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OCTOBER 2023

*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 1 - Blessing of Animals after 10:30am Mass
Oct 3 - No Weekday Mass - Clergy Congress
Oct 5 - Adoration & Confession after Mass
Oct 7 - Rosary Coast to Coast at 3:00pm
Oct 8 - NO Faith Formation Classes
Oct 8 - Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Oct 10 - All Souls Day Paperwork Due
Oct 11 - Parish Council Meeting at 6:00pm
Oct 11 - Encounter Youth Group 6:30-8pm
Oct 12 - No Weekday Mass - Staff Mtg in GB
Oct 14 - KC's & St. Anne's Meeting at 5:30pm
Oct 19 - Diocesan Holy Hour after Mass
Oct 21 - NET Retreat for Grades 7-12
Oct 26 - No Weekday Mass - Worship Jesus Day
Oct 29 - Knight's Free Meal after Mass
Nov 1 - All Souls Day Mass at 7:00pm
Nov 2 - Adoration & Confession after Mass



Faith Formation was kicked off on Sunday, September 17, 2023, the students attended classes, and then went to Mass for an inauguration—praying for the students, parents and commissioning the catechists. After Mass there was a pizza potluck - it was a great way to kick off the Faith Formation Year!

Rosary is A Most Powerful Prayer

Our Lady of Rosary - Memorial,
Saturday, October 7th 2023

As we honor Our Lady of the Rosary this month, it's a good opportunity to reflect upon this powerful prayer. The best way to reflect upon the power of the Rosary is to turn to the saints. Below you will find several sayings from the saints of God regarding the Rosary. Reflect upon them and let them speak to your heart.

"Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood."
— Saint Louis de Montfort.

"Of all prayers the rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces...love the Rosary and recite it every day with devotion."
— Saint Pius X.

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." — Saint Pope John Paul II.

"The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth." — Saint Pope John Paul II.

"The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God." — Saint Louis de Montfort.

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family... than the daily recitation of the Rosary." — Pope Pius XII.

"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."
— Saint Pope Leo XIII.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." — Blessed Pope Pius IX.

"If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each

evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." — Pope Pius XI.

"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary."
— Saint Padre Pio.

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." — Saint Francis de Sales.

"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world." — Saint Dominic.

Lord, may I understand the power of this precious gift, the Holy Rosary. Give me the grace of making this part of my daily prayer.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Blessings
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Kris



Encounter Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, October 11** at 6:30pm. All 6th - 12th grade students are invited for a fun and inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting with others, a talk, discussion and prayers. Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

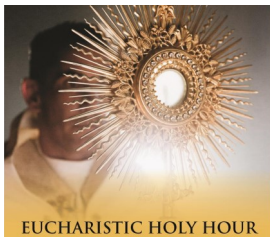
Yard Cleaning Day!

The Squires will be having a parishioner yard cleaning day on October 28th. If you could use some help cleaning up your yard for the winter, please let us know how we can help. To get on the list, please contact Jake Wagner (920) 460-3487. Thank you.



All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1st in the Catholic Church. On November 2nd, we remember All Souls. It has been the tradition at Ss. Peter & Paul

Parish to especially remember our departed friends and loved ones during these holy days and for the entire month of November. If you wish to have a special person or persons you have lost remembered during the November masses, please sign up using the form included with this newsletter or contact Katrina (the parish secretary) at 920-867-2179.



Diocesan Holy Hour
Thursday, Oct 19th
after the 9:00am Mass.
A great opportunity for
adoration & confession!

If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179



To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 1 after mass for an animal blessing in celebration of the feast of St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to bring their pet (or a picture of their pet) to have it blessed. Animals can be kept tied up/in pet carriers outside during Mass. All creatures great and small are welcome!

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Join in simultaneously praying a Rosary with a multitude of prayer warriors worldwide!



When: Saturday Oct. 7th

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Bring your rosary and a lawn chair if you'd like to sit. Also, you may bring signs or banners to let the public know what we are praying for.

