



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We are a welcoming Catholic parish of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ that fosters love, deepens faith and encourages respect and caring for fellow parishioners and neighbors through community conversations and action.

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass and the second Saturday, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All first-time parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. For class times, contact Sr. Ruth Hamel in the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Based on Diocesan guidelines, couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.

Available at any time.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Family of deceased should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 p.m. Jim & Johnny Clark †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Adrienne McCann †

11:30 a.m. Jim McLaine †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Michael Kelsey †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Rosary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Rosary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the IC Women's Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00 p.m. Angeline Fimognari †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Patrick McMahon †

11:30 a.m. Genevieve Durbin †

† Deceased

WELCOME DESK

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish. Welcome Desk volunteers are available each weekend to answer questions and assist with information as requested. Parish registration forms may be found at the Welcome Desk and in the Parish Office. Parishioners are asked to notify the office of any updates or changes in your family information.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover icoffice@iccols.org
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ADVISORY COUNCILS

Finance Council Chairman
Parish Council President Heather MacKinnon iccolsparishcouncil@gmail.com
School Board President Brian Conway

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bob Steinbauer Don Muenz Mark Kelsey Betty Kelsey Bobbi Mitch	Cathy Costello Mary Lu Harrison Don Harbaugh Diana Winkler Jeanne Stoker	Peg Tippet Keith Kidner Eileen Kidner Pete Eichel Laura Julian Molly Dodane	Jeff Lohrer Dave Wall Christine Demko Elizabeth Hart Bob Poirier Julie Kaminski
LECTOR	E.J. Davis	Layton McCallum	Colleen O'Brien	Laura Wise
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USHERS	E.J. Davis Mike Hatzo John Groeber	Chris Mahler Ralph Mathews Michael Girard	John Longbrake Sean O'Neil Jeff Ortega John Ryle	Bob Poirier Bob Taylor Jeff Doon
WELCOME DESK	Pat Conway	Diana Marie Winkler Suzanne Smith Ronnie Hiss	Lynn Boardwine	Janine Oman Anne Campbell Carolyn Smith

**OCTOBER CONTRIBUTORS
TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of October, the Sanctuary candle in the Adoration Chapel was donated by an **anonymous donor**. The Sanctuary candles in the church were donated by **Francis and Estelle Sullivan**, the **Dennis Mong Family** and the **Zych Family**. Our thanks go to these families for their generosity.



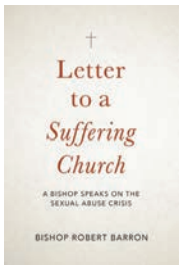
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AT MASS – OPEN MASSES IN OCTOBER

Please check the schedule to see if there is a Sunday Mass in October that you/your family are able to carry up the offertory gifts. In the offertory

procession, the bread and wine are presented (offered) by the faithful to God before they are consecrated. Members of the parish are invited to bring up the gifts at the Mass(es) of their choosing, throughout the year. **To participate in this ministry, go to** www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts and sign up for the Mass or Masses at which you and your family wish to carry up the gifts.

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome these new parishioners to the parish: **Jenna Dolan; Benjamin Lawson; Nick, Sophie, Beatrice and John Potkalitsky**. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.



LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRON

Feeling hurt, angry or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Immaculate Conception wants to help so we've ordered copies of *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* by Bishop Robert Barron for our parish. In this powerful read, Bishop Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, provides encouragement and hope for

each of us, explaining why this is not the time to leave the Church, but the time to stay and fight for the Body of Christ. **We invite you to pick up your free copy after any of the Masses this weekend. Extra copies will be available in the Parish Office.**

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND MEETINGS

Minutes from the September Parish Council meeting are available in the display boards in the Gathering Space and at the east door of the church and at the Welcome Desk. The next Parish Commissions and Council meetings are on October 12, 2019. Commission meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room A and Parish Council convenes at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB POTLUCK – COME JOIN US!

