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CHURCH

LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (Confessions 4:00-4:30 P.M.)
Sunday 8:00 A.M. • 10:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M. (Maronite Rite)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 A.M.
Wednesday 12:00 P.M. (followed by Confessions)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS • Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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GIFTS FOR GOD

February 24, 2026 to March 2, 2026

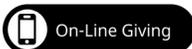
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Loose Checks	\$ 1,275.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,328.00
Online Giving	\$ 7,141.57
Total	\$ 13,093.57
Less Diocese 10% Assessment	\$ 1,309.36
Net Parish Collection	\$ 11,784.21
Special Collections	\$ 250.00
Holy Days	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 178.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

February 28 / March 1 – 748

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 165

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 195; 10:00 a.m. – 283; 11:30 a.m. – 105



Thank you for your contributions. Please consider online giving. This is a safe, secure, and flexible way to manage your giving. To sign up, go to the church website: www.ourladyofvictory.cc, Our Sunday Visitor at <https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofvictory/funds>, or use the QR Scan Code shown here.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7 – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
5:00 p.m. + Nancy Cecutti (Joe Rossetti)

Sunday, March 8 – St. John of God
8:00 a.m. + Rosemary Studer (Connie Leach)
10:00 a.m. + Jill Thurston (Geri & Radomir Radivich)
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 9 – St. Frances of Rome
8:30 a.m. + Erik Falasca (Rita DiSante)

Tuesday, March 10 – St. Dominic Savio
8:30 a.m. + Biase & + Maria Ciccone
(Terrie & Randy Harlor)

Wednesday, March 11 – St. John Ogilvie
12:00 p.m. + Margaret A. Cenci (Veronica Garrity)

Thursday, March 12 – Blessed Angela Salawa
8:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the
Polletta Family (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

Friday, March 13 – St. Leander of Seville
8:30 a.m. + Marcia Bohley (C.L.O.W.)

Saturday, March 14 – St. Maximilian
5:00 p.m. + Jenny Cardone (Family)

Sunday, March 15 – St. Louise de Marillac
8:00 a.m. + Claudine Eckhart
(Randy & Terrie Harlor)
10:00 a.m. + Frank Michael (Antoinetta Moscardino)
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

There is still time to send in your questions for the Apologetics sessions that Father Kik will be hosting. The questions can be emailed to: office@ourladyofvictory.cc or placed in the collection basket or mailbox outside of the Parish Office door.

Two more sessions this Lenten season:
Wednesday, March 11 and March 18 (6:00 p.m. in the PLC).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Each Tuesday during Lent
6:30 p.m. in the church

Lenten Apologetics and Soup Supper

"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15)



This Lent, come deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and learn how to explain and defend it with clarity, confidence, and charity.

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a simple soup supper followed by an engaging **Apologetics session** where we tackle real questions about the faith.

Fr. Jacques will cover topics people often criticize about the Catholic Church, such as:

- Scripture & Tradition
- The Eucharist and the Mass
- Confession and the priesthood
- Salvation, grace, and "faith alone"
- The Pope and authority
- Mary and the Saints
- Common misconceptions and tough objections

Dates and time:
Wednesdays,
Feb 25
Mar 4 - 11 - 18
6-7 PM

Come hungry for soup, and for truth.



Submit your questions in advance (anonymous welcome) at office@ourladyofvictory.cc



HOSPITALITY TODAY!! March 8th, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. All are invited to come and enjoy some tasty treats and some fellowship. New parishioners are encouraged to come and meet longtime parishioners!

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish will be preparing lunches for the homeless on **Monday, March 9th in the Parish Life Center at 5:00 p.m.** Please come to help us pack 250 lunches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen!

If you are unable to help pack lunches but are available to bake or bring cookies, we need your help as well! We need between 250-500 cookies to separate into baggies for the lunches. **Cookies can be dropped off on Monday, March 9th to the Parish Life Center.**

Thank you for your continued support to St. Vincent de Paul in our mission to feed the hungry.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, March 8	Regular Mass Schedule Hospitality after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses (PLC) Icon Exhibit – after the 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses (VH)
Monday, March 9	8:30 a.m. – Mass 5:00 p.m. – Lunch Packing for the homeless (PLC)
Tuesday, March 10	8:30 a.m. – Mass 12:00 p.m. – Knitting Group (VH) 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 p.m. – Stella Maris Meeting (PLC)
Wednesday, March 11	12:00 p.m. Mass – Fr. Missimi concelebrating 6:00 p.m. – Apologetics & Soup Supper (PLC)
Thursday, March 12	8:30 a.m. – Mass 7:00 p.m. – OCIA (VH)
Friday, March 13	8:30 a.m. – Mass 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Adoration (C) 4:30-7:00 p.m. – Fish Fry!! (PLC)
Saturday, March 14	4:00-4:30 p.m. – Confessions 4:30 p.m. – St. Faustina – Relic Prayer Service (C) 5:00 p.m. – Mass Bring in food for SVDP food collection.
Sunday, March 15	Regular Mass Schedule Bring in food for SVDP food collection.

