



3rd Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Served by the Mercedarian Friars USA (www.orderofmercy.org)



PARISH OFFICE, 588 W. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215

OpenMonday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 12 noon
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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SOUP KITCHEN – (backyard of Parish Center building)

Donations...Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12noon, preferred (back of building)

12noon – 3:00pm, optional (please call in advance)

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BAPTISM

Call the Parish office to schedule a Baptism. Children over the age of 6 will require some special instruction.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Diocesan Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning classes are required and six meetings with the priest.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office during general office hours. Otherwise, call Parish Office and select "Sacramental Emergency" option.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Those who desire Holy Communion at home should call the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 12:15pm

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Convent of St. Birgitta – 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. Friday

4:00 p.m. Wednesday

(Each day is open to the public)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Holy Family Church

Weekly: 1:00 p.m. Thursday – 12 Noon Friday

First Friday Adoration in Reparation to the

Sacred Heart – 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 a.m. First Saturday

Please contact Sarah Hill at 740-418-0517 or

thehills1936@gmail.com if you have interest in being scheduled weekly or monthly in either location

Convent of St. Birgitta (CSB)

40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mass Wednesday

4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. following 4pm Mass

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friday

MOST HOLY ROSARY

Weekdays: 11:30 am (Tuesday is Respect Life Rosary)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows Rosary

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. Marian Mass

8:15 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (before Mass)

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be scheduled to lead before 9am Saturday or 9am; 5pm Sunday Mass.

REGULAR DEVOTIONS



Each Tuesday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass there are Devotions to **St. Anthony of Padua**.



Each Saturday novena Prayers to **Our Lady of Mercy** following 9:00 a.m. Mass.



On First Wednesday of each month a 7:00 p.m. Mass is offered in honor of **Good Saint Joseph**.



On First Friday of each month following the 12:15 & 7:00 p.m. Masses there is **Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

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MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 19– APRIL 26, 2026

Sun Apr 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 9:00 AM * Tom and Louise Carter, by Mary Sue Dempsey
 11:00 AM Cora Gabriel
 by The Gabriel & Johnson Families
 5:00 PM * An Increase in Mercedarian Vocations
 8:00 PM People of the Parish

Mon Apr 20
 7:00 AM **CSB**—Joseph, Lauren and Jack Conklin
 and all Living Family Members
 by Eric & Christy Conklin
 12:15 PM Chloe Bowman

Tues Apr 21 St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor
 7:00 AM **CSB**—Camille Emrich, by Amme
 12:15 PM John E. Barnett, by Brenda Barnett

Wed Apr 22
 12:15 PM Repose of the Soul of Angela McMillin
 by Family
 4:00 PM **CSB**—The Kevin and Emily Sellers Family
 by Emily Sellers

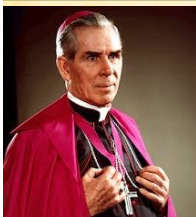
Thurs Apr 23 St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 7:00 AM **CSB**—Father Joseph Eddy, O. de M.
 by The Rudolph Family
 12:15 PM Jim and Juanita Lisska
 by Bill & Theresa Warren

Fri Apr 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Our Lady of Bonaria
Venerable Maria del Refugio Aguilar Torres
 7:00 AM **CSB**—Repose of the Soul
 of Rosemarie McKinniss, by Kathy McKinniss
 12:15 PM Bill and Barbara Robson, by Brenda Barnett

Sat Apr 25 St. Mark, Evangelist
 9:00 AM Stacy Dixon, by Avery Hays

Sun Apr 26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 9:00 AM * The Priests and Brothers of Holy Family
 by Jennie Gallastegui
 11:00 AM Cody Evans
 by Jane Trumbull & Jean Herald
 5:00 PM * People of the Parish
 8:00 PM Anna Marie Shea, by Jerrie Amos

