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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.” - Mt 5:11

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31 - February 6

Events

SATURDAY Jan. 31

WELCOME Women

9:00-11:00am - Heritage Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY Feb. 1

Coffee & Christ

9:15-10:15am - Faith Formation Room

MONDAY Feb. 2

No AM Events

TUESDAY Feb. 3

Adult Bible Study

10:00am-Noon - Faith Formation Room

Centering Prayer

12:15-2:00pm - John Paul II Room

OCIA

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY Feb. 4

Stitchers

9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

PSR

5:30pm - Mass

6:15-7:00pm - Dinner/Class

Exposition, Adoration & Benediction

6:00 - 6:30pm - In the Church

THURSDAY Feb. 5

OLL Game Day

1:00-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30 - 8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY Feb. 6

First Friday Book Club

Following Mass - Faith Formation Room

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY Feb. 7

No AM Events

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

Healing Mass

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

1st FRIDAY

10:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am-3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am-7:00pm - Chapel

Important Links

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/31	5:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sat.	1/31	7:00pm	Maria Estela Bedolla Lara †
Sun.	2/1	8:00am	Lynn & Leo Welch †
Sun.	2/1	10:30am	The Living and deceased members of Lorry Davis family †
Mon.	2/2	9:00am	Ray Rhodes †
Tue.	2/3	9:00am	Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey †
Wed.	2/4	5:30pm	Fr. J. Friedel Birthday
Thur.	2/5	9:00am	Helen Friedel, Fr. J's Mom †
Fri.	2/6	10:00am	Chloe Lallo (Special Intention-Living)



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Coffee & Christ Sundays

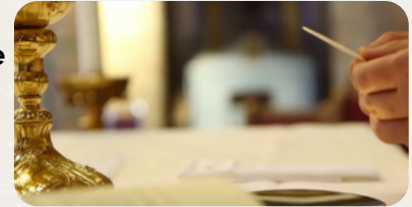
9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room



Feb. 1

Episode 9 -The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist

"The Eucharist affected the thinking of the early Church in all aspects of its worship and practices. But how did the Apostles put into practice Christ's command to ""Do this in memory of me?"" Two men and the miraculous encounter they had on the road to Emmaus could show us more than we realize.



Feb. 8

Episode 10 -Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time



"The book of Revelation, with all of its apocalyptic imagery and focus on the end of time, has a great deal to teach us about liturgy and worship. Dr. Pitre brings our study of the Eucharist to a powerful conclusion.



Adult Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00am-Noon Faith Formation Room



**Join us on Tuesdays
to watch & discuss
Season 5 of The Chosen
followed by that episode's
Biblical Roundtable discussion**

There's a lot to talk about, and our Messianic Jewish rabbi, Catholic priest, and Evangelical scholar are back to discuss it all.

Feb. 3rd

Season 5 Episode 4: The Same Coin

Afraid of public outcry—and further embarrassment—Caiaphas resolves to arrest Jesus quietly at night. Only one problem: no one knows how to find Him.

Bible Roundtable:

It's time to talk about the most bone-chilling scene in the entire season—the moment when Judas gives himself over to "not God." Our biblical experts weigh in on nagging questions about Jesus' betrayer. Was he trying to do good or harm? Was he bad from the beginning, or did he stray along the way? Was he a conscious agent or a pawn in a bigger plan? They also discuss perhaps the most surprising question and controversy that came out of this episode: Did Jesus pray for Judas?

Feb. 10th

Season 5 Episode 5: Because of Me

The decision to arrest Jesus leads to a fiery debate. Roman soldiers track down a troublemaking crowd. Shmuel finds help from an unexpected source.

Bible Roundtable:

You've seen Jesus get angry at corruption in His Father's house and hypocrisy within the religious leadership, but now, you've also seen Him snap at a tree. The "Cursing of the Fig Tree," has stumped many Christians over the centuries, but Dallas promises our Bible consultants will fig-ure it out. ;) Puns notwithstanding, this discussion truly gives us a solid understanding of the spiritual, historical, and symbolic meaning of what's been a confusing Bible passage for many.

