

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Risen Lord Catholic Church



All Saints Catholic Church



Happy Independence Day

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

78 St. Josephs Lane
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101
Sunday English Mass 11:30am
Spanish Mass: 2:30 PM
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday
9:00am
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00
pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

Risen Lord Catholic Church

59 Mountain View Park
Stuart, VA 24133
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-

All Saints Catholic Church

598 Needmore Lane, NE
Floyd, VA 24091 (540)763-6000
Mass: English
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-
4:45pm
First Saturday of the month: Traditional Latin
Mass 10am, followed by Holy Hour and Bene-
diction.

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Catholic Signers of the Declaration of Independence

by Michael R. Heinlein



Were there Catholics who signed the Declara-
tion of Independence? Just one.

Charles Carroll is remembered as the lone Cath-
olic to sign the important American document
on July 4, 1776. The product of a notable Catho-
lic family from Annapolis, Maryland, Carroll was
a cousin to America's first bishop John Carroll of
Baltimore.

Carroll set out for France at age 8 in pursuit of
his education. He continued in studies in Europe
for the next 20 years and returned home just

before he turned 30. Once back in Maryland, Carroll quickly began to
lend support to the early American revolutionaries who became more
and more dissatisfied with the British government and what they re-
garded as their oppressive "taxation without representation." Carroll
used his voice to support the calls for separation from the British king.
A key player in various efforts to bring about the revolution, Carroll
helped secure Maryland's support for the Declaration of Independence.
He also helped Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Chase in diplomatic
efforts to rally support for the revolution from French Canadians.
During the years of the Revolutionary War, Carroll served as a member
of the Continental Congress and helped form the Maryland state gov-
ernment. He was elected to the Maryland state senate in 1781 and
served for a time in the first as one of Maryland's first United States
Senators.

Carroll advocated for the gradual abolition of slavery, although his rec-
ord on the issue is complicated by the fact that he did not free his own
slaves.

Carroll retired from public office in 1800 and was the last surviving sign-
er of the Declaration of Independence when he died in Baltimore at 95
in 1832. A statue depicting him is one of two representing Maryland in
the National Statuary Hall collection at the United States Capitol in
Washington, D.C.

July 2021

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Father Herman's July Message

The Month of July is dedicated to precious blood of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus, God's Son, continually cleanses us from all sin.

By the blood of the Lamb we are redeemed from the curse of the law. By the blood of the Lamb we are redeemed from all iniquity, according to the second chapter of Titus. By the blood of the Lamb we are justified, declared righteous before God, Romans 4:5.

In the blood of Christ we are justified, declared righteous unto God. He fulfilled all the demands of the holy and righteous law. Dying He paid the penalty of our iniquities and our transgressions (Col 2:13-14).

Buried (Mt 27:59-60) He was the scapegoat bearing our sins far away (Lev. 16:20-22). And rising He authenticated His claim to deity -Rom 1:4, justified us in the presence of God Heb 7:25. "Redeemed not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" 1Pet. 1:18-19

When they struck Christ they struck the Rock from whence flows the fountain of life. When they nailed His hands to the cross they opened the wounds that brought blessing and mercy and forgiveness to humankind. And when they pierced His heart they penetrated the mystery of the depths of the grace and forgiveness of God. As in the Levitical sacrifices, the blood was poured out at the base of the altar Lev5:9, had one stood at the cross that day and had seen the blood of the Lamb of God flowing down, he would have seen the preciousness of the love of God for us.

For in the wounds of Jesus were the open doors of forgiveness, and mercy, and redemption, and salvation to all who believe in Him Jn 3:16. Its atoning efficacy, its cleansing power; "And the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin" 1Jn 1:7, washes the stain out of our souls. All our sins were washed away by the precious blood of Jesus, though they be red as crimson, they shall be as white as snow, 1s 1:18. These are they who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb .

The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. We stay in fellowship with Jesus Christ our Savior by trusting in him each day. When we sin, we confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 . The blood of Jesus makes peace between God the Father and us humans. Our noble duty is to come near to God, frequent the reception of Sacraments and always do visits to the Blessed Sacrament and make use of the available opportunity for Eucharistic adoration.

Mensaje de julio del padre Herman

El mes de julio está dedicado a la preciosa sangre de Jesús. La Sangre de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, nos limpia continuamente de todo pecado.

Por la sangre del Cordero somos redimidos de la maldición de la ley. Por la sangre del Cordero somos redimidos de toda iniquidad, según el capítulo segundo de Tito. Por la sangre del Cordero somos justificados, declarados justos ante Dios, Romanos 4: 5.

En la sangre de Cristo somos justificados, declarados justos a Dios. Cumplió todas las exigencias de la santa y justa ley. Al morir, pagó la pena por nuestras iniquidades y transgresiones (Colosenses 2: 13-14).

Enterrado (Mt 27: 59-60) Él fue el chivo expiatorio que llevó nuestros pecados lejos (Levítico 16: 20-22). Y levantándose, Él autenticó Su afirmación de la deidad -Rom 1: 4, nos justificó en la presencia de Dios Heb 7:25. "Redimido no con cosas corruptibles, como plata y oro, sino con la preciosa sangre de Cristo" 1Ped. 1: 18-19

Cuando golpearon a Cristo, golpearon la Roca de donde brota la fuente de la vida. Cuando clavaron sus manos en la cruz, abrieron las heridas que trajeron bendición, misericordia y perdón a la humanidad. Y cuando traspasaron su corazón, penetraron en el misterio de las profundidades de la gracia y el perdón de Dios. Al igual que en los sacrificios levíticos, la sangre se derramaba al pie del altar Levítico 5: 9, si alguien estuviera en la cruz ese día y hubiera visto fluir la sangre del Cordero de Dios, habría visto la preciosidad de la amor de Dios por nosotros.

Porque en las llagas de Jesús estaban las puertas abiertas del perdón, la misericordia, la redención y la salvación para todos los que creen en él Jn 3:16. Su eficacia expiatoria, su poder limpiador; "Y la sangre de Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, nos limpia de todo pecado" 1Jn 1: 7, limpia la mancha de nuestra alma. Todos nuestros pecados fueron lavados por la preciosa sangre de Jesús, aunque sean rojos como el carmesí, serán blancos como la nieve, 1s 1:18. Estos son los que lavaron sus ropas y las blanquearon en la sangre del Cordero.

La Sangre de Jesucristo nos limpia de todo pecado. Permanecemos en comunión con Jesucristo nuestro Salvador al confiar en él todos los días. Cuando pecamos, confesamos nuestros pecados. Él es fiel y justo para perdonar nuestros pecados y limpiarnos de toda maldad. 1 Juan 1: 9. La sangre de Jesús hace la paz entre Dios Padre y nosotros los humanos. Nuestro noble deber es acercarnos a Dios, frecuentar la recepción de los sacramentos y hacer siempre visitas al Santísimo Sacramento y aprovechar la oportunidad disponible para la adoración eucarística.

FATHER HERMAN 'S TRIP TO UGANDA.



My trip to Uganda was for the most part interesting and full of adventures and gave me an opportunity to experience the meaning of a real lockdown of the country. I arrived when the country was bracing for a second wave of the pandemic and restrictions were still limited and bearable.

A couple of days down the road the country was locked down and movement was

almost impossible. Permission to move around by a car had to be sought from relevant authorities. Movement on foot was allowed and my feet bailed me out.

Two weeks before my return to the United States, Emirates Airlines, the company that I had traveled with, canceled its passenger flights to Uganda. I had to look for another airlines to bring me back to the States.

When the lockdown was announced, the president gave 5 days to parents to pick their children from boarding schools and for other people to go in places where they wanted to stay during the lock down. It was within these five days that I traveled upcountry to visit my home village (Magiri Village- in Kyesiiga Sub-county - in Masaka District) and distribute all the school supplies and other stuffs that I had taken with me for the people of my village.