PLC= Parish Life Center VH= Victory Hall C= Church

EXCITING EVENTS IN VICTORY HALL!!

ICONS – Come view the icons written by our talented iconographer, Claude Abssi, as well as her students and associates. Icons will be in Victory Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 7 and after the 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 8. The icons will be blessed and are available for sale.

WALL MURALS – Victory Hall is being transformed into a more prayerful, holy space. Please stop by to see the first of many murals that will grace the walls in Victory Hall. Each mural, starting with the Ascension of Jesus, will depict a scene from the life of Christ. The space is currently used for the Children’s Liturgy of the Word but will be available for more going forward. All are invited to participate with their time, talent, or treasure in helping us with this enhancement.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

~ John 3:16

Religious Education Pre-K through 5th grade

Class: Sunday, March 8th • 8:55-9:50 a.m.

2nd Grade begin rehearsing for First Communion

4th and 5th grades attend the Stations of the Cross Prayer Service in Victory Hall

Forming Faithful Disciples – 6th-8th Grade

Class: Sunday, March 8th • 8:55-9:50 a.m.

6th Graders put on their Stations of the Cross Prayer Service in Victory Hall (church basement)

7th and 8th Graders attend the prayer service

**Looking ahead: No classes for all grades March 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th
Classes resume Sunday, April 12th.**

**Please email Krista Joseph in the Religious Ed department if you are new to the parish
and would like to register your children for religious education or if you have a child
who missed their First Communion or their Confirmation.**

We have At Home studies for high school students who need to be Confirmed. Contact us now to get started!

Krista Joseph, Director of Religious Ed at Religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc or call 614-486-7678.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ICONS



Last call for Our Lady of Victory Icons!
Please call or stop by the office to
purchase one of the last remaining
icons. We only have a few icons left to
purchase. The price is \$100.00 each.
We can accept cash or checks made
payable to "Our Lady of Victory."

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

OLV continues to follow the Diocese of Columbus commitment to the protection and safety of children and the Safe Environment Program. The Safe Environment Program mandates that all Volunteers 18 years or older who would like to participate in parish programs or ministries who have been delegated care, custody, or control of children must complete this program. Information on the specific process and program registration can be found on the Our Lady of Victory website: ourladyofvictory.cc – located under the "Religious Ed" tab. You may also contact Pat Fulcher at religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc for this information.

Passion of the Christ

**Tuesday, March 31
at 6:15 pm**

The Stella Maris Society
ladies invite you to the
viewing of the "Passion of
the Christ" by Mel Gibson.

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RELICS AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY



The Padre Pio relic will be here through March 12th.

The Saint Faustina relic will be here March 13th-March 15th. Viewing will be open until 6:00 p.m. each day.

Please join us for a Prayer Service on Saturday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. to venerate the relic of Saint Faustina.



2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Please email the office at office@ourladyofvictory.cc to request a statement.



STELLA MARIS MARCH MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH 7:00 p.m. IN THE PLC

The ladies of the Stella Maris Society will be hosting a guest speaker at their meeting this week on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC. Rachel Muha, founder of Run The Race, will share with everyone about the wonderful programming they offer to at-risk children close to our parish. We will be collecting summer clothing items (for children ages 5-13 years in all sizes, but mostly "average" sizes). Cash and check donations will also be accepted at the meeting. All women of OLV and OLOL are welcome to join and are encouraged to arrive early to get some drinks and snacks before the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting will conclude at 8:00 p.m.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15. Please bring in nonperishable food for the hungry, next weekend. Please place food in the bins in the church vestibule. We thank you for your generosity!!



THERE ARE STILL SOME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE FISH FRYS.

We are looking for eight people each evening to help us clean the PLC and the kitchen from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come for dinner and stay to help clean...the best Friday night plans ever! This is also a fantastic opportunity for volunteer hours for teens. Scan the QR code to claim your shift.





The 8th Grade class is collecting NEW plastic Easter Eggs and Candy for their Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt for the Mid-Ohio Workers Association which will be held here at OLV. Our Knights of Columbus will be providing the food for the brunch, and our 8th grade students will have games and an egg hunt for the children of Mid-Ohio. MOW supports the working poor of the Columbus area, and the students are learning about the needs of the working poor. Please be generous and drop off donations to the Religious Ed Hallway or the box located at the entrance of the church. Drop off donations anytime by March 15th! Questions? Contact Krista Joseph at religiouse@ourladyofvictory.cc.

