

Being a Witness of Christ

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. [John 1:40–42](#)

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see [John 1:43–51](#)). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets.” Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the “Lamb of God.”

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God’s divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God’s grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God’s words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God’s mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God’s grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God’s infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say “Yes” to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God’s grace.

Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say “Yes” to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

January 14, 2024

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Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass
Daily Mass: 7:00 am
Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:
The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact Father Ishida.

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welcome
to our parish

Catholic Schools Week is approaching!

January 28-February 4



Bishop Daly is inviting all parishioners in our Diocese to participate in the Bishop's Collection for Catholic Schools. This collection in an annual collection Bishop Daly began 4 years ago to provide financial support for our parochial schools. Every community in our Diocese, even those without schools, benefit from the strength and health of our system of Catholic Schools. Collections will be Jan 28th & Feb.4

Life Matters

Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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FATHER ISHIDA,
AND ALL OUR PRIESTS!

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Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel, and with the most fervent desire of my soul pray and beg you to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

With great love and tender pity I consider within myself and contemplate Your five most precious wounds, having before my eyes that which David the prophet, long ago spoke in Your own Person concerning You, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones." Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY		
14	Sunday	Pro Populo
15	Monday	
16	Tuesday	
17	Wednesday	
18	Thursday	Martin Loeffler
19	Friday	Jonathan Loeffler
20	Saturday	
21	Sunday	Pro Populo
St. Anne ... Pray for us! Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!		

Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm

How to Pray the Rosary

- 1. Start with Apostles Creed:**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
- 2. Our Father**
- 3. Three Hail Marys**
- 4. Announce the Mystery + Our Father**
- 5. Ten Hail Marys**
- 6. Glory Be + Fatima Prayer**
- 7. Repeat Steps 4-6 for each Mystery**
- 8. Salve Regina**
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, O Most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Finish with the Sign of the Cross

Glory Be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Fatima Prayer:
O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most need of Thy mercy.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Mysteries:
Mondays + Sundays: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesdays + Fridays: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesdays + Saturdays: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursdays: The Luminous Mysteries

Pray the Rosary!
Transform your heart!. The Rosary is our prayer to God through the intercessions of the Blessed Mother.