Are Catholic Priests required to celebrate Mass daily?

Many Catholics wonder whether priests are required to celebrate Mass every day. This question was brought forth this past week due to the winter storm that led to Bishop Rice issuing a dispensation to the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. But what about priests and their obligation to celebrate Mass, specifically daily Mass. The answer is simple: **no - daily Mass is not an absolute obligation**. But the fuller picture reveals something beautiful about the heart of the priesthood.

The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life,” and for priests, it is also the center of their ministry. Canon Law emphasizes this in Canon 904, which states that priests are “earnestly invited to celebrate the Eucharist daily.” The language is intentional: it is not a command but a heartfelt exhortation. The Church recognizes that daily celebration of Mass nourishes the priest’s soul, strengthens his bond with Christ, and spiritually benefits the entire Church.

While daily Mass is encouraged, there is no canonical requirement that a priest must celebrate Mass every single day. Life’s realities, illness, travel, retreats, emergencies, or pastoral duties, can make daily celebration impossible at times. The Church understands this and does not impose an absolute obligation.

However, priests are required to celebrate Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation if they have pastoral responsibility for a parish or community. In those cases, the faithful depend on them for the Eucharist, and the priest’s duty is clear.

Why the Church Encourages Daily Celebration

The encouragement toward daily Mass is rooted in several spiritual and pastoral reasons:

- **Union with Christ’s Sacrifice:** Each Mass makes present the saving sacrifice of Christ. Celebrating it daily deepens the priest’s participation in that mystery.
- **Sanctification of the Priest:** The Eucharist is not only for the people; it sanctifies the priest himself.
- **Intercession for the Church:** Every Mass is offered for the salvation of the world. A priest’s daily celebration becomes a powerful act of intercession.
- **Pastoral Availability:** Even when not publicly scheduled, a priest’s daily Mass keeps him spiritually attuned to the needs of his people.

In practice, many priests choose to celebrate Mass daily out of devotion. For them, it becomes the rhythm of their spiritual life, a moment of grace that anchors their ministry. Others, depending on their assignments or circumstances, may not be able to do so every day. Both remain faithful to the Church’s expectations.

Ultimately, daily Mass is not a legal requirement but a loving invitation for priests to draw close to Christ and to offer His saving sacrifice for the good of all.

Healing Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite where a priest anoints a seriously ill, elderly, or struggling person with blessed oil, offering spiritual healing, peace, and strength, and sometimes physical recovery, by uniting their suffering with Christ's, not just for those near death but for anyone needing God's healing grace, incorporating prayers and laying on of hands.

Anyone in need of this Sacrament is encouraged to attend one of these Masses

**Our Lady of the Lake
Tuesday, February 3rd 9:00am**

**Our Lady of the Cove
Tuesday, February 10th 9:00am**

If you cannot attend, please contact the Parish office to schedule a time to receive this Sacrament



**GOD'S
TIMING IS
PERFECT.**

4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God."

- Mt 5:7-8

WHY NOT DRAW CLOSER

TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

Learn from the Catechism

#1328 - 1332

Get to know St. John Paul II's Mind

EE Ch. 1 The Mystery of Faith

Give Praise to God

through the "Salutaris Hostia" hymn

Reclaim Sunday for God & the Family

Get to Know Your Church

Watch an uplifting movie

For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristiada

Buy/rent from your favorite streaming services

Contemplate Sacred Art

The Last Supper by Juan de Juanes



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YEARS

DIocese of SPRINGFIELD
CAPE GIRARDEAU

FEBRUARY

resource page. Find more ideas at dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress



Want to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, but don't want to drive?
We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.
We will leave OLL - SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:00AM

*There's no charge to sign up for the bus, **HOWEVER...**
you will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.*

Cost

There is a registration fee of
**\$10 per person or
\$25 maximum per family**
(parents with minor age children).

*We are grateful to the
sponsors and donors whose
financial gifts are helping to
keep the registration cost very
low for participants!*

The registration fee includes

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. A variety of grab-n-go lunch options will be provided by area restaurants that will be serving meals at the Civic Center.

