

august 21, 2022 twenty-first sunday in ordinary time

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



Mass schedule

St. Lawrence

Saturday Vigil

5:00, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

Monday-Friday

8:30 am

Rosary

7:45 am M-F

6:30 pm Monday

8:30 am Saturday

Sacred Heart

Sunday

10:30 am

Daily Rosary

9:00 am

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OCT 5-DEC 21

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OCT 5-DEC 21

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OCT 5-DEC 21

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OCT 6-DEC 22

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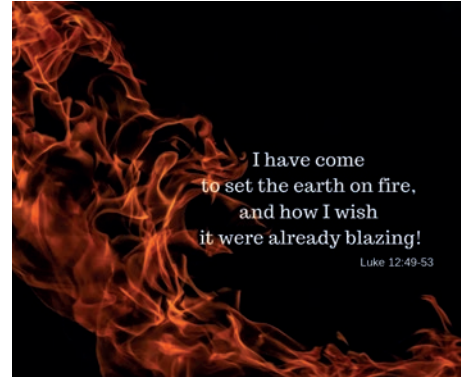
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while we're at it

Dear Friends,

Last week in the Gospel Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Jesus had a vision for the Church he was founding, for the people who would follow him – they would "be on fire" with passion, with love for him, with the conviction we have been rescued, redeemed, set free from slavery to sin and liberated so we could live as children of God. That we would no longer live in self-centered mediocrity or waste our time on routine, passing the days mindlessly.



He envisioned that we would live with a passion, with a sense of purpose, with a mission in life – to bring as many people as we possibly could into a personal relationship with him. He never envisioned a Church stuck in maintenance mode, turned in on itself, worried about its comforts and privileges, and puttering along, doing not much at all except surviving.

In all too many places, the Church we have is stuck in maintenance mode. We don't accept that here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart. No way. Too much to do. We've got to change the world, starting in Brewster and Patterson.

Two big initiatives coming in the Fall:

Alpha: here we live with an Alpha culture. That means we invite – all of us invite – friends, neighbors and relatives who were once Catholic, but non-practicing, unsure, fallen away, disaffected... you name it. Also those with no real religion or faith, who never had it. That's a lot of people. Invite them to Alpha, which is a friendly, non-judgmental gathering with a free meal, a video, and some conversation. Not a class. Bring them, and we'll let the Holy Spirit get to work and see what happens.

Start thinking of people you'll invite along. Starts Oct. 5.

Communio: Surveys show people tend to stay strong in faith or come back to faith when their marriages are strong. So, we have to work on making everyone's marriage better. Improve communication, gratitude, self-sacrifice, generosity, caring, love. When we have all that in our married life, we are happy and we aren't going from crisis to crisis in a stress-filled life. We know we are loved, and we know who we love. And that gives us peace and we know that's the way God made us to be.

So we're assembling a leadership team to work on marriage. We have to do it.

God bless,

Fr. Richard

our vision Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.



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- Tuesday, April 18 - DAY 3 – ROME
- Wednesday, April 19 - DAY 4 –VATICAN CITY/ROME
- Thursday, April 20 - DAY 5 - ROME/VATICAN CITY
- Friday, April 21 - DAY 6 - ROME/ORVIETO/ ASSISI
- Saturday, April 22 - DAY 7 – ASSISI
- Sunday, April 23 - DAY 8 –ASSISI/ LANCIANO/
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO
- Monday, April 24 - DAY 9 – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ROME
- Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark - DAY 10 – ROME/LOURDES
- Wednesday, April 26 - Day 11 – LOURDES
- Thursday, April 27 - Day 12 – LOURDES/USA

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Edith Stein, an atheist philosopher, read St. Teresa of Avila's autobiography and began her journey to the Catholic Church.

edith stein converted to catholicism after reading this book

PHILIP KOSLOSKI

While raised in the Jewish faith, Edith Stein distanced herself from all religion in young adulthood. However, she went on a pursuit of the truth, primarily through the study of modern philosophy.

This intellectual journey led her to explore Christian writings, such as the New Testament and St. Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*.

However, her head and heart were captivated by the **Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila**.

The Vatican biography of her life explains how she came across this book.