* Incense will be used at this Mass

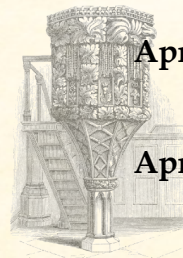


Venerable Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified on September 24, 2026, in St. Louis, Missouri with Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle presiding. His lectures inspired thousands to convert to Catholicism. Including individuals who had previously adhered to Communism.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Airman William Harding Marable, US Air Force
 Airman Lucas JY Tortora, US Air Force
 Col. Timothy W. Grady, US Air National Guard
 Specialist E4 Logan Christ, US Army Active Duty
 1st Lt. John M. Kennedy, US Army Active Duty
 1st Lt. Michael V. Dickerson US Army National Guard
 2nd Lt. Nicholas C. Kennedy US Army National Guard
 SPC Brian A. Marsh, US Army National Guard
 SPC Trinity P. Roach, US Army National Guard
 SPC Zach Sowers, US Army National Guard
 Active Duty Trey Warner, US Army National Guard
 Lt. Col. Stephen Hueckel, US Army Reserve
 SGT Liam A. Smith, US Army Reserve
 BM2 Joseph Flynn, US Coast Guard
 Capt. Michael "Mich" Rector, US Marine Corps.
 LCpl. Brendan Thomas, US Marine Corps.
 Lt. Michael Bellavia, US Navy
 Lt. Rockford Bowman, US Navy
 SCPO Zachery Cook, US Navy
 Lt. Andrea Rae Kaltenbach, US Navy
 Active Duty Dan Severance, US Navy

LECTOR SCHEDULE



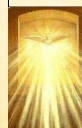
April 19	9:00 am	Brandan Litman
	11:00 am	Kendy Troiano
April 26	5:00 pm	Thomas Martello
	9:00 am	Mary Gamble
	11:00 am	Aurelio Morales
	5:00 pm	Brian Bishop

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

Giving for April 6 – April 12, 2026

<i>Offertory</i>	
<i>Collection</i>	\$ 5,229
<i>On-Line</i>	2,785
<i>Mail</i>	+ <u>1,111</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 9,125
<i>Less: Assessment (10%)</i>	- 913
<i>Net</i>	\$ 8,212
<i>Soup Kitchen</i>	\$ 4,309
Total Capital Campaign Donations	\$456,257
<i>The Appeal Pledges</i>	\$92,690
<i>The Appeal Goal</i>	\$82,347

God Reward your Generosity



Prepare for Pentecost Sunday by praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit. More info. to come to prepare for the Church's birthday.

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HOLY FAMILY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13428

We continue to collect aluminum cans for the Seminarians. All proceeds will go to these young men of Christ. Please drop the cans off at the entrance of the Church and/or Parish Center.

Upcoming Events

Sunday April 19, 2026—Knights of Columbus monthly Council meeting in the Parish Center following 11:00am Mass.

If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact **Jack Gookin at (614) 309-2519**.



HOLY FAMILY RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our upcoming meeting is **Monday, May 4 from 7–8pm** in the Parish Center. We welcome anyone to join for as many meetings as you'd like. Email **holyfamilyrlm@gmail.com** with any questions or to be added to our email list regarding upcoming events.

Our Rosary for Life meets **every Tuesday at 8:45 am—10:45 am** in front of Planned Parenthood on E. Main Street with Fr. Daniel. You can join us to pray the Rosary for Life every Tuesday before Mass at 11:25am, as well.

1. We continue to collect used and new baby supplies for our local pregnancy centers who help men and women choose life instead of abortion. **Please place any donations (diapers, wipes, baby or maternity clothing, baby food) in the undercroft in the box near the elevator.**
2. Stay tuned for our **America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally**, scheduled for Mother's Day—**Sunday, May 10th after the 11am Mass** in front of the Church. Details to come.

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "a Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

HIS INCREDIBLE SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

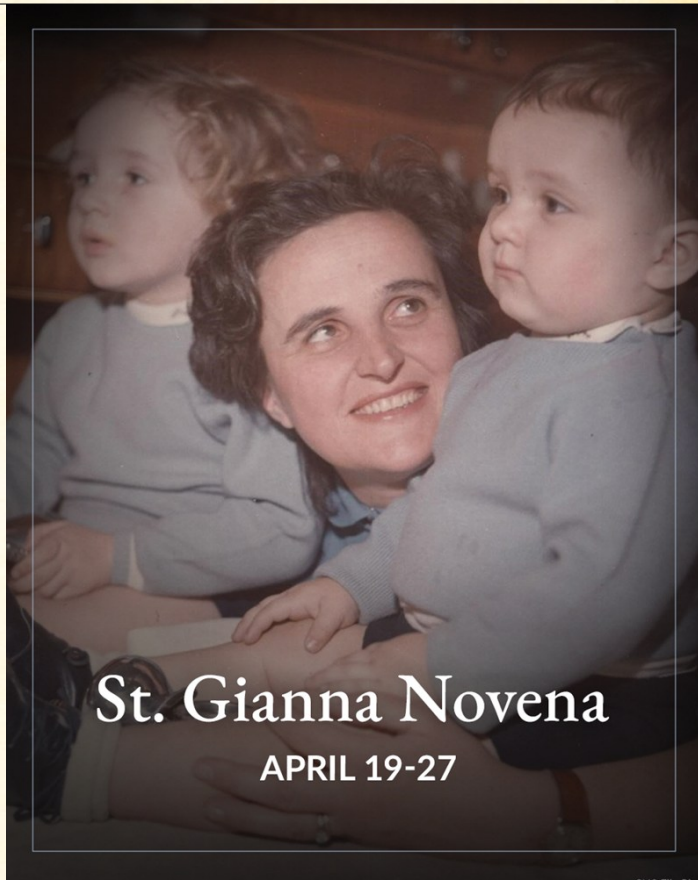
On **Tuesday, April 21** we will perform at JAG Healthcare Columbus bringing a smile to those in need.