**ST. GABRIEL RADIO
DEACON CORNHOLE CHALLENGE:
March 18th-20th!**

Deacon Rob Joseph is stepping up to the boards, warming up, and giving it his best shot to support local Catholic radio, AM 820. You can give him a head start right now with an early online gift at StGabrielRadio.com. Every early donation means extra tosses for our deacon when the tournament kicks off March 18th, 19th, and 20th!

Deacon Rob will be on the radio on **Thursday, March 19, 8:30-9:15 a.m.** Tune in to cheer him on!!

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Scan the QR code to Purchase your tickets

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5th Prize \$3,000

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14th to 17th Prizes \$1,000
18th to 21st Prizes \$750

22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

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Your ticket number(s) will be emailed to you within 48 hours

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“أحبّ خاصته إلى الغاية”
“He loved them to the very end.”
(Jn. 13:1)

Live Theater & Music

Witness moving scenes from the Passion of our Lord,
An original artistic act by actors, cantors, and musicians from our two communities.

March 25th, 2026 - 7:00PM

Free admission (RSVP needed):



Holy Week

Wednesday, March 25	Easter Play "He loved them to the very end"	7 PM
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday Concert, OLV choir "The 7 Last Words of Christ" by Dubois	7 PM
Monday, March 30	Rite of Coming to the Harbor (Maronite) Followed by a Reconciliation Service	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 31	"The Passion of the Christ" by Mel Gibson Movie Showing at the PLC	6:15 PM
Wednesday, April 1	Rite of the Lamp and anointing with holy oil (Maronite)	6:30 PM
Thursday, April 2	Holy Thursday & Washing of the Feet Followed by Adoration	7 PM till 10 PM
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Service (Followed by Stations & Confessions) Maronite Service	3:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 4	Easter Vigil	9 PM
Sunday, April 5	Easter Masses The Lord is Risen!	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 11:30 AM (Maronite)



THE RETURN

PRAY WITH US ON OUR HALLOW PARISH COMMUNITY

1. DOWNLOAD THE HALLOW APP AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT
2. IN THE CHURCH TAB, SEARCH FOR OUR PARISH



**LENT PRAY 40:
THE RETURN**

Join us on a Lenten journey to return to our Father, one step at a time, one prayer at a time.
Pray40 is a 40-day invitation to renew your heart, deepen your faith, and make room for God's grace in your daily life.

LENTEN EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Hosted by the Bridgettine Sisters

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th | 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Fr. Michael Hartge

“Renewed in the Seasons of Lent and Easter”

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th | 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Fr. Michael Donovan

“Mysteries Unfold in the Easter Triduum”

LOCATION: Bridgettine Sisters Convent,
40 N. Grubb Street, Cols. OH 43215

Open to Men & Women | \$10 suggested offering

RSVP: BRIDGETTINESISTERS1@GMAIL.COM



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The \$100,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per year) Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship is available for application through The Catholic Foundation for graduating high school seniors who will be incoming freshman at The Ohio State University.

Ronald C. Sullivan was a man of faith, education, business, and duty. He considered his Catholicism the foundation of his identity and, as a lifelong Buckeye of The Ohio State University, Mr. Sullivan saw college education as a key to success.

Requirements for the Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship are as follows:

- A current high school senior enrolled or about to enroll at The Ohio State University, a practicing Catholic (as verified by a letter from a parish leader such as a priest, deacon, or youth minister), **active member of Our Lady of Victory**, St. Andrew, St. Agatha, or St. Christopher, and solid academic performance.

The deadline for applications is **March 27th**. The link to apply for the Sullivan Scholarship is: <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/ronald-c-sullivan-scholarship/> (click “Application”).

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893, ext. 1090 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

SAVE THE DATES:



Vacation Bible School 2026

Our Lady of Victory

June 8–11, 2026

5:30-8:00 p.m.

🌴 **Theme: Rainforest Falls** 🌊

An exciting jungle adventure filled with faith, fun, and friendship!