As soon I arrived on the village, I invited students to come for school supplies. They received Pens, pencils, note books, clothes and Masks. There's still a great need for Masks since Covid-19 is still a great danger for everyone on the village. I was able to buy 4 bicycles for day students. The number of bicycles for Students on the village has now risen to 10. I am happy that more girls can now ride bicycles. Last year only a few could ride a bicycle. Students and their parents were very happy to receive school supplies and other stuff.

On behalf of students of my village, I thank you very much for your contribution of \$1653.30 towards their education. May God Bless you all. Fr. Herman.



2021 DIOCESAN HOME MISSION GRANT AWARDS

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith released notifications for mission parishes that were awarded Home Mission Grants in 2021.

The Church of the Risen Lord Stuart was awarded \$3796.00 for security doors, windows and steel post guards intended to improve security at the church.

St Joseph Woodlawn parish was awarded \$9,600.00 for the remodeling of the wall behind the altar .

The Diocesan Home Mission Grant is funded by your donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parishes are grateful for these grant awards as they enable projects that would be difficult to fund independently.

ST JOSEPH COVERED DISH

St. Joseph parish will host a covered dish on the third Sunday of the month following the 11:30 AM Mass beginning this July 18. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share (salads, meats vegetables and starches of all varieties are always welcomed)

TRI AREA PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Of the 50 bottles distributed at St. Joseph for support of the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center approximately 20 have been returned .If you have a baby bottle (or a check) for this campaign there is still time to return it to St. Joseph Woodlawn

All Saints will host a Latin Mass on the first Sunday of each month at 10:00AM followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction

ALL SAINTS COVERED DISH

Parishioners of All Saints will resume their covered dish on the third Saturday of each month following the 5:00 Mass Covered Dish will be held Lutheran Church Hall across the street from All Saints. All are welcome!

ALL SAINTS

PARISHIONERS HELP THE NEEDY



During the month of June All Saints Floyd VA delivered twenty pounds of food to local food pantry Plenty . At this time, Plenty is looking for donations of canned tomatoes, canned chicken, and canned tuna.

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August 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 27 Independence Day (United States) 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	28	29	30	Jul 1 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	2 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	3 10:00am AS Latin Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction 5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass
4 Independence Day (United States) 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	5	6 AS Parish Council	7 9:00am SJ weekday Mass 6:00pm RL FINANCE COUNCIL (Risen Lord Church) - Ken Miller	8 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	9 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	10 5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass
11 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	12	13	14 9:00am SJ weekday Mass 5:30pm SJ Parish Council	15 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	16 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	17 5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass 6:30pm AS Covered Dish
18 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	19	20	21 9:00am SJ weekday Mass 6:00pm RL Parish Council	22 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	23 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	24 5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass
25 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	26	27 AS Finance Council	28 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	29 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	30 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	31 5:00pm AS Sunday Vigil Mass