All the women of the parish are invited to the annual Immaculate Conception Women's Club Potluck. Please join us on Tuesday evening, October 8, in Marian Hall. The doors will open at 6 p.m. so there will be time to pay your \$10 dues, confirm your email address and visit. We always enjoy this evening...being together and enjoying your tasty dishes and desserts! Dinner will begin around 6:30 p.m. and beverages will be provided. Come join us.



**DIOCESAN
PRIEST
CONVOCATION**

The priests of the Diocese of Columbus will be gathering for their Convocation in Maumee, Ohio from Monday, September 30 to Thursday, October 3.

This will be a time of prayer and discussion on the current needs of the Diocese.

Therefore, there will be no daily Mass from October 1-3.

Morning Prayer will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

Please pray for our Bishop, priests and the Diocese of Columbus.

Friends,

As you know, the priests of the diocese will gather this week for our Convocation. I realize the sacrifice this entails for all the people in our parishes. Thank you for your understanding. Would you be so kind as to remember us in prayer this week as we gather in prayer, reflection, collaboration and building each other up in the service of the Gospel? Your prayers always sustain us and so I turn to you in this special time. Strengthening the bonds of our communion as priests, we seek to serve you better that we might all be brought closer to the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Brennan

VOLUNTEER



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR CHILDREN'S
RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS!**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Anyone interested in the opportunity to deepen their faith by teaching or assisting a teacher for 1st-8th grade Parish School of Religion (PSR) students, please contact Paulette Mudrey at icpsr@iccols.org or (614) 668-1292.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL

Volunteers are needed to lead and help with this year's Sunday Preschool. To find out more about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Sr. Ruth at srhamel@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will not begin until we have sufficient volunteers to lead the program!

Consider this opportunity to deepen children's understanding of the Mass readings by helping to lead the Children's Liturgy Program on Sunday mornings. Children's Liturgy is held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass from September until May. Children in grades K to 3 are escorted to Room A of the Rectory for child-friendly readings and Gospel reflection, before rejoining their families for Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To find out more about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Sr. Ruth at srhamel@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241.



Praise the Lord my soul!



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 • Offertory Report 9/22/2019

	9/22/2019	YTD 2019/2020
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 18,216.50	\$255,950.26
Loose Cash	\$ 486.00	\$ 6,803.63
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 18,702.50	\$262,267.89
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$300,000.00
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	(\$ 6,297.50)	(\$ 37,232.11)

Families Receiving Envelopes	1,059
Envelopes Received	199
Families on EFT	330

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."
– Philippians 4:19



IC FALL FAMILY CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, October 19, the fun begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon with a cookout! Parishioners of all ages are invited to help make IC beautiful! This is a great family event to meet new parishioners, work side-by-side with friends and provide a fantastic opportunity for our kids to volunteer (and earn volunteer hours!) and show our faith through works. Fun activities include leaf pick-up, weeding, pruning, cleaning beds and general yard maintenance. Please bring appropriate tools for this type of work (gloves, rakes, shovels, garden tools). Lunch will be served following the event! Many hands make light work. For additional information, please contact John Bruzzese at (614) 284-9226. See you on October 19! Meet at the grotto to get your work assignment.

FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP

Our parish Festival was a huge success as many parishioners, alumnae, and members of the community joined us for food, fun, games and a great silent auction. **The parish received a check for \$63,750.** Our thanks go to our 2019 Festival Co-Chairs, Chris & Jessica Schultheis, their team members, and all of our I.C. parishioners and friends who volunteered their time, and talents.



PET BLESSING – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2 P.M.

All parishioners are invited to bring their pets to this annual blessing that will take place on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. This will take place in the green space behind the Education Center at 2 p.m. in the afternoon. We hope to see you there.

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury is hosting a Young Adult Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Register online at www.colscatholicyoungadultconf.weebly.com or email colscatholicyoungadultconf@gmail.com with questions.

LIFE.... A BEAUTIFUL GIFT....A RIGHT

All are invited to attend the "Building a Culture of Life Conference" featuring our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan on October 19, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Topics are inspirational, practical, and insightful, \$25/\$10 (Student) registration, lunch included, at St. John Neuman Church, Sunbury. Deadline is October 14, 2019. Please call (614) 241-2540; or <https://bcic2019.eventbrite.com>. Sponsored by the Greater Columbus Right to Life.

