

OCTOBER 8, 2023

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday 10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

(Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)

Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at fatherhank@sjmillstone.com for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Non-Emergency-Please email FatherHank@sjmillstone.com

EMERGENCIES

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline— 732-516-0911

Suicide Prevention

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

Emergency Meals

emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

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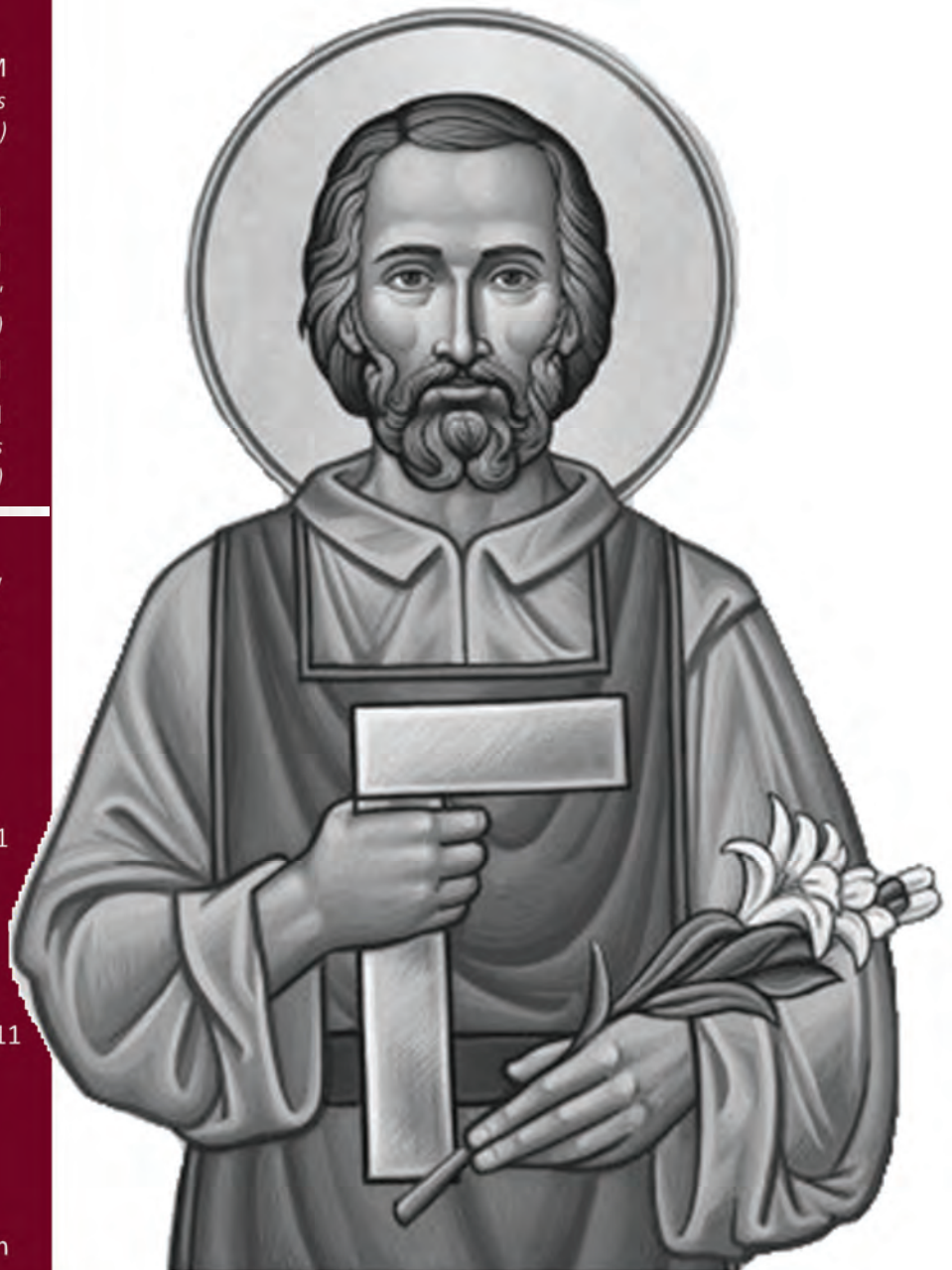
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Priests