**You will be able to view menu options
and order your lunch meal ahead of time,
during the online registration process.**

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Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
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Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. - Jn 6:56

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De Ministris
Mari Pablo
Brian Miller
Dr. Carolyn Nunes, PhD

Bishop James Conley
Bishop Edward Rice
Fr. Leo Potalinghaus
Dr. Scott Hahn

**JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING
at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**

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Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the Congress!



Have you thought about setting aside resources for the parish through your will or trust?

Did you know that there are ways to leave money to the parish while you are still living?

You can make these commitments to financial stewardship by:

- Naming the parish in your will.
- Purchasing an annuity to benefit the parish through the diocese.
- Naming the parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Transferring ownership of stocks to the parish. This avoids taxation for the donor.
- Designating your minimum required distribution (MRD) on retirement accounts to the parish. This also avoids taxation for the donor.
- Making a substantial one time or recurring donation to the parish.

If you would like more information about designated giving, please contact the parish office.

Your gifts of financial stewardship are greatly appreciated.



OLL Games

Join us on February 5th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



OLL Train - Eddie Spaghetti
and the Snow Balls
BIG Winner is Julie -97
Susan -140 Sharron -192
Lil' Winner is Eddie Spaghetti -220

The SNOW and COLD Weather could not keep the faithful
from having fun on Thursday OLL Game Day!

FORWARD... One Step At A Time



Bereavement Healing

Grief is painful and exhausting. Bereavement is the state of loss when someone close to an individual has died. The death of a loved one is one of the greatest sorrows that can occur in one's life. People's responses to grief will vary, but grief is a normal, healthy response to loss.

It sometimes seems easier to avoid confronting the feelings of grief and loss. But working through sorrow and allowing ourselves to express such feelings can help us recover.

As we come together, sharing our pain, you will not be told how to grieve or how long it will take. Grief ultimately asks many things of us... including a shift in the way we relate to life. As we walk with each other, we will understand that we are not alone, allow ourselves to be mad and broken, re-discover God's love for us and eventually think and say our loved one's name with hope.

You are invited to join the bereavement group on Tuesday, February 17th at 2:00pm in the Heritage Room (lower level of the church). You may have recently lost a loved one or time may have passed since your loved one's death. If you are interested in walking together through this time of sorrow, call the OLL parish office 417-334-2928 asking to be contacted by Joyce Arnold about our Lady's Bereavement Healing Group.

FEBRUARY PSR CALENDAR



Wednesday PSR K-12th

Feb 4th 5:30-7pm
Mass/Adoration
Food/Class

Feb 11th 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Class

Feb 18th
Ash Wednesday
No Class

Feb 25th 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Class



SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows



His feast day is Feb. 27th

Many young people look up to Gabriel today. He shows that you do not need to be famous or powerful to please God. You only need to love and trust Him. Gabriel lived this lesson with all his strength.

SAINT GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF
SORROWS IS A PATRON SAINT OF:
CLERGY, STUDENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

SPECIAL EVENTS



Mardi Gras
Sunday, February 15th

More details coming soon

Ash Wednesday
February 18th



SERVICE PROJECT

Valentine's Day Cards
for Homebound



MENU

2/4 - Shredded chicken sandwiches,
salad, and chips

2/11 - Mild chicken gumbo,
salad, and doughnuts

2/25 - Pasta and salad



REAL PRESENCE

Understanding Christ in the Eucharist

A mini retreat at Catholic Campus Ministry
Sunday February 8, 4-8:30 PM
with special guest

Dr. Bruce D. Marshall

All are welcome to join us for a contemplative evening aimed at deepening understanding of the Catholic doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Dinner will be provided, and the retreat will conclude with Mass at 7:30 PM. Students—\$5 All others—\$15



Dr. Marshall (PhD, Yale University) is a Catholic theologian who has held the Lehman Chair in Christian Doctrine at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology since 2011 and has recently held distinguished visiting positions at Providence College and the Angelicum in Rome. He is a past president of the Academy of Catholic Theology. Dr. Marshall is the author of several books and dozens of articles, and he is a frequent speaker for the Thomistic Institute.