This year the Oct 7th Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on a Saturday, which is also the First Saturday! With the opportunity to gather in prayer on the actual feast day as well as help fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's request to offer our prayer in reparation on first Saturdays, the National Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 7th. Rosary Coast to Coast rallies are encouraged to also take place on Saturday this year instead of Sunday.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE



All Saints & All Souls Mass
Wednesday, November 1st

Sacred Heart, Manawa at 5:30pm
SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega at 7:00pm



La Misa en Español

8 de octubre de 2022

NO WEEKDAY MASS:

Oct 3rd – Clergy Congress
Oct 12th – Staff Workshop in Green Bay

WEYMONT FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who donated food for the August Food Drive for the Weymont Food Pantry.

We collected 233 pounds of food and received a cash donation. Thanks again!



NET Retreat - October 21, 10am-5:30pm
Grades 7-12 (in place of class that weekend)

During the retreat young people will experience large group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discussions, prayer & music, giving youth a dynamic yet prayerful encounter with Christ.

Includes a taco lunch from La Margarita!

KC'S NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting on Saturday, October 14th, after the 4:30pm Mass.



Sunday, October 29th the Knights will be leading the Rosary before Mass and will host a meal after Mass. All are welcome to join us for both the Rosary and the meal!



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th
 The Staff will be in Green Bay
 for a Workshop

Wednesday, November 8 – Candace Bahr, former addiction and recovery counselor, current, and guest director of 12-Step retreats at Jesuit Retreat House, will present "The 12-Steps for Everyone: An introduction to the 12-Steps, especially for non-12-Steppers."

Location: Loyola Lounge or St. Ignatius Chapel

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

NO COST – free will offering accepted.

RSVP is NOT required but appreciated.

More info and/or to RSVP, call JRH at
 (920) 231-9060

or email us at office@jesuitretreathouse.org



Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

August 2023

Aug-23

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support

Liturgy and Worship

Other Revenue

Faith Formation & Youth

Fundraising

PPP Loan Forgiveness

Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages

Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefits

Liturgy and Worship

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Faith Formation & Youth

Buildings and Grounds

General Office

Diocesan Assessment

Other Payments+CapEx

Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue

Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

-4,335

*Paid the entire year's assessment

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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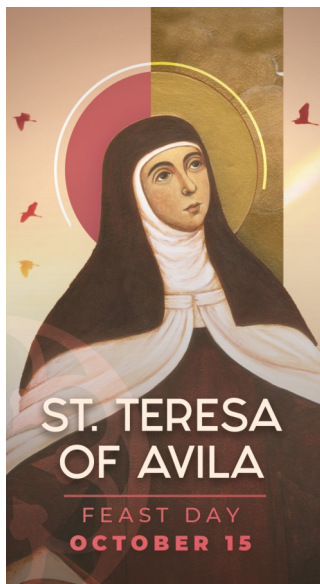
AVILA

October 15th

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



ST. TERESA
OF AVILA

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 15

The Nation and our Diocese is focusing on encountering Jesus more deeply in the Word and in the Eucharist. We have a few opportunities for Adoration during the month of October. October 5th from 9:30-10am and October 19th from 9:30-10:30am, please consider joining us!

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"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus...We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist." -St Teresa of Calcutta

"Through Adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel. Anyone who prays to the Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God." -Pope St John Paul II

"You left us yourself in the Sacraments of the Altar, and you opened wide your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust you. You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion." -St Faustina

The National

Eucharistic REVIVAL



ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
November 2

Holy Day of Obligation - November 1st at 7:00pm

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Remembers

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

It has been our parish's tradition to remember, in a special way, deceased loved ones that parishioners want remembered on All Souls Day. Unlike paying a stipend for a special mass in memory of someone, loved one(s) are prayed for during the entire month of November. Please try to limit to four or less.