Our upcoming class is scheduled **1:30—2:30pm on Wednesday April 22 in the Parish Center**.

Join us! We get around.

HOLY FAMILY YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

HFYA (18—35) meets weekly, with a rotation of activities including prayer/spirituality, talk, adoration, and social nights. **Use this QR Code to connect with this group.**



St. Gianna Novena

APRIL 19-27

A novena inspired by St. Gianna Beretta Molla starts this Sunday!

Thousands of Catholics across the country will unite in prayer for pregnant and parenting moms in need, for whom St. Gianna is a powerful intercessor.

Go to: **www.praymorenovenas.com/st-gianna-beretta-molla-novena**.

Young Catholic Professionals Columbus Presents

TRIVIA NIGHT—April 22—7:00 PM

Plank's Café and Pizzeria, 743 Parsons Avenue Columbus, Ohio

Go to **<https://columbuscatholic.org/parish-bulletin-submission-form/>** if you wish to submit an event for a weekly email that is distributed throughout the Diocese of Columbus. Contact **Rachel Shearer, rshearer@dcolumbuscatholic.org** with any questions.



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CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
& LADIES GUILD
Serving the Women of Holy Family Since 1887

Mary, Immaculate Virgin and Sorrowful Mother, commend our beloved children to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who refuses nothing to His Mother.

Holy Guardian angels, pray for them.

St. Joseph, powerful patron, pray for them.

St. John, much beloved and precursor of our Lord, pray for them.

St. John, adopted son of the Sorrowful Mother, pray for them.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for them.

St. Augustine, pray for them.

St. Anthony, pray for them.

St. Aloysius, pray for them.

St. Elizabeth, pray for them.

St. Monica, pray for them.

St. Rose of Lima, pray for them.

All you holy fathers and mothers, pray for them.

All you holy children, pray for them and for us. Amen

Spring Flower Sale is in process. Order forms are in the vestibule, parish center and undercroft. You may also request one via holyfamilyccm@gmail.com. Order deadline is April 26th.

Mother's Day Novenas and Cards are available starting this weekend in the vestibule, Christian Mothers will be available at most Masses. You may also use the QR code to purchase online or contact us via holyfamilyccm@gmail.com. The suggested donation per person listed in the Novena is \$10.



Christian Mothers Mass and St. Gerard blessing will be **Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 AM**. Please join us before the Blessed Mother Altar.

Anyone interested in joining our Confraternity, please send us Information to holyfamilyccm@yahoo.com.

Holy Family Confraternity of Christian Mothers Officers

Rita Martinez, President / Louise Popich, Vice President
Anita Van Order, Treasurer / Kendy Troiano, Secretary
Father Michael J. Donovan, O. de M. Director

Women's Respite Retreat

Praying & Resting with the Holy Family June 25–28, 2026

Lodging: Ohio Dominican University **Sacraments:** St. Patrick Church

Cost: \$402 per Person (Deposit \$202 now. Balance \$200 due June 11)

Includes: Registration, Private Room 4 days 3 nights, 8 Meals, Coordinator, Materials

Morning Sacraments: Masses, Confessions, Complete Rosary Devotions

Semi-Silent: Social Lunch, Silent Prayer, Social Dinner, Gentle Walk Outside, Grand Silence 7pm

Registration & Details: Contact Rebecca Gjostein
RebeccaAnnGjostein@gmail.com

Josephinum Tour Day is May 2

Learn about the fascinating history and unique mission of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy as you explore the Pontifical College Josephinum. Tour Day on Saturday, May 2, will highlight founder Monsignor Jessing, the move to the "New Josephinum," the rich collection of the A. T. Wehrle Memorial Library, the restored Saint Turibius Chapel, and much more. Tours lasting approximately 1 hour will depart from the Jessing center beginning at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited and online registration is required. Reserve your spot today at pcj.edu/tourday!

