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Saturday-5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM

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Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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### NOVEMBER 9, 2025 DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN CHURCH IN ROME



Dear friends,

It may seem a little odd that we are celebrating today the dedication of St. John Lateran Church in Rome. What is this all about? St. John Lateran Church is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and is often referred to as the "Mother Church" of the Roman Catholic Church. This feast is not really about buildings, but rather the fact that we are part of a bigger church.

Buildings are nice. We love our church and have, over the past couple of years, put considerable effort into making sure our church building is in good shape for many years to come. And that is a very good thing. And while

buildings like our church are holy gathering places and full of sacred memories for us, there are not central to our faith. St. Paul tells us today that "you are the temple of God and the spirit dwells in vou."

In the Gospel today we have the interesting story of Jesus overturning the tables of the the money changers and driving them and the sheep and oxen out of the temple and telling the people to "stop making my house a marketplace." What's this all about? In a word, Jesus is telling the people, "no more blaming and scapegoating people." The money changers and all the animals were in the temple so that people could buy them and offer them up as a sacrifice to God. It goes back to the Day of Atonement, when the Jewish people would bring a goat into the temple and then "ritually lay" their sins on the goat (thus the term "scapegoat) and then ritually beat the goat and drove it out into the wilderness.

In a word, Jesus says, "Stop this behavior! God does not need to be placated as a way to make up for our sins. And even more, stop this practice of scape goating people and blaming them for the ills of society." It seems from the beginning of time, people have chosen to blame others for all the things that happen in life. It happened in the time of Jesus and it has happened countless times since then. People talk now about a rise in anti Semitic behaviors, but that has been going on for many years-people choosing to blame the Jewish people as the people "who killed Jesus on the cross."

But it isn't just Jewish people who have been used as "scapegoats." This week we celebrate the feast of Francis Xavier Cabrini, an Italian nun who came to the United States in the late 1900's to work with Italian immigrants, especially those from southern Italy. They were new to our country, had different customs, didn't speak English and because of all this they were blamed for all sorts of things-rising crime, bring disease into the country, and just being people they didn't want to be around. People degraded them by calling them dirty and a host of other degrading names.

Sadly that kind of behavior toward immigrants continues today. You would think that all of us who take such pride in our ancestral heritage and who know stories of being discriminated against by the simple fact of being Catholic (one only needs to read the history of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana in the early 20th century) would be much more welcoming of the stranger in our midst. But we are so easily swayed by the lure of scapegoating. All the things that are happening with people of Hispanic decent are just the latest in a sad tale of how we have blamed the ills of our society on the latest group of immigrants to our country.

What has this all to do with the Feast of Dedication of St. John Lateran Church? Simple this. In our Catholic faith we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Paul tells us, "there is no Jew, no Greek, no man or woman, slave or free...you are all one in Christ." We belong to one another.

Maybe what we need is the energy of the words of President Lincoln who hoped that "the mystic chords of memory would connect the country and enable the better angels of our nature to swell the chorus of the Union".

Leaning into the journey f life Fr. Gene Schroeder

#### **CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)**

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#### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 DEDICATION OF ST JOHN** 

LATERAN CHURCH IN ROME

5:00 PM MASS: Virginia Schoolfield, Joseph & Veronica Mayer, William & Bryan Schoolfield, Ruth Waters, Rosemary Kirshner, Rita Hoefling, Carolyn



Bray, Syl & Bernie Mayer,. Kenny Fehrenbacher, Marian & Wilbur Fehrenbacher, Dave Fehrenbacher, Joseph Hartlein (1887), Sylvester Hartlein (1919), Walter Baehl (1921), Infant Jochum (1968), Carmen (2004) & Jack Sheridan, Herman Tenhumberg (2004)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

#### **DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN CHURCH IN ROME**

8:00 AM MASS: Carl Morris, Jr., David Seib, Dennis Fruitts, Henry & Elsie Appler, John, Mina, Tony, Peter, & Elizabeth Lorenze, David and Candy Knight

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Freddie, Rose & Leroy Weiss, Val Pfaffman, Joe & Annabelle Straub, Mary Gribsby, Randall Rexing (1953), Carl & Madeline Rexing, For all the people in our parish

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 ST. LEO THE GREAT

6:30 PM MASS: Margaret Erbacher (1872), Agatha Effinger (1880), Catharine Riedford (1900), Catherine Hoehn (1978), Charles Altman (2018), Francis (2018) & Dorothy Hillenbrand

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11** ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

7:30 AM MASS: Christine Fischer (1895), John (1923) & Frances) Riedford (1923), George (1946) & Theresa Fehrenbacher (1946), Freddie Weiss (1958), William (1993) & Dolores Helfrich

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ST. JOSEPHAT

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Bernhard (1862), Maria Riedford (1906), Patricia Clark (1946), Mary (1983) & Laverne Fehrenbacher (1983), James Vitzdam (2009)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI

NO MASS: Joseph Rhode (1880), Andrea Weigand (1901), Matheus Adler (1913)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: August Bender (1956), Leona (1983) & Sylvester Niemeier

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kenny Schapker, Maria Schilly (1863), Sr. Eusebia O.S.F. (Mary Hartlein) (1901), Cecilia Beyer (1905), Louisa Beyer (1905) Sr. Adolphina O.S.F. (Elizabeth Gumbel) (1926), Betty (2010 ) & Urban Will, For all the people in our parish