In the summer of 1921, she spent several weeks in Bergzabern (in the Palatinate) on the country estate of Hedwig Conrad-Martius. Hedwig had converted to Protestantism with her husband. One evening Edith picked up an autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila and read this book all night. "When I had finished the book, I said to myself: This is the truth." Later, looking back on her life, she wrote: "My longing for truth was a single prayer."

According to the *Institute of Carmelite Studies*, St. Teresa of Avila's book is technically not an "autobiography" and explores many fundamental questions of life.

Although usually referred to as such, Teresa's book is not an autobiography; nor is it an intimate diary. What she deals with mainly are

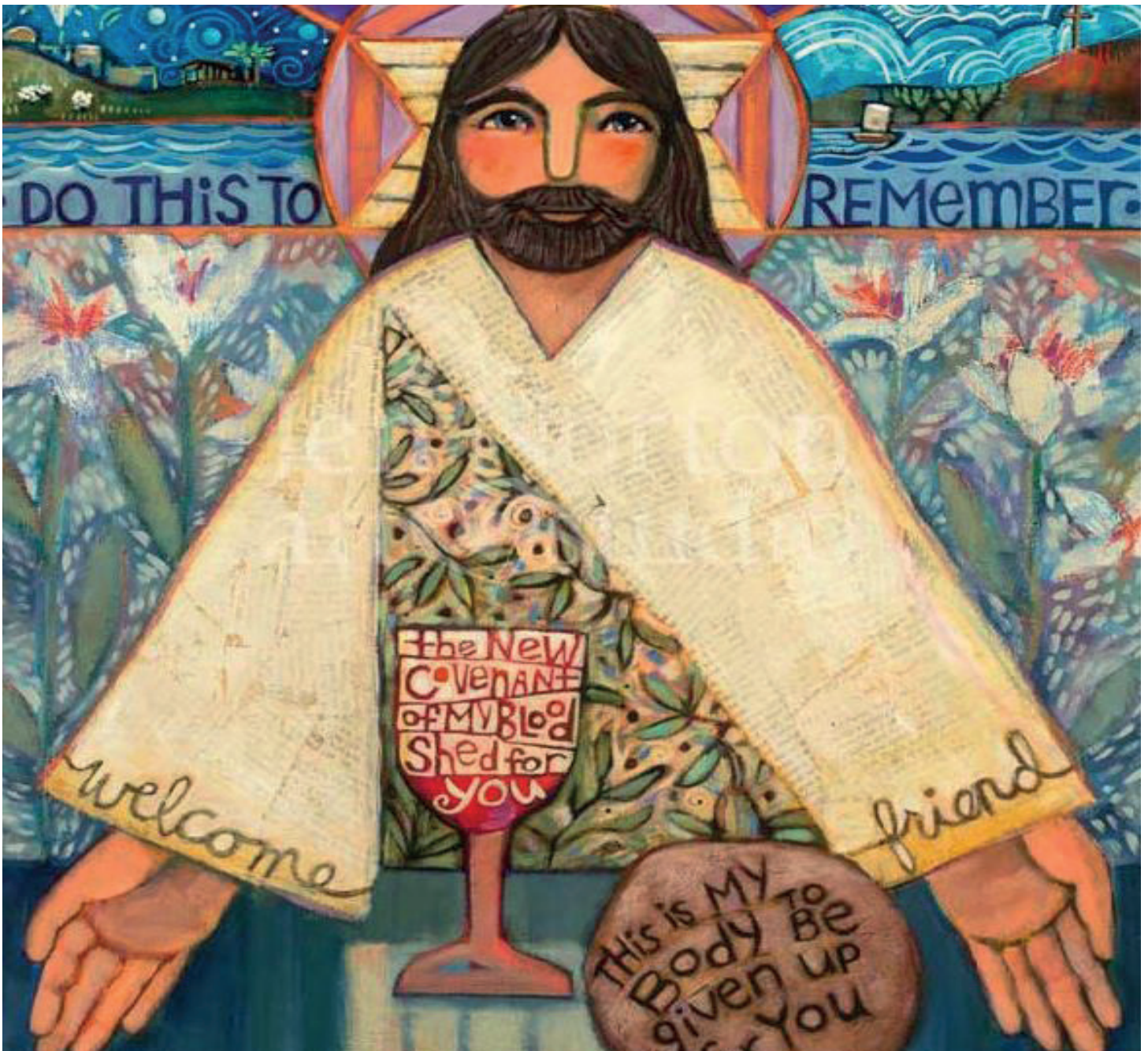
the supernatural (infused or mystical) realities of the interior life. Nonetheless, she does make use of autobiographical material as a backdrop against which she treats of the existence and value of the favors of God.