Bishop Ready High School is excited to offer a variety of **Summer Athletic Camps** for our younger Silver Knight supporters in grades 3—8! These camps are a great opportunity for young athletes to build their skills, make new friends, and experience what it means to be part of the Bishop Ready community.

Led by our dedicated coaches and student-athletes, each camp focuses on skill development, teamwork, and fun in a positive and encouraging environment. Participants will also receive a camp t-shirt and enjoy friendly competition throughout the week.

We invite your students to join us this summer and spend a few days as a Silver Knight! For questions, please contact **David Oddi** at doddi2@cducation.org. View camp options and register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/2026athleticsummercamps/event/camps23/>.

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH at 7:00 PM

FATIMA PROCESSION

Through Downtown Columbus

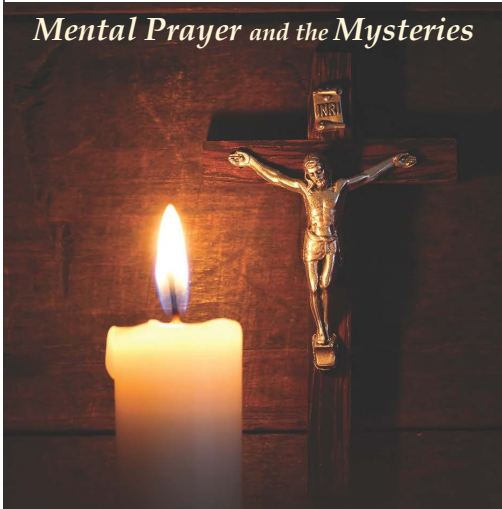


See bulletin board flyer for details.

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Mental Prayer and the Mysteries



Two people walk into a church and kneel down. Both are burdened with many worries, but one leaves consoled and the other leaves discouraged. One returns day after day and the other doesn't. What is the difference? One knows how to pray and the other doesn't. Learning to apply mental prayer to your Rosary will transform every aspect of your prayer life.

When a person engages in mental prayer, all the divine mysteries are opened up to them. Mental prayer is essential for growing in holiness and loving God. God rarely answers those who do not practice mental prayer. Mental prayer is essential for spiritual growth. It is undeniable that mental prayer is a major pillar in spiritual growth. It is undeniable that mental prayer is a major pillar in spiritual life. The genius of Our Lady is that she takes the power of mental prayer and *enhances it, simplifies it, and makes it regular* in the lives of all her children who pray the Rosary.

The most fertile place to do mental prayer is in the context of the teacher. St. John Paul II says, "With the Rosary the Christian people *sits at the school of Mary* and is led to contemplate the beauty on the Face of Christ and to experience the depths of His Love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer." Spending time with Jesus and Mary we are slowly changed, enlightened, strengthened, and renewed.

In the School of Mary, the material for contemplation is always the Life of Christ. Her primary lesson plan is that we encounter Christ so that in spending time with Him we are transformed not Him.

"The Rosary is a school of contemplation and silence," according to Pope Benedict XVI. According to St. Louis de Montfort, if you wish to obtain a high degree of prayer yet remain humble and safe from the traps of the devil, you must be faithful to the Rosary. It is those who pray the Rosary who learn to be masters of prayer. If you persevere in prayer, Our Lady will intercede and obtain for you all the light you need. The most concrete way to make an act of faith in God's presence is to verbalize it:

"God, I believe that You are present. You are holding me in existence. You see me. You love me. You are so close. I am literally a temple of the Holy Spirit. I am truly a member of the Body of Christ. Holy God, You are in the very air that I breathe."

Making an act of faith like this changes us. Our interior faculties are the intellect and the will, our mind and our heart. By presenting this truth to our minds, the presence of God impacts our hearts. Taking a moment to recollect yourself is the way to start all prayer, and it is the secret to making everything a prayer.

Recollection is an act of humility; simply taking a moment to be aware of the truth: God is unimaginably close. It is important to regularly make concrete acts of faith in God's presence. It isn't necessary to use words. There will be times when we are walking in His presence and we simply lift our eyes and hearts to Him.

If we are truly burdened and go to the Church for relief, we must begin by acknowledging the Person we are addressing. We must get on our knees and say, "Jesus, I believe You are really here in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I believe You see me. I believe You hear me. I believe You love me.