1 July 2021 – Thursday	8 July 2021 – Thursday	14 July 2021 – Wednesday	20 July 2021 – Tuesday	26 July 2021 – Monday
First Reading: <u>Genesis 22: 1b-19</u>	First Reading: <u>Genesis 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 14: 21 – 15: 1</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 115: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 6-7</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Exodus 15: 8-9, 10 and 12, 17</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23</u>
Gospel: <u>Matthew 9: 1-8</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 10: 7-15</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 11: 25-27</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 46-50</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 31-35</u>
2 July 2021 – Friday	9 July 2021 – Friday	15 July 2021 – Thursday	21 July 2021 – Wednesday	27 July 2021 – Tuesday
First Reading: <u>Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67</u>	First Reading: <u>Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 3: 13-20</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 106: 1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 105: 1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 78: 18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 103: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13</u>
Gospel: <u>Matthew 9: 9-13</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 10: 16-23</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 11: 28-30</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 1-9</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 36-43</u>
3 July 2021 – Saturday	10 July 2021 – Saturday	16 July 2021 – Friday	22 July 2021 – Thursday	28 July 2021 – Wednesday
First Reading: <u>Ephesians 2: 19-22</u>	First Reading: <u>Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 11: 10 – 12: 14</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 34: 29-35</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 117: 1bc, 2</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 116: 12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 99: 5, 6, 7, 9</u>
Gospel: <u>John 20: 24-29</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 10: 24-33</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 1-8</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 18-23</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 44-46</u>
4 July 2021 – Sunday	11 July 2021 – Sunday	17 July 2021 – Saturday	23 July 2021 – Friday	29 July 2021 – Thursday
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Independence Day	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	First Reading: <u>Exodus 12: 37-42</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 20: 1-17</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38</u>
First Reading: <u>Ezekiel 2: 2-5</u>	First Reading: <u>Amos 7: 12-15</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 136: 1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 123: 1-2, 2, 3-4</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 14-21</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 18-23</u>	Gospel: <u>John 11: 19-27 or Luke 10: 38-42</u>
Second Reading: <u>Second Corinthians 12: 7-10</u>	Second Reading: <u>Ephesians 1: 3-14</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 14-21</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 18-23</u>	Gospel: <u>John 11: 19-27 or Luke 10: 38-42</u>
Gospel: <u>Mark 6: 1-6</u>	Gospel: <u>Mark 6: 7-13</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 14-21</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 18-23</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 44-46</u>
5 July 2021 – Monday	12 July 2021 – Monday	18 July 2021 – Sunday	24 July 2021 – Saturday	30 July 2021 – Friday
First Reading: <u>Genesis 28: 10-22a</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 1: 8-14, 22</u>	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	First Reading: <u>Exodus 24: 3-8</u>	First Reading: <u>Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8</u>	First Reading: <u>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 81: 3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab</u>
Gospel: <u>Matthew 9: 18-26</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 10: 34 – 11: 1</u>	Second Reading: <u>Ephesians 2: 13-18</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 24-30</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 13: 54-58</u>
6 July 2021 – Tuesday	13 July 2021 – Tuesday	19 July 2021 – Monday	25 July 2021 – Sunday	31 July 2021 – Saturday
First Reading: <u>Genesis 32: 23-33</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 2: 1-15a</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 14: 5-18</u>	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	First Reading: <u>Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 17: 1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Exodus 15: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6</u>	First Reading: <u>Second Kings 4: 42-44</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8</u>
Gospel: <u>Matthew 9: 32-3</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 11: 20-24</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 38-42</u>	Second Reading: <u>Ephesians 4: 1-6</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 14: 1-12</u>
7 July 2021 – Wednesday	14 July 2021 – Tuesday	20 July 2021 – Monday	26 July 2021 – Sunday	31 July 2021 – Saturday
First Reading: <u>Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 2: 1-15a</u>	First Reading: <u>Exodus 14: 5-18</u>	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	First Reading: <u>Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17</u>
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Exodus 15: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6</u>	First Reading: <u>Second Kings 4: 42-44</u>	Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8</u>
Gospel: <u>Matthew 10: 1-7</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 11: 20-24</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 12: 38-42</u>	Second Reading: <u>Ephesians 4: 1-6</u>	Gospel: <u>Matthew 14: 1-12</u>

Saint Benedict Feast Day July 11

<https://www.catholic.org/saints>

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.

In the fifth century, the young Benedict was sent to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric -- the art of persuasive speaking. A successful speaker was not one who had the best argument or conveyed the truth, but one who used rhythm, eloquence, and technique to convince. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. And that philosophy was reflected in the lives of the students as well. They had everything -- education, wealth, youth -- and they spent all of it in the pursuit of pleasure, not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions.

Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus.

One day, during his time living in a cave above a lake as a hermit, the Devil presented Benedict's imagination with a beautiful, tempting woman. Benedict resisted by rolling his body into a thorn bush until it was covered in scrapes. It is said through these body wounds, he cured the wounds of his soul.

After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted -- then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The story goes, the monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered.

So Benedict was on his own again -- but not for long. The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve.

