

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 6, 2024
Respect Life Sunday*



From the Gusset

The 'BTB'* Bishop from Brownsville, Texas said, "the continuous movement of God's Love is Who God is."

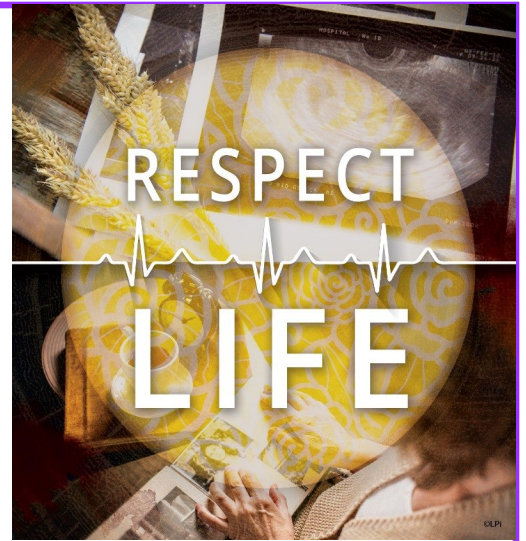
Perhaps the greatest question that a man ever asked of God was Moses question to the burning bush: what is Your Name?

When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'the God of your fathers has sent me to you, if they ask me, Your name, what am I to tell them? "I AM sent me to you," is God's response. God is forever telling His favorite creature, the man (you), "I AM the One, Who pours Himself out. I AM He that gives Himself to you!" The drama of Salvation is for

God to figure a way for us to receive what He pours out! The biggest question on your mind and on my mind, when we wake up in the morning should be: how am I going to allow God to pour His Love into me today – how am I going to become the receptacle that can receive God's Love? Thankfully Jesus Christ has built His Church, for it is the Catholic Church in dispensing the Sacraments, which when we receive them (the Sacraments) changes our hearts, so we can receive what God wants to give us. See, our hearts have been hardened by sin, and they cannot receive what God wishes to pour into them. And so, when we confess our sins, God changes our stony hearts back into flesh – makes them worthy receptacles of His Love. You see, that is all that has happened in the fall from grace of the 'Culture of Death,'— by turning from God – by not allowing God to pour Himself into us – by our sins – by our selfishness – by our ignorance – mankind has turned his heart into stone, and said 'no' to God. 'No, I will not allow God to pour His Love into me and create another human being.' Because we keep the great Commandment – because we love God and we love our neighbor as our self, we pray and we make reparations for our neighbor's sins (especially his sins against 'Life'). We don't want to lose our brother and our sister to the Culture of Death – we don't want their hearts to remain hardened and incapable of receiving whatever God wants to give them – we refuse to be silent, and so we plead with God on their behalf. "Lord, forgive them, they know not what they do. Lord, as hard as their hearts are – so just as blind are their eyes. Please forgive my neighbor, who would have or even contemplate an abortion. I don't want to lose my neighbor to the Culture of Death – I want him to live next door to me, so that when You come at the end of time, both of us may enter Your Kingdom!" We pray this prayer on Pro-Life Sunday, we go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, and then (if we are able) we participate in the Life Chain in Mendota at 1:00pm, and in full view of the world, we pray for our neighbor, who wants to move away from God and us. We pray silently for an hour, that just as the Holy Spirit has brought us the Christ in the Eucharist that we received at Mass, so the Holy Spirit would bring Jesus Christ into the hearts of all expectant mothers and their man just as the Holy Spirit brought the baby Jesus into the womb of St. Joseph's wife, the Blessed Mother.

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy

*BTB stands for "Better than Barron"—Bishop Barron is our local hero, ordained from the Chicago Diocese, we are enamored with him. Yet, the Bishop of Brownsville, Texas—Bishop Flores is the hidden pearl buried in the heart of our country. His spirituality of: "God knows only how to pour Himself out," has reinvigorated Fr. Randy's priesthood. I could never thank him enough.



YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PARISH: OLPH ___ SMA ___ ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER _____

NAME OF PERSON WHOM I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PRAY FOR:

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT: OLPH ___ SMA ___
ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER PARISH ___ NOT CATHOLIC ___

PRAY THAT THEY WOULD: Go to Mass every Sunday ___, Go to Confession more often ___, have a greater understanding of the Eucharist ___, become Catholic ___, trust Jesus more ___, get help with an addiction ___, other _____

The **Names** of the **10 Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims:**



Deacon Steve Jolly
Sister Mary Paul
Brad Zentmyer
Pat O'Connor
Mark Lauer

Florence Jolly
Sister Cornelia
Michelle Zentmyer
Char O'Connor
Fr. Randy



By going to our **website**: olphmarystpatrick.com—you can watch a video of **the Holy Hour**, where our Lord watched the **Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** give their **witness talks** about what happened to them at the **Eucharistic Congress**. Perhaps one of the **Pilgrim's spirituality** will strike you, and you will feel **comfortable** in **entrusting** to them the name of a **loved one**, who has fallen away from the practice of their **Faith** (they no longer go to **Mass** every Sunday and receive **the Eucharist**). You would simply fill out **the form** located at the top of this bulletin page or fill out **the 4 x 6 index card** found at the back of Church or click on **the prayer card icon** on **the website**, print it out, and then fill out **the form**. Then simply drop **the card** in **the collection basket** at Church or give it to **Fr. Randy**. If you wrote the name of the **Pilgrim** on the back of the card—that you want specifically to **pray** for your **loved one**—we will make sure they get **the card**. The **Pilgrims** would **love** to **pray** a decade of their special **Rosaries** that they received at the **Congress** for your special person. The person will become **'special'** to them, and then you will not find yourself alone in **praying** for their return to the practice of their **Faith**.