Consider the subject matter. Reflect on some aspect of the life of Christ. The goal of the consideration (or meditation) is to stir up love and put us in contact with God. This is best done by imagining the mystery as if we are really present at the particular scene. Focus on it. All of it is fruitful. Imagine Our Lady standing near the Cross of Christ, tears running down her face. Spending time here changes us.

We may not be able to visualize Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth, but just by thinking of it we can reflect that, upon Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. That reflection is enough to reflect a conversation; "Blessed Mother, please speak to me. I need to hear your voice. Holy Spirit, fill me like St. Elizabeth."

Why is giving some time to consideration so essential? If a person never takes time to consider the life of Jesus Christ, how can they know Him? If a person never prayerfully considers Christ and His life, not only can they not know Him, but they can't love Him or accept His love.

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Our interior faculties are the intellect and the will. The will is essentially a blind faculty. We must feed our intellect truths to consider, and this guides our will.

St. Francis de Sales teaches that even if we spend the entire time in prayer fighting off distraction, consider that time well spent. Prayer isn't about feelings. Grace is working in us, most especially when we pray in times of dryness and distraction.

Look into the eyes of Christ or His Blessed Mother in a particular mystery. Looking into His eyes enforces that Christ is present, and He is close. The eyes are often described as the gateway to the soul, and when we look into the eyes of a person we love or who loves us, we can communicate deep truths without saying a single word. You will find that by simply looking into Christ's eyes, on the Way of the Cross for example, He communicates that He sees you, that He loves you, and many other beautiful sentiments of conviction and encouragement.

When using imagination to behold the scene as if truly present, start with something that you have seen before. When praying the Third Joyful Mystery, imagine you are holding Baby Jesus. Use that moment of experience of having held a baby to be the fuel for your prayer and marvel that the Creator of the universe, He who holds us in existence, has humbled Himself to be held in your arms.

Truly there is great freedom. St. Francis de Sales says we can be like bees who go from flower to flower looking for pollen. Any aspect of the mystery can be sought, as long as it is insightful for us. Strive to use your imagination. Which will provide fuel for your encounter with Christ in conversion.

The Gospels are the inspired Word of God, and in them, we are immersed in the presence of the Holy Spirit. All of this so that we can have a conversation with Christ.

St. Bonaventure says, "When we pray, the voice of the heart is heard more than the proceedings from the mouth." Petition Jesus concerning whatever is on your heart. St. Alphonsus says that petitioning, begging Jesus, is an essential element of prayer. The ordinary means for receiving grace is to ask. So in the Rosary, at every decade, enter into this conversation with Christ. Continue to consider the mystery. In light of that mystery and in the presence of that mystery, make your requests known.

In mental prayer we don't just call to mind all the ways God has loved us. We encounter the love of God. These are heartfelt encounters with Jesus Christ, offered to God the Father and fueled by humility and confidence.

The conversation has just begun, because so far only you have done the speaking. Now you must wait for God to speak. The God who spoke the world into existence now speaks to you, but first you must pause. So far you have controlled the process. So far it has been a monologue and an exercise of your imagination. Now you must let go, be still, and allow God to speak back to you. Look into His eyes. He doesn't need words. "He speaks clearly to the heart when we beg Him from our hearts to do so," says St. Theresa of Avila. "Soon after we have begun to force ourselves to remain near the Lord, He will give us indications that He heard us."

This is the secret to mental prayer, because what begins in the mind now moves to the heart. Christ looks at you from the pillar and says, "I love you. Be strong. Keep going. Sacrifice. Trust." Although this is happening in the imagination, the heart is moved. You are convicted. This interior conviction is the action of God. Your Rosary will know what to do. A question or an important decision will have to be made, and in time, you will first run to the Rosary to hear from Our Blessed Lord your course of action. You won't necessarily get a divine revelation, but in the depth of your soul, you will know what needs to be done, and you will have the conviction and strength to do it. St. Alphonsus said, "He does not, indeed, make Himself heard in any voice that reaches your ears, but in a voice that you can well perceive . . . He will then speak to you by such inspirations, such interior lights, such manifestations of His goodness, such sweet touches in your heart, such tokens of forgiveness, such experience of peace, such hopes of heaven, such rejoicing with you . . . in a word, such voices of love—as are well understood by those souls whom He loves, and who seek for nothing but Himself alone."

Prayer is a grace, a gift. We must be humble. "Lord, I am new to this!" It is wise to invoke the Holy Spirit before praying or even during prayer if we are struggling. Holy Spirit, help me to pray. Guardian Angel, help me to pray. This is the beauty of mental prayer: God really is present, and we use the intellect God gave us to help realize it. This is the method of praying like the saints.