Nov 1st at 7:00pm

Every member will be called, unless we hear from you by October 10. So, please fill out the form below with your intentions, or wait to receive a call from a Parish Council Member. Then, plan to attend the All Souls Day mass where you can add your designated candle with the others, commemorating all intentions.

All Saints & All Souls Day Mass - Wednesday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Clip portion below & return in collection basket by October 10th or call (920) 867-2179

Please remember the following at the All Souls Mass & all November: (please limit to 4 or less)

☐ **I don't have any special intentions at this time:**

Requested By: _____

Phone Number: _____

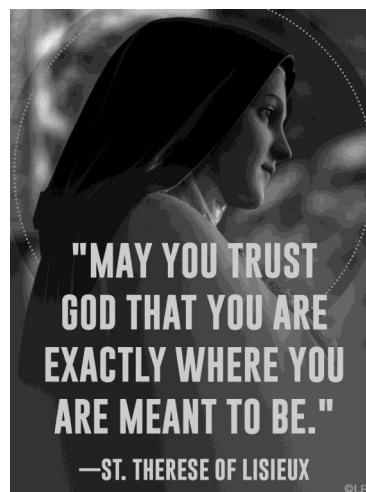
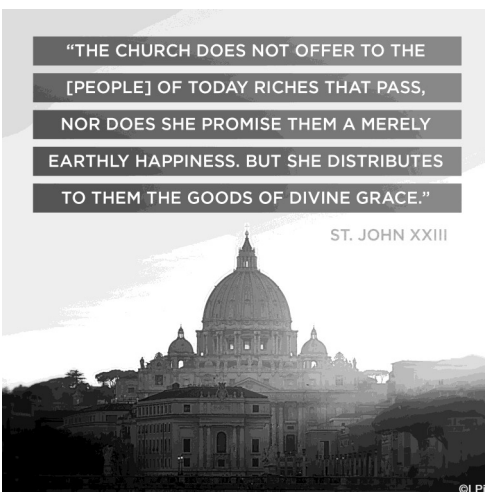


Pope John Paul II

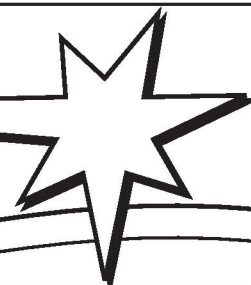
On October 22 we celebrate the Feast of St. John Paul II. He was born in 1920 in Poland into a strong Catholic family. He enjoyed skiing, acting, and praying. He had many sad things happen in his life though. By the time he was only 20 years his entire family had all died and his country was being taken over by the Nazis who killed many people and wanted to get rid of all religion. Through all these challenges he could have easily been afraid and lost hope. His relationship with God and daily prayer kept him strong and hopeful though. He trusted that God created each of us, loves us, and has a plan for us. He knew God wanted him to become a priest and that is what he wanted too. He had to study in secret to become a priest so the Nazis would not know. Eventually he became the Pope, helping to change the government in Poland

from being communist and against religion to being a democracy with religious freedom. He loved young people and started World Youth Days for youth to gather from all over the world to grow in faith together. He often told people, "Be not afraid!" Fear can keep us from doing what God is calling us to do, which is what will truly make us happy. He wanted all people to live holy lives as God created each of us to do. If you are struggling with difficult situations in your life or you are afraid to do what you know God is calling you to do, ask him to pray for you! Pope John Paul II also had a strong devotion to Mary consecrating the entire world to her immaculate heart. He loved the message of Divine Mercy and worked to spread that devotion instituting the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter. He died in 2005 just after celebrating the vigil Mass for Divine Mercy.