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

Why does **the Church** call us to **fast** before we receive the Eucharist? **St. John Chrysostom** so eloquently put it: **for just as the crown comes at the end of the Olympic games, so at the end of the fast comes a pure Communion!** I always blame myself for **forgetting** this. How Jesus gives me, a **sinner**, His **royal crown** whenever I receive **Holy Communion**. I love to pray **the 5th Glorious Mystery** for my Dad whenever I pray **the Rosary** on Wednesday and Sunday. I ask God to give my Dad a **small crown** in **Heaven** for having lived his **vocation** faithfully. Indeed, **St. Thomas Aquinas** says that one of **the spiritual gifts** our **glorified body** is given is that we are given a **crown**, if we lived our **vocations** for **the glory** of God. The tradition of **fasting** is quite old. **St. Augustine** said, that the Holy Spirit was pleased that we should honor **the Blessed Sacrament** so much that no other **food** should enter our mouth before the Body of our Lord. **The Doctor of Grace** said that the whole world observes this practice of **fasting**; not because, Jesus said that we should do this—for on Holy Thursday, **the Apostles** did not receive **the Eucharist** fasting; but this is one of those things that **the Apostles** arranged. In speaking about *'the holy fast,'* **St. Aquinas** said, that when we **fast**, we show our Lord that He is given first place in our **hearts**. **St. Paschasius** acknowledged that we are composed of **body** and **soul**—that our **body** is fed by food, and our **noblest part** (our **soul**) is fed with **the Heavenly delight** of **the Eucharist**. When we **fast**, **Paschasius** said, self-control reigns and we restrain our **fleshly desires** allowing our minds to gain a new strength to understand **the Mystery** we have received in **the Mass**. This is why **St. Thomas Aquinas** loved to **celebrate the Mass** and **then** write the parts of his great **Summa Theologica**.

Biblical Purposes for Fasting

- To strengthen prayer.
- To seek God's guidance.
- To express grief.
- To see deliverance or protection.
- To express repentance and the return to God.
- To humble oneself before God.
- To express concern for the work of God.
- To minister to the needs of others.
- To overcome temptation and dedicate yourself to God.
- To express love and worship to God.





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Saturday, October 5th

Ryne Fronck & (+) Catherine Schauer/ Roger & Rick Fronck

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Berry/ Neal Vaessen &

(+) William O'Hare/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

Sunday, October 6th 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Clara Walgrave

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

(+) Mary Zapf/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Althaus & (+) Pete Rose/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, October 8th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Carol Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klein

11:30 am, **St. Paul's Hospital** (+) Corinne Blix/ Rose Marie Cusumano

Wednesday, October 9th Feast of St. Denis

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Joseph Kuebel/ Mary Kuebel

Thursday, October 10th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Jean Ritola/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

Friday, October 11th Feast of Pope St. John XXIII

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Howardene Stewart

10:45 am, **Stonecroft** (+) Joseph & (+) Catherine Schauer/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, October 12th

(+) Mary Henkel & (+) Charles Henkel & (+) Rose Theiss/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Richard Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman &

(+) Roland Schuhler/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, October 13th 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

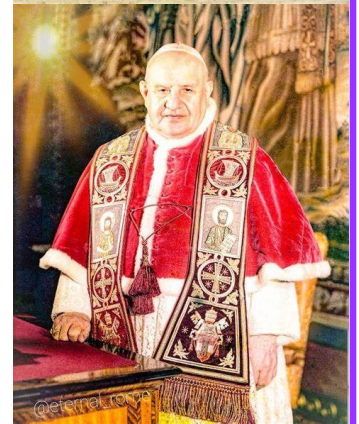
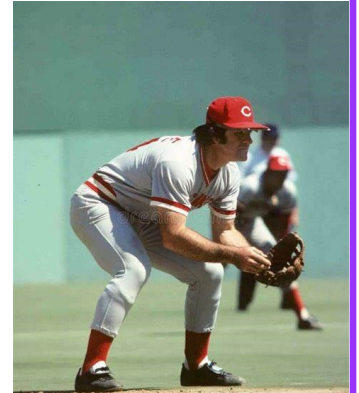
10:30 am, **OLPH** Kathryn Balik & (+) Arthur Shanyfelt/ Jeanne Shanyfelt

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Albert & Norma Jean Borell, Judy DiSalvo, Sylvia Leffelman, Judy Antosiak

SMA: Val Fischbach, Charlie Torri, Larry & Sue Eddy

St. Patrick: Bob & Jackie Stewart, Nancy & Stella Kawich



**ROSARY FOR FARMERS &
SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Saturday, **October 12th**, at 1:00pm will find us at the **grotto** of **our Lady of Perpetual Help** **praying the Rosary** for **a safe and successful harvest for our farmers**, and **for the success of small business owners**. We **entrusted** all our **cares** to **our Lady** that she might **beseech** her Son on **our behalf**.