NIGHT OUT, SEVENTH SON BREWERY

OCTOBER 12, 7–10 p.m.

You don't have to have a child attending IC to enjoy a night out with friends! It's also an OSU bye week, so why not join members of the IC community for a fun night out? Tickets are \$30 per person and include your first drink. Join us at Seventh Sons Brewery, 1101 N. 4th Street, Columbus, OH 43210. Purchase tickets in advance by dropping off a check at the school, payable to IC HASA, with the names of those attending by Friday, October 11. You can also pay at the door on the day of the event using cash, credit card, or check.

Proceeds benefit IC HASA, funding initiatives such as field trips, service scholarships, and tuition assistance.

RETREATS AT THE

MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Dr., Columbus) is happy to announce two upcoming retreats facilitated by Sr. Carol Ann Spencer, OP, designed to ponder the richness of God's blessings. "Autumn: Season of Surrender" will be held on October 2 from 7-9 p.m. and "Advent: Season of Hope" on December 4 and 11 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration details are available at martindeporrescenter.net/programs or (614) 416-1910.

#BeTheTo MOVEMENT

National Suicide Prevention Month is September and the Catholic Diocese of Columbus is encouraging you to join the #BeTheTo movement from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. How can you #BeTheTo make a difference in the life of someone feeling isolated, alone, and in pain? Making a difference begins with you, and these five steps from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be an effective way for you to take action in your parish or school community and make an impact in someone's life. For details, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul is holding their 5th Sunday Collection this weekend after all Masses. We ask your continued financial support for their charitable works. The need is great! You may use the envelope in your packet or members will be at the church doors after all Masses this weekend to accept your donations.

OPEN SHELTER MINISTRY

The Open Shelter is a ministry that serves the homeless and marginally housed persons in Columbus. Our parish assists in this ministry by serving dinner one evening a month. **The next date is Monday, October 7, 2019. We need volunteers to make sloppy joes, macaroni & cheese or cookies.** If you are interested, please call Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879. Food must be hot and will be picked up behind the rectory at 5 p.m. on that Monday. **Please do not drop off donated items prior to that Monday.** Arrangements can be made for pickup if this time is inconvenient. Donations for buns, bananas and drinks are welcome.

BISHOP BRENNAN TO ADDRESS CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

Traditionally, each October the Bishop of Columbus addresses the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. Happily, Bishop Brennan is continuing that custom. Please join us Friday, October 4 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and comments from The Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Bishop of Columbus. The October luncheon is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Columbus. Serra Columbus promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. More information is available at www.serracolumbus.org. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Brennan's remarks. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at craigkofc@gmail.com.

DAVID HAAS CONCERT

David Haas, the world-renowned composer of beloved sacred music titles including, "You Are Mine," "We Are Called," "Blest Are They," is coming to Columbus for a one-night-only concert appearance with singers and musicians from the Diocese of Columbus!

NPM Columbus, your local chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, is proud to welcome Grammy-nominated artist David Haas to The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Ohio on Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

On the following morning (Saturday, October 12, 9:30-1:30 p.m.), you will have the opportunity to learn and grow with David as he conducts a workshop to explore Matthew's version of the Beatitudes, illuminated by the writings of Pope Francis, and punctuated by David's music and experiences in everyday living. The workshop includes lunch and materials, and is open to attendees of all ages. To register for the workshop, or for further details, please visit npmcolumbus.org/haas.

HARVEST BOUQUET CRAFT SHOW

St. Joan of Arc is happy to announce that the St. Joan of Arc Harvest Bouquet Craft Show will be back again this year. This is our 28th year and will be held **Saturday, October 12** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, OH. It is hosted by the St. Joan of Arc Women's Club and we have over 100 craft vendors, good food, buckeyes and raffle baskets. Admission is free. If you have any questions, please call Diane Orick (614) 746-9650.

