesus. Many saints also have recommended the devotion, most notably, St. Bernadine of Siena. Fr. Paul O'Sullivan's book "The Wonders of the Holy Name" gives an exhaustive overview of the countless saints, known and unknown, who promoted devotion to the name



of Jesus. We celebrate the feast of Jesus' holy name in order to foster a deep love for His name. If we pray the name of Jesus continually in this life, then it will be His name that we pronounce when we meet our Savior face to face.

The Sistine Chapel's Ceiling



Above you see a portion of the Sistine Chapel's ceiling which was painted by Michaelangelo between 1508 and 1512.