There was much for Edith Stein to learn from St. Teresa's life, including her struggles with prayer and the interior life.

St. Teresa of Avila starts off by telling how from a very early age she began to receive God's abundant grace. She was introduced to the path of prayer and, in her early 20s, even led to some initial experience in mystical prayer. Though she repeatedly frustrated God's work, even to the point of abandoning prayer and the interior life, His mercy was finally victorious over her own sorry state. When, in the end, she surrendered more totally to His grace, God began His admirable and more immediate work within her soul.

Some months after reading the book, on January 1, 1922, Edith Stein was baptized into the Catholic Church and would eventually become a **Carmelite nun, choosing the name of Teresa in honor of St. Teresa of Avila**. Arrested with other baptized Jews in the Netherlands, she was sent to Auschwitz, where she was killed in the gas chamber.

Edith Stein is now known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.



YA bible study

DOMINICK RUSSO

Studying Scripture is one of the many ways in which we can grow in our faith in Christ Jesus. Many early saints loved finding connections between the Old and New Testaments, discovering how Jesus truly was the Messiah promised to the Jewish people through the covenants God made with the patriarchs.

Young Adults from Saint Lawrence O'Toole have been getting together each Wednesday evening this summer for bible study. This has been, and continues to be, a fantastic bonding experience for the young people here at Saint Lawrence. We have delved into the Bread of Life Discourse (found in the gospel of John chapter 6), learning more about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We have connected stories found in the Old Testament to our New Testament understand-

ing of the teachings of Christ. Stories such as David and his men eating the Bread of the Presence (1 Sam 21:1-7) or Moses and the Israelites eating Manna in the Desert (Ex. 16: 1-35).

As we continue to move through the Bread of Life Discourse, I am sure we will grow deeper in love with Jesus in the Eucharist as well as with the study and understanding of Sacred Scripture.

The bible study will continue each Wednesday night at 7 PM in the New York room in the Parish Center until August 31. We will be restarting again in the fall. All young adults are welcome to join. We begin each evening with some social time before jumping into the Lectio Divina on the scripture passages. Lectio Divina is an ancient way for praying with the scriptures, if you have never done it before this is a great opportunity to learn a wonderful new method of prayer! We hope to see you this coming Wednesday!

pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

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Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel. To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com

dedications

St. Lawrence O’Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Judy McDermott** at the request of her “Angels.”

Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **Lawrence Ursitti** at the request of Elva Jane Ursitti.

“O King of glory, though you hide your beauty, yet the eye of my soul rends the veil. I see the angelic choirs giving you honor without cease.” - St. Faustina Kowalska

mass intentions

Saturday, August 20

5:00PM Mary B. Kearns
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, August 21

8:00AM George Taranto
9:30AM Esmeraldo Mojica
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Thomas & Hugh Fitzpatrick
11:00AM Joseph Tomassi
12:30 PM Spanish-In Thanksgiving
5:30PM Jerzy Serafin

Monday, August 22

8:30AM France Neilson

Tuesday, August 23

8:30AM Intentions of Gerard Wands

Wednesday, August 24

8:30AM Rocco & Lucy Ceo

Thursday, August 25

8:30AM Palmero Sanchez

Friday, August 26

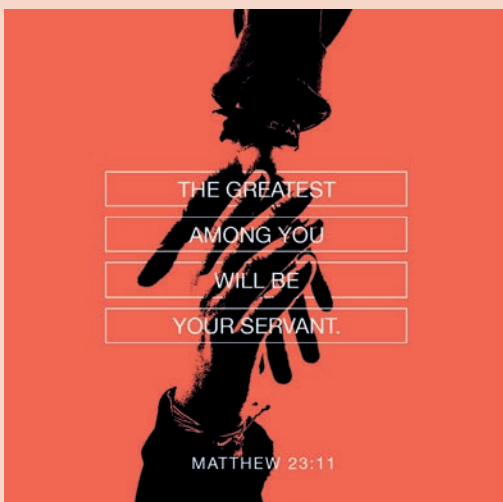
8:30AM Damian Mancini

Saturday, August 27

5:00PM Irine Walter
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, August 28