Prophets

Kings



October 8, 2023

8:00AM *The Rosary is prayed before Daily Mass.*
Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM. Patrick McKenna
R/B Peter Giampietro
8:35AM Ruth Frank
R/B Anne & Stephen Frank
8:35AM Robert (Bob) Monto
R/B Taberner Family
- Tue. 8:35AM Frank Viola
R/B Sandy Viola & Family
8:35AM Joseph Da'Salvo
R/B Carol & Gary Puchalski
8:35AM Nateghe Eghdami
R/B Fordham Group
- Wed. 8:35AM Zaida Adams
R/B Koehr Family
8:35AM Thomas Palamthattel
R/B Raju Thomas
8:35AM Michael P. Sexton
R/B Cleary Family
10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot
- Thu. 8:35AM Natalia Bitnar
R/B Hilton Family
8:35AM Lynn McDonald
R/B James & Roseanne McDonald
8:35AM Eleanor Szczepanski
R/B Barbara Dorr
- Fri. 8:35AM Tom & Helen Parry
R/B Michelle & Chris Laffoon
8:35AM Joan Michalak
R/B Vicky & Mike Mahalsky
8:35AM Martin Malague
R/B Guggenberger Family
- Sat. 4:45PM Genevieve Flysta
R/B Patricia Kasinec
4:45PM Carol Jorgensen
R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
4:45PM Deceased Members of Lukazik
and Gluzinski Families
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
- Sun. 8:00AM Lourdes Awn
R/B Gazaleh Family
8:00AM People of the Parish
9:30AM John & Dorothy Peene
R/B Maryellen Tobia
9:30AM Julie Ciampa Farnoly
R/B Christine Witte
9:30AM Flo Pavenski
R/B Peter & Terri Macor
11:30AM Amedo Forzano
R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich
11:30AM Joan & Linda Michalak
R/B Shaw Family
11:30AM Mathew P, Donahue
R/B Arlene Kubek & Family

HOLY HOUR

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
On the Main Altar of the Church
WEDNESDAYS - After the 8:35AM Mass**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



HEALING PRAYER

This Weekend October 7 & 8

Immediately after the
4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses
All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.
For more Information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481
Next Healing Prayer: November 11 & 12



GOOD NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Has Returned to the Sunday 9:30 Mass

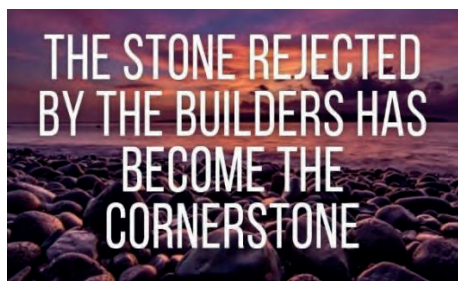
CLOW provides a great chance for children ages 4 through 10 to get even more out of the week's scriptures. If your little one is a bit timid, feel free to join him/her for the first few sessions until everyone feels comfortable. Or send an older sibling along for comfort.
Volunteers – Every year, the reboot of CLOW generates a call for a few new volunteers. You do not need any previous experience – just a love of Jesus and a desire to share that with our young parishioners. You must also be "Virtus-compliant" but that has recently become way less burdensome. Questions? Email Natalie at nzuccarello@comcast.net.

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES Thursday, November 2

***8:35 AM Mass is the regular Mass for All Souls.

***7:00 PM Mass will include reading of the individual names of all who have died since last year, and of all our deceased children and grandchildren.

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Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Eucharistic Revival – At the 4:45, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, we will start to engage the basic question, “What do I mean when I say ‘Amen’ at Communion?” This is also our week to start proposing readings and prayers that might help deepen your “Amen” by deepening your appreciation of the Eucharist.

This Week's Good Eucharistic Read: “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church”, by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. This easy-to-read essay is our nation's foundational document for the Eucharistic Revival. It describes the gift that is the Eucharist, explains the real presence of Christ, and delves into our response to that gift. The entire essay is 35 pages and can be found at

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Philly's Saint Francis Mission, Help Wanted – The St. Francis Ministry is looking for people to help serve at the mission on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29. Volunteers will leave here each day at 7:00 am and return by 3:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve a community in need and share fellowship with others in the parish. Questions? Call Susan Spencer-Craig at 609-638-3121.