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe & Anita Rexing, Clarence & Mildred Rexing, Mac & Ann Glasser, Hank & June Preske, Dick & Mary Ann Klausmeier, Leo & Berta Waninger 10:30 AM MASS: Mike Helfert, Francis Reising (1861), Catharine Macke (1900), Maria Kuebler (1900), Leonard Woodward (1979), Sheryl, (2016), Paul, Marlene, Stan and Susan Hasselbrinck (2016). Eugene & Mary Butler

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

As we pray today for an increase of spiritual gifts, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith." NOVEMBER 2, 2025



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Roy Hostettler, Ray Schapker, Lynn Wade, Olivia Wade

NOV. 11: Debbie Collins

NOV. 12: Alesasha Collins, Bryan Craney, Ladonna Elpers, Larry Happe, Marck Schmitt, Alice Wilkinson

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NOV. 14: Pat Fleck, Grayson Lappe

NOV. 15: Kaytlin Gibbs, Janic Herr, Becky Ondash, Lissa Rexing, Calvin White

NOV. 10: Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher, Derek & Brooke Williams, Jude & Laura Hays

NOV. 11: Jim & Becky Harl, Kyle & Crystal York, Neil & Jessica Kassenbrock,

NOV. 12: Carolyn & Don Hutchison, Joe & Lori Fritch

NOV. 14: Donald & Renee Werner,

Michael & Becky Raben

NOV. 15: Roland & Linda Cowan, Steve & Lea Elliott



**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

#### COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Nov. 9 Chicken Dinner Sts. Peter & Paul (Haubstadt 10:30-1) Nov. 9 & 16 St. Boniface Spot Shoots 1-4 pm



KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN MEETING MONDAY , NOVEMBER 10 7 PM

ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 6:30 PM

ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 1 PM





WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8-9 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Eric Reffett, Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Jalane Weber Imogene LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Baehl, Michael Elpers Chick Duncan 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Shane Wessel

Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15-16 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson, Sis & Katy Jarobe 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl, (EM) Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher, Bryan and Ann Craney 10:30 AM (L) Jane Schller, (EM) Debra Baumgart Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty

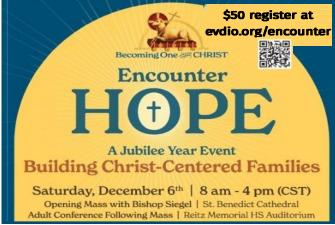
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THANKS...to Fr. Gene for a wonderful service on our 50th anniversary and working at calming us down as we renewed our vows. Thanks to Kristan and the choir for beautiful music and letting me pick a few of my favorites. And thanks to family friends and parishioners who have been our family for so many years. Dave and Sandy Schmitt

#### INTERESTED IN CURSILLO? COMPLETED YOUR CURSILLO? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Cursillo is a Catholic movement that aims Cursillo to help people discover their personal relationship with Christ and live out their faith joyfully

and authentically. A four-day encounter (Thursday evening to Sunday) prepares the Christian to live out his or her faith. Members then meet in groups for mutual support and encouragement. If you are interested in making a

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If you have completed your Cursillo, we would love to know if you are grouping. If so, where and when

are you grouping and if you are willing to accept any new Cursillista's? If you are not grouping, but would like to find a group to join, we will help get you into a group. Thank you for your help in keeping the Cursillo movement alive!

### ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exortation Delexi Te of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor

The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice. Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim, thus revealing their own blindness and cruelty. Of course, among



the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor. However, there are so many others - men and women - who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk, perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives. Nor can it be said that most of the poor are such because they do not "deserve" otherwise, as maintained by that specious view of meritocracy that sees only the successful as "deserving."

Christians too, on a number of occasions, have succumbed to attitudes shaped by secular ideologies or political and economic approaches that lead to gross generalizations and mistaken conclusions. The fact that some dismiss or ridicule charitable works, as if they were an obsession on the part of a few and not the burning heart of the Church's mission, convinces me of the need to go back and re-read the Gospel, lest we risk replacing it with the wisdom of this world. The poor cannot be neglected if we are to remain within the great current of the Church's life that has its source in the Gospel and bears fruit in every time and place.

#### CHAPTER TWO: GOD CHOOSES THE POOR

God is merciful love, and his plan of love, which unfolds and is fulfilled in history, is above all his descent and coming among us to free us from slavery, fear, sin and the power of death. Addressing their human condition with a merciful gaze and a heart full of love, he turned to his creatures and thus took care of their poverty. Precisely in order to share the limitations and fragility of our human nature, he himself became poor and was born in the flesh like us. We came to know him in the smallness of a child laid in a manger and in the extreme humiliation of the cross, where he shared our radical poverty, which is death.

It is easy to understand, then, why we can also speak theologically of a preferential option on the part of God for the poor, an expression that arose in the context of the Latin American continent and in particular in the Puebla Assembly, but which has been well integrated into subsequent teachings of the Church. This "preference" never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups, which would be impossible for God. It is meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest.

It is in this perspective that we can understand the numerous pages of the Old Testament in which God is presented as the friend and liberator of the poor, the one who hears the cry of the poor and intervenes to free them (cf. Ps 34:7). God, the refuge of the poor, denounces through the prophets — we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah – the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel to renew its worship from within, because one cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest.

From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them. God's heart has a special place for the poor... The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor.

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