FALL TOUR DAY AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its Fall Tour Day on Saturday, October 19, from Noon-3 p.m. Explore the buildings, chapels and grounds of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy! Tours highlight extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork and sacred art. The 45-minute tours guided by seminarians begin every half-hour and are followed by refreshments. Registrations requested online at pcj.edu/tours. Questions? Please contact Meghan Henschen, Director of Advancement, at (614) 985-2234 or mhenschen@pcj.edu.

SCHOOL NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

Now Hiring an Aide for Preschool – The hours of this part time position are from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Friday. If you love working with preschool-aged children and have part time availability, please consider applying for this position. Letters of interest, including work history, can be sent to principal Colleen Kent at cokent@cdeducation.org.

All School Rosary – Monday, October 7 at 2 p.m. – Please join the schoolchildren in honoring Mary by saying the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday, October 7. We will gather at the grotto for this special event. We hope to see you there.

BISHOP WATTERSON NEWS

Homecoming Mass – All alumni, family and friends are invited to Bishop Watterson for a Homecoming Mass on Sunday, October 6 at 3 p.m. RSVP at bishopwatterson.com.

FAMILY ROSARY DAY, OCTOBER 13

Family Rosary Day is a time for devotion to our Blessed Mother. The Diocese's annual Family Rosary Day is Sunday, October 13 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Presider and homilist is the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy community, worship God, and ask our Blessed Mother's intercession for the needs of God's people. All are welcome.

JOURNEY OF HOPE...

FROM VIOLENCE TO HEALING

The Ohio Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing will visit St. James the Less Parish on Tuesday Oct. 15, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Avenue (use the back door). The Journey is led by murder victim family members who oppose the death penalty as a societal response. Come hear powerful voices of experience on the death penalty, and learn how Catholics are leading the effort to end executions in Ohio. The presentation is sponsored by the St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call Dave Frickey at (614) 268-3828 or Suzie Latham at (614) 267-4350.

WOMEN'S RETREAT –

WALKING IN THE EXCELLENCE OF GOD

The St. Therese Retreat Center is hosting "Walking in the Excellence of God," a three-day women's retreat which focuses on the Words of Prophecy spoken to us in Scripture. The retreat will feature renowned Catholic speaker, Lois Ann Mader. Mader comes from Florida and will speak about her experience as a member of Unbound Ministry, as a spiritual director, and as a Eucharistic Apostle of the Divine Mercy. The retreat will be held October 18 to 20. For more information, or to register, please contact the Columbus Catholic Renewal info@ccrcolumbus.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please include contact information with a phone number and email address. Your written submission may be sent to the parish office or emailed to ic.bulletin@iccols.org. All bulletin items and flyers must be approved by the parish office. Notices for bulletin boards must also be approved by the parish office before posting.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PAGE

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, September 29, 2019

The Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

“The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of ‘friendship’ or ‘social charity,’ is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood.”⁴⁵

An error, ‘today abundantly widespread, is disregard for the law of human solidarity and charity, dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational nature of all men, whatever nation they belong to. This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity.’⁴⁶ (CCC, 1939)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

45: Cf. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* 38-40; *Centesimus annus* 10. **46:** Pius XII, *Summi pontificatus*, October 20, 1939; *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 31 (1939) 423 ff.

“But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, ...to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ...To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.” [1 Tim. 6:11-16]

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Her memorial is celebrated October 1st. St. Therese is lauded for her “little way.” She practiced little, many times hidden, acts of love daily.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”¹

Therese translated this prayer into ordinary acts of charity, freely given in deep love, praise, and gratitude to God.

“Born in Alecon, France, she entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux at the age of fifteen, having obtained permission from the pope and her Superior. Known as the Little Flower of Jesus, she was noted for her humility and complete abandonment to God. In obedience to her Superior she wrote down her “little way” and the writings were published posthumously. They reveal in their simplicity a profundity of spiritual progress and understanding.” Taken from the Roman Missal

Books by St. Therese:

The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux by Therese Martin of Lisieux.

The Letters of St. Therese of Lisieux, Vol. I: 1877-1890. by John Clarke and St. Therese.