Want to become a Catholic or know someone who might? Our parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (now “OCIA,” formerly known as “RCIA”), is now welcoming two types of people to the process: adults who were baptized (as Catholics or in any Christian denomination) but did not pursue later sacraments or religious formation, and (b) people who have not been baptized but want to become Catholics.

Perhaps you or someone you know may be this person? Email Suzanne Kral, skral@sjmillstone.com for more information

Buildings and Grounds – A little ahead of schedule, the pavement was removed last week. This coming Tuesday the surveyor-types come to stake out the area. The footings get prepped later in the week. We hope for inspection on Tuesday, October 10. We can then pour the footings. This keeps us on track for erecting the structure in the last week of October. Say a prayer for the cause!

With extra blessings for you in this most beautiful of months,

Father Hank

Getting Ready for Christmas?



ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

GIFT CARDS ONLINE:

As we have been doing for the past few years, The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will again provide gift cards for the local agencies we serve.

The Website will be available on Friday, October 13
Gift Cards are due back to St. Joseph Church by November 12.

GIFT ITEMS FOR APPALACHIA:

We will also provide gift items for the children served by the Appalachia Ministry.

- **Gift tags will be available at Masses on November 4 & 5.**
- **Gifts for Appalachia are due back to St. Joseph Church on November 26.**

Full information about these programs to follow.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Monday-Funday, October 9

Join us for lunch, poker and the Jesuit acclaimed movie, *Black Robe*. Fr Hank will give a 15 talk about the movie before lunch. To register, please contact AnnaMaria.

Exercise – Thursdays 10:00 AM. Drums Alive with one class of Silver Sneakers on October 12. Chair and Floor Yoga begins November 2. No registration is required.

Tuesday Topics–

October 17 - Medicare Options for 2004 at 2PM in Parish Hall.

October 24 – Whatever Happened to Leaded Gasoline by Fr Hank at 2PM in Parish Hall.

Please register with AnnaMaria.

Homebound Gifts – Fall gifts from the parish will go out in late September. Know of someone who should be on the list? Please contact AnnaMaria at [arealbuto@sjmillstone....](mailto:arealbuto@sjmillstone.com) or at 908-864-0334. Our gifts help the homebound feel connected to their parish.

For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at [arealbuto@sjmillstone....](mailto:arealbuto@sjmillstone.com) or 908-864-0334.

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IN MEMORIAM

Catherine R. Shockley, 89, spouse of parishioner, John, died on September 27.

Please pray for her eternal rest and for consolation for her family and for all who mourn her death.



Thoughts From God's Garden
Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D.

On The Landing

In my Carmel, we call the day on which a woman joins our Community her "Landing Day." It's like a plane

coming in for a safe landing after a long trip. We could also say that it was our Community's Landing Day when six Carmelites from the Morristown Carmel moved into the newly founded Carmel in New Brunswick on Oct. 14th, 1949. We remember each Carmelite's personal Landing Day as a special anniversary, so for even better reasons we should remember our Community's Landing Day. It will be the 75th Anniversary next year, and we are beginning a Year of Preparation this month on Oct. 14th.

I don't think it was a coincidence that the house in New Brunswick that welcomed those six Carmelites was situated on Landing Lane! Landings are important realities. They are arrivals at a special point in a journey. They are stops in a stairway that enable us to break the climb before leading us further upwards. We can say that our life here is a landing on the climb up to heaven. It is not the end of our journey. Rather, it is a place where we are prepared to make the final ascent to God.

Visit our Monastery at

www.flemingtoncarmel.org



STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

IN GOD'S IMAGE

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is October 11 and will be both in person and online. The group is open to LGBTQ+ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact the group via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities and Put Mercy into Action

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2023

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. **Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by [downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions](http://www.diometuchen.org/champions) and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!

FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 9:30AM – 12:30PM

**At the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway**

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.

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PROGRAM OFFERING

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

908-753-2091 or www.msmhope.org

10th ANNUAL MAJOR SPEAKER

Sr. Helen Prejean

Wednesday, October 18, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid

Sr. Helen Prejean, world-acclaimed author and speaker, will share with us how she woke up to poor people and those condemned to die. After witnessing the death row inmates of Patrick Sonnier and Robert Lee Willie, Sister Helen realized that this lethal ritual would remain unchallenged unless its secrecy was stripped away, so she sat down and wrote her first book, *Dead Man Walking*, which later became a world-acclaimed movie. Sr. Helen Prejean is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions.