He left these monasteries abruptly when the envious attacks of another hermit made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

After almost 1,500 years of monastic tradition his direction seems obvious to us. However, Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold, risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is

now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict -- still directing religious life after 15 centuries.

In this tiny but powerful Rule, Benedict put what he had learned about the power of speaking and oratorical rhythms at the service of the Gospel. He did not drop out of school because he did not understand the subject! Scholars have told us that his Rule reflects an understanding of and skill with the rhetorical rules of the time. Despite his experience at school, he understood rhetoric was as much a tool as a hammer was. A hammer could be used to build a house or hit someone over the head. Rhetoric could be used to promote vice ... or promote God. Benedict did not shun rhetoric because it had been used to seduce people to vice; he reformed it. Benedict did not want to lose the power of voice to reach up to

God simply because others had used it to sink down to the gutter. He reminded us "Let us consider our place in sight of God and of his angels. Let us rise in chanting that our hearts and voices harmonize." There was always a voice reading aloud in his communities at meals, to receive guests, to educate novices. Hearing words one time was not enough -- "We wish this Rule to be read frequently to the community."

Benedict realized the strongest and truest foundation for the power of words was the Word of God itself: "For what page or word of the Bible is not a perfect rule for temporal life?" He had experienced the power of God's word as expressed in Scripture:

"For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who

sows and bread to him who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

For prayer, Benedict turned to the psalms, the very songs and poems from the Jewish liturgy that Jesus himself had prayed. To join our voices with Jesus in praise of God during the day was so important that Benedict called it the "Work of God." And nothing was to be put before the work of God. "Immediately upon hearing the signal for the Divine Office all work will cease." Benedict believed with Jesus that "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

But it wasn't enough to just speak the words. Benedict instructed his followers to practice sacred reading -- the study of the very Scriptures they would be praying in the Work of God. In this *lectio divina*, he and his monks memorized the Scripture, studied it, and contemplated it until it became part of their being. Four to six hours were set aside each day for this sacred reading. If monks had free time it "should be used by the brothers to practice psalms." Lessons from Scripture were to be spoken from memory not read from a book. On Benedict's list of "Instruments of Good Works" is "to enjoy holy readings."

In one story of Benedict's life, a poor man came to the monastery begging for a little oil. Although Benedict commanded that the oil be given, the cellarer refused -- because there was only a tiny bit of oil left. If the cellarer gave any oil as alms there would be none for the monastery. Angry at this distrust of God's providence, Benedict knelt down to pray. As he prayed a bubbling sound came



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from inside the oil jar. The monks watched in fascination as oil from God filled the vessel so completely that it overflowed, leaked out beneath the lid and finally pushed the cover off, cascading out on to the floor.

In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing our heart with contemplative love.

Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students. St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier. His feast day is celebrated on July 11.

Prayer to St. Benedict

O glorious St. Benedict, sublime model of all virtues, pure vessel of God's grace! Behold me, humbly kneeling at thy feet. I implore thy loving heart to pray for me before the throne of God. To thee I have recourse in all the dangers which daily surround me. Shield me against my enemies, inspire me to imitate thee in all things. May thy blessing be with me always, so that I may shun whatever God forbids and avoid the occasions of sin.

Graciously obtain for me from God those favors and graces of which I stand so much in need, in the trials, miseries and afflictions of life. Thy heart was always so full of love, compassion, and mercy towards those who were afflicted or troubled in any way. Thou didst never dismiss without consolation and assistance any one who had re-course to thee. I therefore invoke thy powerful intercession, in the confident hope that thou wilt hear my prayers and obtain for me the special grace and favor I so earnestly implore (mention it), if it be for the greater glory of God and the welfare of my soul.

Help me, O great St. Benedict, to live and die as a faithful child of God, to be ever submissive to His holy will, and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYERS INTENTIONS FOR JULY: SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP



Pope Francis: The Bible says that whoever finds a friend has found a treasure.

I would like to invite everyone to go beyond their groups of friends and build social friendship, which is so necessary for living together well.