Quote: *"Whatever you make of your life, let it be something that reflects the love of Christ. The whole people of God will be all the richer [if you do this]. In whatever you do, remember that Christ is calling you, in one way or another, to the service of love: the love of God and of your neighbor. Real love is demanding. I would fail in my mission if I did not clearly tell you so. For it was Jesus, Jesus himself, who said, 'You are my friends if you do what I command you.' Love demands effort and personal commitment to the will of God. It means discipline and sacrifice, but it also means joy and human fulfillment."*



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October 2023

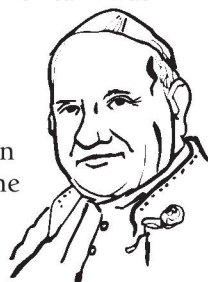
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Thoughtful Moments

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as: the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as "Good Pope John." He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He worked to uphold their dignity and improved relations with the Eastern Church. He is remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



The Guardian Angels

Guardian angels are "angels assigned to protect and intercede for each person" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). The intervention of the angels on our behalf is one way God takes care of us. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer with children often.

"Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy." Pope Francis



Fall saints for a good school year

The saints in heaven help us on Earth with their prayers. We can also follow their examples to heaven. Through the autumn months, these saints can be beacons of light for children:

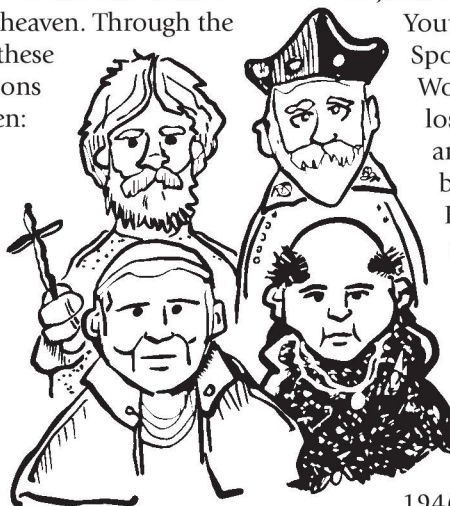
St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of students. Brilliant but humble, he became one of the greatest minds of the Church, studying, teaching, and defending the Faith. He began study with a prayer: "Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in completion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

St. Sebastian, named patron of athletes, bravely endured suffering for the Faith. Young athletes can ask him to inspire their strength, good sportsmanship, and self-discipline in

their faith and on the field.

St. John Paul II, patron of World Youth Day and Catholic Sports, was born Karol Wojtyla in Poland. He lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. His promising academic career was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. After enrolling in a secret seminary in Kraków, he was ordained a priest in 1946 and eventually became one of the longest serving popes in Church history.

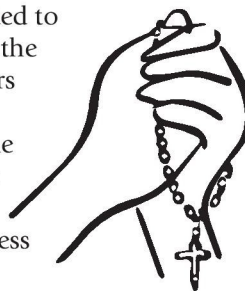
St. Philip Neri is patron of holy friendships. A valuable part of our school experience is learning to make friends. Call on the intercession of St. Philip Neri when navigating friendship challenges and to find holy friends.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Traditionally attributed to the Dominican Order, the Rosary is a set of prayers that focuses on the mysterious events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Several Marian apparitions and countless saints and popes have

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?



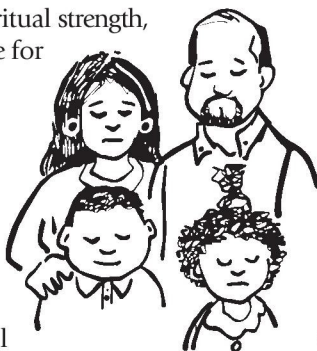
recommended the Rosary as the "powerhouse" of devotions. Many mistake it as Marian devotion, but the prayer is actually a meditation on Jesus' life through Mary's eyes. Meditating on the prayers and mysteries of our Faith opens us to graces that make us more Christ-like.

The family that prays together...

Praying together as a family is a source of spiritual strength, protection, nourishment, and much-needed grace for families. Use these tips to strengthen a family prayer habit in your home:

Set reasonable expectations: Based on children's ages and abilities, develop a mix of formula prayer, Scripture reading, and spontaneous prayer that will make up your family prayer routine.