The Little Way for Everyday by St. Therese and Francis Broome.

St. Therese is a saint for our times. We can imitate her “little way” in our lives and grow daily in holiness as she did.

1. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *Manuscrits autobiographiques*, C 25r.

FORMED picks for this week:

WATCH/STUDY:

“Opening the Word:” 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 29, 2019

Why Believe? – Volume 2: Chapter 10: “Meeting Jesus in Other People” by Augustine Institute.

LISTEN:

“Defeating Satan’s Deadly Weapon Against Men” by Jeff Cavins – Lighthouse Media - Audio - Run Time: 1hr 15 mins.

“Winning the Culture War” by Dr. Peter Kreeft - Lighthouse Media – Audio – Run Time: 53 mins.

“Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song by Vicki Kueppers” Audio: Run Time: 44min.

READ:

“The Joyful Beggar:” A Novel about St. Francis of Assisi by Louis de Wohl

STUDY:

“The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church” The Witnesses Trilogy, Season 1, Episode 2 Run Time: 1hr, 10mins.

WATCH:

“The Secret of Saint Thérèse” Movie: Run Time: 51 mins.

“Miracle of Saint Thérèse” Movie: Run Time: 1hr 32 mins.

“Saint Francis of Assisi: His Life and Miracles” Movie: Run Time: 59 mins.

“Ocean of Mercy” about St. Faustina Kowalska Movie: Run Time: 1hr 15 mins.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael September 29

Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God’s protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

Post by Fr. Don Miller, OFM <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saints-michael-gabriel-and-raphael/>

Saint Corner

exploring THE SUNDAY READINGS

THE CHASM BETWEEN US: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

Woe to the complacent in Zion!

We all cherish those hours when we can stretch out, enjoy a meal, listen to some music, and relax. It can seem annoying that Amos, a prophet with a dark mood, wants to spoil one of those truly delicious times with his bad-tempered accusations. Isn't it all right to enjoy some sweet downtime without all of this pious finger pointing?

Our personal comfort isn't the problem Amos sees in this scenario. It's the terrible want of others that our complacency fails to address. Hardworking people raise the lament: But we earned our happy hour; don't we deserve it? Ah, but this suggests the poor have earned their suffering, which is true about as often as one earns the right to be born healthy, raised by stay-together parents, attend good schools, or grow up in a country of opportunity. We all have good reason to be grateful, generous, and just.

» *How can you share the comfort you enjoy with someone else today?*

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

But you, man of God, compete well for the faith.

It helps to talk to people in terms they understand. Some folks respond to poetry, others to movie references, and still others to the Dow Jones Industrial Average. And a lot of people – from the time of early Greece to last I checked – perk up and pay attention when you make a sports analogy. St. Paul, living in the Greco-Roman world, makes a lot of sports comparisons for this reason. His society was wild about competition. Paul urges his younger associate Timothy to compete in the realm of the spirit with the diligence and energy he might employ in an Olympic contest. What if we all pole-vaulted for peace? Jumped for justice? Raced for reconciliation? Fought down the field for faith? But just in case you're not a sports fan, let me put it to you this way: be passionate about what you value most. The stakes have never been higher.

» *What are you most passionate about? What will you do for passion that you won't do for any other reason?*

GOSPEL

LUKE 16:19-31

"Between you and us is a great chasm to prevent anyone from crossing."

The wealth gap is larger than ever in this country, we keep hearing. According to a Pew Research Center Report, upper income families are seven times richer than middle class ones – a gap twice as wide as in 1995. The means of poorest families are seventy times smaller than the wealthiest. The top .1 percent of Americans hold more wealth than the 90 percent at the bottom. This makes our country the fourth most uneven in income distribution globally. Only Chile, Mexico, and Turkey are in worse straits.

The wealth gap doesn't measure the value of persons, only of what's in their pockets. But social unrest and deep frustration arises when communities or regions feel the deck is stacked against them and in someone else's favor. In gospel terms, the rich man better start caring about Lazarus. The time to listen to the warning is now.

» *What does your parish or community do to bridge the gap?*

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