We are inviting **children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade** to join us for:

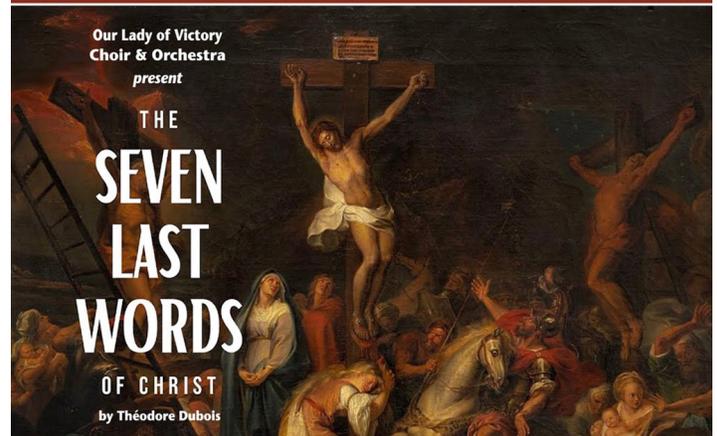
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Mark your calendars and get ready to explore the beauty and wonder of God’s creation at **Rainforest Falls!**

More registration details coming soon!



Palm Sunday • March 29, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Concert Series 2025|26

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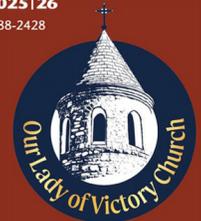
Theresa Cincione
Soprano, guest solo artist



Geoffrey Gear
Tenor



Larry Griffin
Bass



The Seven Last Words of Christ by Théodore Dubois, is a significant work rooted in the tradition of Passion music, which began in the early church with chant and evolved into elaborate oratorio by the 17th century. Dubois, a notable French composer and teacher awarded the Prix de Rome, created this choral masterpiece in 1867 for Saint Clotilde in Paris. It comprises eight movements, including a soprano introduction and each of Christ’s words from the cross, set to traditional Roman Catholic liturgies. The work, originally orchestrated for a full ensemble, concludes with *Adornamus Te, Christe*, a serene hymn suggesting the resurrection’s promise.

Mark Voris, Conductor

Love offering will be collected. **Must have a ticket to attend. Limited seating.**



Check out our entire concert series! Scan for ticket information.

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“But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.” (Lk 15:20)

Divine Liturgy
Sunday at 11:30 am
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New Testament Reading: 2Corinthians 13:5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves.

Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless, indeed, you fail to meet the test!

I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong – not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed.

For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong.

This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect.

So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell.

Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’”

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’

Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Saint John of God (1495 - 1550)- Feast Day: March 8

Saint John of God was born in 1495 in Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal. His birth name was João Duarte Cidade. As a child, he left home under difficult circumstances and spent much of his early life moving from place to place. He worked as a shepherd in Spain and later became a soldier, fighting in several military campaigns under the Spanish crown.

His early years were restless and unsettled, marked more by adventure and hardship than by religious devotion.



After leaving the army, John tried various trades, including working as a laborer and later selling religious books in Granada, Spain. Although he had some faith, he was not yet living a deeply spiritual life. Everything changed in 1539 when he heard a powerful sermon preached by Saint John of Ávila. The sermon moved him so deeply that he publicly expressed sorrow for his sins. His emotional reaction was so intense that some people thought he had lost his mind. He was even briefly confined to a hospital for the mentally ill.

While in the hospital, John witnessed the harsh treatment of patients. The sick, poor, and mentally ill were often neglected or treated with cruelty. This experience changed him profoundly. Instead of discouraging him, it gave him a new purpose. After his release, guided by Saint John of Ávila, he dedicated his life entirely to caring for the poor and the sick.

John began renting a small house in Granada where he brought in the homeless, the sick, and those rejected by society. He begged in the streets for food, money, and supplies, often calling out, "Do good, brothers, for the love of God!" He personally washed wounds, fed the hungry, and comforted the suffering. His charity was practical and hands-on. He believed that every sick person was Christ in disguise.

Over time, others were inspired by his example and joined him in his work. This eventually led to the founding of the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God, a religious order devoted to hospital work and compassionate care. The order spread throughout Europe and continues its mission today in hospitals, clinics, and centers for the poor around the world.

John's compassion extended especially to those suffering from mental illness. At a time when such individuals were often feared or mistreated, he insisted on kindness, patience, and dignity. Because of this, he is now considered one of the patron saints of hospitals, nurses, the sick, and people with mental illness.

Saint John of God died on March 8, 1550. According to tradition, he caught pneumonia after jumping into a river to save a drowning man and then giving away his own dry clothes to someone in need. Even in his final days, he continued thinking of others. His life was a powerful example of conversion, showing how someone can change completely and dedicate themselves to serving God through loving service to the poorest and most vulnerable.

He was canonized in 1690, and his feast day is celebrated on March 8. Saint John of God remains a symbol of mercy, compassion, and selfless charity, reminding the world that true holiness is found in caring for those who suffer.

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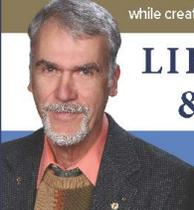
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