Sr. Helen will be on Zoom; limited in person participation is available.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Please join us for a special weekend experience to enrich your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 20 - 22.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us

at: www.wwme.org for more information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to

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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The following high schools are hosting various opportunities to visit the school or participate in activities designed to learn more about the school.

Please contact the school directly to register or for more information.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

October 22 – 2-5 PM

October 23 – 6-8PM

Join us either day to take a tour, meet our faculty and staff, and visit our Academic and Activity Expo.

Register at: immaculatahighschool.org/openhouse.

Saint Joseph High School, Metuchen

145 Plainfield Avenue

Metuchen, NJ

Open House:

Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Go to www.StJoes.org/openhouse

to pre-register.

If you have any questions, contact

admissions@stjoes.org.

UNION CATHOIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 7 PM

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 12 noon

Register to attend Fall Open House here: https://union-catholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public-calendars/calendar_1



A Night of Painting & Fun

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Friday, October 13, 2023

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Sunday, Oct 08, 2023

To the greater good!

Our country's second poet laureate, Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), fought in the Second World War. It convinced him that writing verse was serious business: "One does not use poetry ... to organize oneself and the world, until one's world somehow gets out of hand." Wilbur explained: "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things."*

Monday, Oct 09, 2023

Going the distance for faith

In the third century, Saint Denis evangelized the country that would come to be France (then called Gaul), and he is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris (then called Lutetia). He was so successful at making converts that the Roman governor beheaded him on the highest hill in the city, now known as Montmartre. It was said he picked up his head and kept preaching while walking many miles before reaching his burial site in a town later named after him. He is the patron saint of France and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Call on him for a missionary zeal that just won't quit.

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

Don't shortchange charity

In 2021, Pope Francis used today, World Mental Health Day, to pray for those "affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide." This June, Francis mentioned teen suicide again, decrying a "culture that leads young people to think that they are 'losers.'" Francis also emphasized the basic human right to medical care and social services—so critical for mental health—but he also pointed to us individual Christians, who in our "haste" don't often stop long enough to care for each other. "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian"—according to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan—"is to become personally involved." His advice? Learn from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who said, "charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023

A shrine for the ages

In America's "first city," St. Augustine, Florida, many Catholics today will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of La Leche, dedicated to a Marian apparition first recognized during the time of the Spanish colonial empire. The devotion, depicting Mary nursing the infant child Jesus, traveled with settlers to Florida in the 16th century, and a shrine to her was built at Mission Nombre de Dios in the

new colony of St. Augustine. The shrine is the oldest in the United States, having received canonical coronation in 2021, and is a popular pilgrimage site for those seeking intercession related to a pregnancy. Maybe today is the day for you to offer a special prayer for someone in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name."*

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023

Come as you are

Christians whose personalities would never be called pious or meek might take heart in Caryl Houselander (1901-54), whose death we commemorate today. She smoked, drank, and was said to have a sharp tongue. But people were drawn to her for good counsel, and Houselander's spiritual writing persists. A sample: "Love is most likely to spring from another's need for us, and the fact of spending ourselves for another always generates new life in us." With your own God-given personality, warts and all, take a step today toward building the Kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."*

Friday, Oct 13, 2023

The devil doesn't have a prayer

In an interview in *Exorcists against Satan* by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis was asked about the devil. "It is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves," he said, "because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. He seeks man's failure, but he has no chance if there is prayer." It is a great mystery that God should permit diabolical activity, says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (CCC 395). Take the simple steps of daily prayer and good works to keep the devil at bay.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?"*

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

Redeeming qualities

There was a profound division in the church during the third-century pontificate of Callistus I. The pope believed and taught that even the most serious sins like murder and adultery could be absolved in a sincere confession. His position scandalized many church leaders in Rome who didn't agree. They believed that some sins were too serious to be forgiven, and they accused Callistus of laxity and sympathizing with heretics. Eventually Callistus prevailed and Confession became the healing sacrament for all sin, even the most serious. Thank our merciful God for guiding the church toward an ethic of redemption.

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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