Practice: Prayer is a conversation. Teach children how to have a warm, sharing, prayerful conversation with God. Demonstrate how it can be done.



Be consistent: Meet in the same place and same time every day for a specific amount of time. Children will learn that regular prayer is a priority and a vital habit.

Be generous: Allow each member to choose an intention – someone or something for which to pray. That way, prayer becomes even more personal.

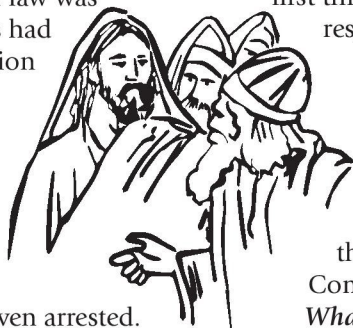
Keep it simple: God wants to encounter our hearts with His grace. If family prayer is as simple as offering intentions before a Crucifix and closing with a hymn of praise, that's good prayer.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40, It all comes down to love

In this Gospel passage, a lawyer starts a debate with Jesus on which of the 613 commands in Jewish law was the most important. Jews had been debating that question for generations without coming to agreement. Egged on by the Pharisees, the lawyer hoped to get Jesus to say something against Jewish law so He could be discredited or even arrested.

Jesus silenced them all by saying that everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of neighbor. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. The Ten Commandments can be



divided into two categories: those recommending respect for God (the first three) and those detailing responsibilities toward neighbors (the last seven). In the end, it is about love. The lawyer was brought to silence. The debate resulted in the gift of the Two Greatest Commandments.

What can a parent do? Talk with children about how easy it is to love people who are nice to us but loving everyone, even if they're not nice, is what God really wants us to do. It's how God loves us.

Feasts & Celebrations

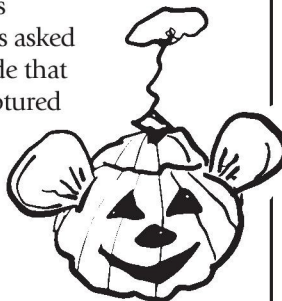
October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. Today, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 5 – St. Faustina Kowalska (1938). Born Helena Kowalska, St. Faustina joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy against her parents' wishes. In 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her to paint an image of the Divine Mercy and to spread devotion to His mercy.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist

(1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

October 23 – St. John of Capistrano (1456). Born in Capistrano, Italy in 1386, St. John studied law at Perugia. He eventually joined the Franciscans. Renowned for his preaching, he was asked to lead the crusade that successfully recaptured Constantinople from the Ottomans and saved Christendom.



Parent TALK

Tessa wanted to be Maleficent for Halloween - a strong female character who used powerful magic to subjugate a kingdom. Glamorous but horrible. I wasn't thrilled with my daughter imitating a villainess



who cursed a kingdom.

"You know, saints have amazing powers, too," I said. "St. Padre Pio read souls and St. Clare of Assisi turned away an army attacking her monastery."

Tessa thought for a few minutes. "Did St. Clare do that all by herself?" she asked.

"As an answer to prayer," I said. "She put the Eucharist in a monstrance on the convent walls and prayed for protection. The attackers fled."

"I'll be St. Clare," Tessa decided. "Faith was her super power. Courage, too." On Halloween, Tessa wore a brown tunic with a rope belt and a black veil. We made a monstrance out of pipe cleaners, glitter, and aluminum foil. And there was no sign of Maleficent!

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Compañeros en la fe

Octubre de 2023

Ayudando a nuestros hijos a crecer en la fe católica

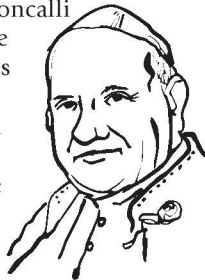
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Momentos para pensar

San Juan XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli nació en una humilde familia de agricultores en Bérgamo, Italia. Con su ordenación al sacerdocio en 1904 comenzó una vida de servicio a la Iglesia como secretario del obispo, capellán militar, cardenal patriarca de Venecia y, finalmente, como el "Buen Papa Juan". Con frecuencia visitaba a los pobres, los enfermos y los encarcelados. Se esforzó por defender su dignidad y mejoró la relación con la Iglesia Ortodoxa. Es recordado por inaugurar el Concilio Vaticano Segundo. Murió en 1963.