Priestly Discernment Retreat

at

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis,
the weekend of February 6-8, 2026.

The retreat will focus on seminary formation, prayer,
and discerning one's call.

For more information or to register, [please click here.](#)



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anniversary anytime during 2026

Join Bishop Edward M. Roice

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH RECEPTION

01 | FEB | 2026

Sunday at 1:30-3:30 p.m.
St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral
Cape Girardeau



08 | FEB | 2026

Sunday at 1:30-3:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Springfield

Kindly RSVP by January 23, 2026 online by scanning the QR code above
or call Sharon in the Diocesan Family Life Office at (417)866-0841.

Family members are welcome!

***Updated
as the
Springfield
celebration
has been
moved to
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton
Parish
due to the
construction
at
St. Agnes
Cathedral.**



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March 7 & 8, 2026

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Keynote Speaker

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evangelization."*

— John Edwards



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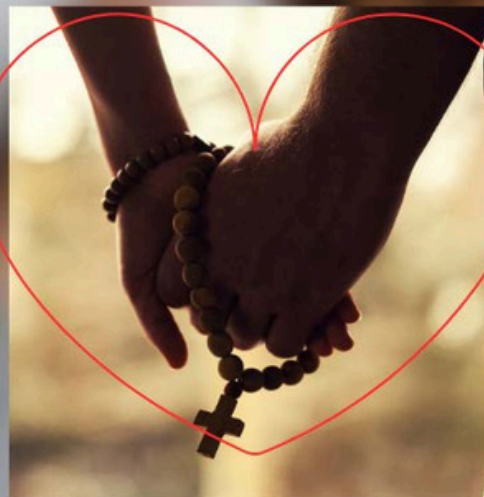
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"What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby's first Sacrament?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"The **Baptismal font.**"



Inside of every Catholic church, there is a Baptismal font. The Baptismal font is typically a pedestal that holds holy water in it, and it's used for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel.

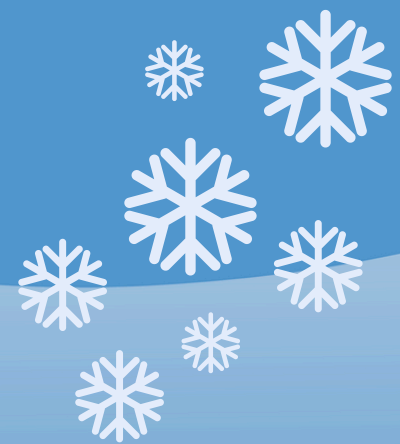
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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop
Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

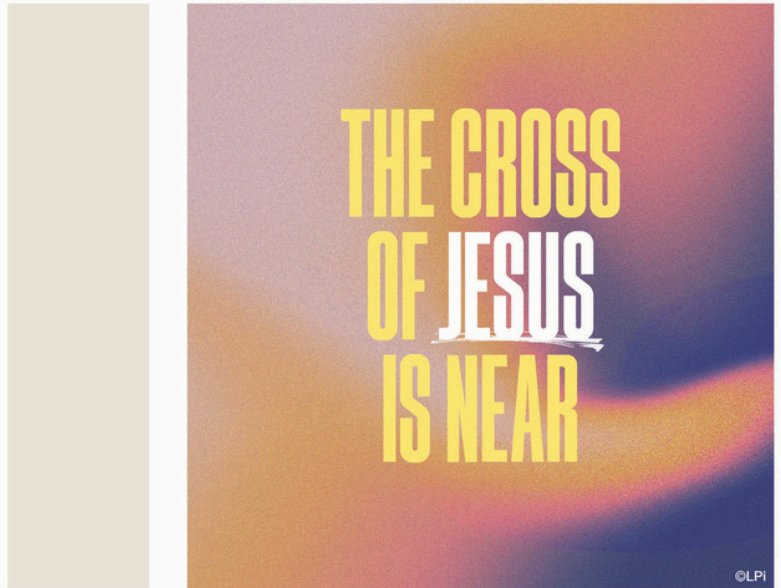
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12)**. Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.”

What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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