8:00AM Msgr. George Kumi Kwane
9:30AM Mary L. Basile
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Jean & John Buonsante
11:00AM Edward E. Walsh
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Sal Salgado

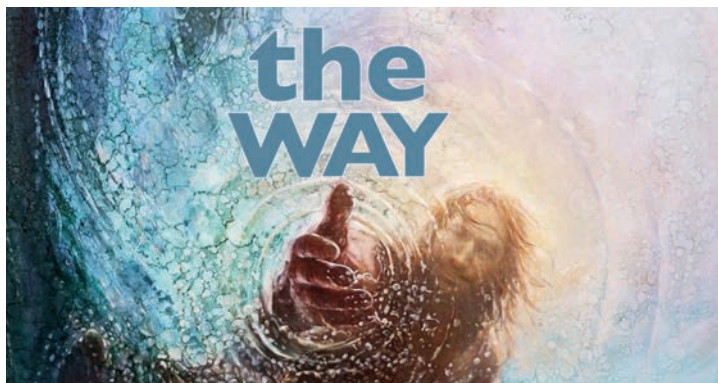


KEY THOUGHT

When leaders do what God has gifted them to do and when they teach the truth, we should obey it. Jesus presented three essential principles in today’s verses.

1. He demanded that we respect those in positions of authority.
2. He also demanded that his disciples (that is, us!) obey God’s truth.
3. His words show us that the truth is not dependent on a worthy lifestyle in the person proclaiming it. So if a person teaches the truth, we are to do it. Even if the person teaching is a hypocrite, that does not give us the option of ignoring God’s truth!

These principles give us the key to putting Jesus’ scathing words that follow in their proper place. After his opening words in Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus was not talking to us about our responsibility to our leaders in the remainder of the chapter. Instead, he was addressing the leaders and telling them what their responsibility was and pronouncing judgment on them for being hypocrites. We are not to follow the example of hypocritical teachers, but we are to practice the truth they speak.



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



HERO'S JOURNEY

I recently listened to a homily by Bishop Barron entitled, "Go on a Hero's Journey." It really clarified some of the choices I had made throughout my life. His message is that the Bible and good

literature are filled with examples of the lead character being invited out of his comfortable life into the unknown. The important point is that they set off unsure of where they will end up, but in making that journey they make possible something that would never happen otherwise.

This speaks to me because I come from a comfortable life in a very small town in Western New York, but from early childhood I

felt called to leave and move to New York City. No one I knew had ever moved there. No one understood why I would want to live there; I just knew it was where I was supposed to be. By the time I married, I had known the urban lifestyle wasn't what I wanted with a family, and we felt called to Brewster. No neighboring community felt right. Fr. Doughty once told the congregation that we should pray to St. Lawrence, that he had led us here. That felt true to me. I have lived in Brewster for 30 years now and it feels like I am where I am supposed to be.

Bishop Barron explains that God is the one that invites us to take the risks, to step out of our comfortable existence into the unknown with trust and confidence in Him. You may not feel like the adventurous sort, but even sedentary Bilbo Baggins, in *The Hobbit*, was energized once he got out of his comfortable shire. That was when his life really began. Lived properly, Christianity is an adventure. Saying yes to God's invitations reveals a fulfilling life that benefits us and all who know us.

My story may seem rather ordinary to be a "hero's journey," yours may too, but thanks to God's invitations, our stories have converged. It is no accident or coincidence that we are living life together in this place and time. Our journey continues. As disciples, let's listen for Jesus's invitations and choose adventure over comfort!

Scripture: Read Genesis 12:1-4. What stands out?

Call to Action: Listen to Bishop Barron's homily at <https://youtu.be/V5il3xYWE1w>. Reflect on where God has led you already and what He may be inviting you to do now.

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Weekend of August 14

In Pew Collection	\$ 4,813.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 4,988.52
Total	\$ 9,801.52

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of August 14

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,059.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 395.61
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