Los ángeles custodios

Cada persona tiene un ángel custodio "como protector y pastor para conducir su vida" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #336). La intervención de los ángeles por nosotros es una de las formas en que Dios nos cuida. Recen a menudo con sus hijos la oración del ángel de la guarda.

"Jesús revela la naturaleza de Dios como la de un padre que nunca se rinde hasta perdonar el mal y vencer el rechazo con compasión y misericordia". Papa Francisco



Santos de otoño para un buen curso escolar

Los santos del cielo nos ayudan en la tierra con sus oraciones. También podemos seguir su ejemplo hasta el cielo. Durante los meses de otoño, estos santos pueden guiar a sus hijos:

Santo Tomás de Aquino es el patrón de los estudiantes. Brillante pero humilde, se convirtió en una de las grandes mentes de la Iglesia estudiando, enseñando y defendiendo la fe. Empezaba a estudiar con esta plegaria: "Dame acierto al empezar, dirección al progresar y perfección al acabar. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén".

San Sebastián, patrón de los atletas, soportó con valentía su sufrimiento por la fe. Los jóvenes atletas pueden pedirle que inspire su fuerza, su deportividad y la autodisciplina en su fe y en el campo de juego.



San Juan Pablo II, patrón del Día Mundial de la Juventud y de los deportes católicos, nació en Polonia con el nombre de Karol Wojtyła. Perdió a su madre, a su padre y a su hermano mayor antes de cumplir 21 años. Su prometedora carrera académica se truncó por el comienzo de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Se matriculó en un seminario clandestino en Cracovia, fue ordenado sacerdote en 1964 y terminó siendo uno de los papas que más años sirvió en toda la historia de la Iglesia.

San Felipe Neri es el patrón de las amistades santas. Una parte valiosa de nuestra experiencia en la escuela es aprender a hacer amistades. Pidan la intercesión de san Felipe Neri cuando se enfrenten a retos en la amistad y para encontrar amigos santos.

¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué rezan el rosario los católicos?

Atribuido tradicionalmente a la orden dominicana, el rosario es una serie de oraciones que se centran en los misteriosos acontecimientos acaecidos en las vidas de Jesús y María. Muchas apariciones marianas e incontables santos y papas han recomendado el rosario



como una "poderosa fuente" de devociones. Muchos creen que es una devoción mariana, pero la oración es en realidad una meditación sobre la vida de Jesús a través de los ojos de María.

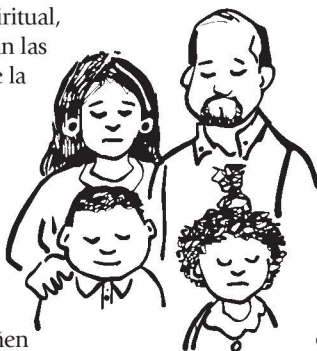
Meditar sobre las oraciones y los misterios de nuestra fe nos abre a las gracias que nos hacen más parecidos a Cristo.

La familia que reza unida...

Rezar unidos en familia es una fuente de fuerza espiritual, protección, sustento y de la gracia que tanto necesitan las familias. Usen estas ideas para fortalecer el hábito de la oración en familia en su hogar:

Fijen expectativas razonables: Basándose en las edades de sus hijos y en sus habilidades, elaboren una mezcla de oraciones con texto establecido, lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura y oraciones espontáneas que se convertirán en la oración habitual de su familia.

Practiquen: La oración es una conversación. Enseñen a sus hijos a tener una conversación cálida, generosa y devota



con Dios. Demuéstrenles cómo se hace.