We especially need to have a renewed encounter with the most impoverished and vulnerable, those on the peripheries. And we need to distance ourselves from populisms that exploit the anguish of the people without providing

solutions, proposing a mystique that solves nothing.

We must flee from social enmity which only destroys, and leave “polarization” behind.

And this isn't always easy, especially today when part of our politics, society and media are bent on creating enemies so as to defeat them in a game of power.

Dialogue is the path to seeing reality in a new way, so we can live with passion the challenges we face in constructing the common good.

Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship, men and women who always hold out a helping hand, and may no spaces of enmity and war remain.

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Schedule God into busy summer family plans

By Kelly Bothum • Catholic News Service • July 3, 2017

My family missed Mass a few weeks ago. It doesn't happen often, so my youngest looked genuinely confused when I told him we weren't going.

"Like at all?" he asked.

If there was ever a time when guilt felt good, this might have been it. I told him we ran out of time in the day, but the truth is, we didn't make the time. We were out of town playing tourists and savoring a rare morning to sleep in followed by brunch. God gave us 24 hours and we used them all on ourselves.

Of course, the following Sunday, we squeezed into the church pew to restart our family streak. And I'll admit that I whisper-yelled at my kids during the homily and shot them a stern look during the eucharistic prayer. But at least we were there. Present. Together.

There's never an easy time to raise Catholic kids. During the school year, you're competing with after-school activities and homework and playdates and snow days.

In the summer, you're wrestling with a different kind of busy — the kind where camps and vacations and fun days at the pool with friends can make it hard to keep a routine. If anything, summer is where not being in a routine is actually the routine.

Summer is what I think of when I read the chapter about raising children in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"). The pontiff notes that raising kids means parents have a duty to pass on their faith to them.

But even he sees that job is "made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive."

Holy Father, you have just described my summer.

It's true that our lives are busy and full of the unexpected — I often get tired just looking at my to-do list. But it's precisely in this chaos that we must find Christ. He is in the middle of our tornado of life, the one spinning with barbecues and camping trips and late summer nights. We have to see him in every one of these experiences.

To do that may require some rejiggering of how we share our life with God. If our Muslim brothers and sisters can take time to pray five times a day, we Catholics can certainly find a few opportunities in our busy summer schedules.

After all, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that our prayer matters not just to us, but to God as well: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (No. 2560). That connection, like a garden, requires tending and cultivating.

One quick way to check in on your family's faith is to take its spiritual pulse. This can be any time, but for families it often works best around bedtime — kids tend to be more contemplative then, anyway. Ask them about what went right that day and also what went wrong. Did they attempt an act of kindness? Did they see someone hurting? How did they help?

These kinds of questions help open children's eyes. It allows them to see their friends, family and even that mean lifeguard through the lens of Jesus.

If we want them to think, "What would Jesus do?" then we need to help them see him in the world around them. Plus, kids are usually looking to draw out bedtime as long as possible, so why not add God into those extra minutes? It's here that we can water the mustard seeds of faith we've planted as parents.

While the calendar may say summer, it's ordinary time in the church. But for most of us, there's nothing ordinary about family life. There's always something happening. The same should be true of our faith. As a parent, I've learned that you can make anything a teachable moment, whether it's a beautiful sunset, a ripe blueberry or the first firefly of the season. How we perceive God in our world can influence how our children see him as well. When we make prayer a priority, we increase the chances they will, too.

That's part of why saying grace before dinner or praying before bed matters. More than once, I've had my children stop me on the way out their bedroom to remind me I forgot to pray with them. It's a habit that means something, and for that I'm grateful.

Again, Pope Francis nails it in "Amoris Laetitia": "Hence moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelization than any catechism class or sermon."

Summer is about freedom and fun. We don't always see God in there, especially when we have to figure out when to go to Mass while on vacation in a new place. But God's love gives us the freedom of salvation.

Our lives may have more twists and turns than a waterslide, but it leads us to the same place — into his loving arms.

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