Sean constantes: Reúnanse en el mismo lugar y a la misma hora durante un tiempo específico. Los niños aprenderán que la oración regular es una prioridad y un hábito vital.

Sean generosos: Dejen que cada miembro de la familia elija una intención, algo o alguien por quien rezar. Así la oración resulta aún más personal.

No lo compliquen: Dios quiere salir al encuentro de nuestros corazones con su gracia. Si la oración en familia es algo tan sencillo como ofrecer sus intenciones ante un crucifijo y terminar con un himno de alabanza, eso es una buena oración.

Lecciones de las Escrituras

Mateo 22:34-40, Todo se reduce al amor

En este pasaje evangélico, un letrado comienza un debate con Jesús sobre cuál de los 613 mandamientos de la ley judía era el más importante. Los judíos habían debatido este tema durante generaciones sin llegar a un acuerdo. Alentado por los fariseos, el letrado esperaba conseguir que Jesús dijera algo contrario a la ley judía para poder así desacreditarlo e incluso arrestarlo.

Jesús los calló a todos diciendo que todo empieza y termina con el amor, el amor a Dios y el amor a los demás. Ni los fariseos podían discutir con eso. Los Diez



Mandamientos pueden dividirse en dos categorías: los que recomiendan respeto a

Dios (los tres primeros) y los que detallan las responsabilidades para con el prójimo (los últimos siete). Al final, todo trata del amor. El letrado tuvo que callarse. El debate terminó con el don de los Diez Mandamientos.

¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? Hablen con sus hijos sobre lo fácil que es amar a la gente que se porta bien con nosotros, pero que amar a todo el mundo, aunque no nos traten bien, es lo que Dios quiere que hagamos. Es así como Dios nos ama.

Hablan los padres

Tessa quería disfrazarse de Maléfica por Halloween, un férreo personaje femenino que usa su poderosa magia para subyugar un reino. Fascinante pero horrible.



A mí no me hacía gracia que mi hija imitara a una villana que maldijo un reino.

"Sabes, los

santos también tienen poderes asombrosos", le dije. "El santo Padre Pío podía leer almas y santa Clara de Asís consiguió que el ejército que atacaba su monasterio se retirara".

Tessa se lo pensó unos minutos. "¿Hizo eso sola santa Clara?", preguntó.

"Como respuesta a una oración", le contesté. "Puso una custodia con la eucaristía en los muros del convento y rezó pidiendo protección. Los atacantes huyeron".

"Seré santa Clara", decidió Tessa. "La fe era su superpoder. También la valentía". El día de Halloween, Tessa se vistió con una túnica marrón con un cinturón de cuerda y un velo negro. Hicimos una custodia con limpiapipas, purpurina y papel de aluminio. ¡Y no se veía a Maléfica por ninguna parte!

Fiestas y celebraciones

2 de octubre – Fiesta de los ángeles custodios. Todos nosotros tenemos un ángel de la guarda que nos protege y nos cuida día y noche. Recuerden dar las gracias hoy a los ángeles custodios por sus cuidados.

5 de octubre – Santa Faustina Kowalska (1838). Nacida con el nombre de Helena Kowalska, santa Faustina ingresó en la orden de las Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia a pesar de la oposición de sus padres. En 1931 Jesús se le apareció y le dijo que pintara una imagen de la Divina Misericordia y que divulgara la devoción a su misericordia.

8 de octubre – San Lucas Evangelista (siglo I). San Lucas era un médico cristiano de Antioquía. Su Evangelio y los Hechos de los Apóstoles fueron escritos probablemente entre el 70 y el 85 d. C.

23 de octubre – San Juan Capistrano (1456). Nacido en Capistrano, Italia, en 1386 san Juan estudió leyes en Perugia. Con el tiempo ingresó en los franciscanos. Conocido por su predicación, se le pidió que dirigiera la cruzada que reconquistó Constantinopla del poder otomano y salvó a la cristiandad.



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