



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

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Administration of both parishes is done through the office at St. John the Baptist – 168 E. Lincoln Street. Requests for copies of sacramental records, scheduling of Masses and other sacramental celebrations, hall rental and other non-emergency needs should be made during regular office hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes, such as address or telephone, etc., by calling during regular hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Gina M. Bishop, Music Director

John C. Huffman, Organist

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome you into our Parish Families. Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

Registration: Please fill out form and return to Office.

Participation: As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

BAPTISM:

Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

MATRIMONY:

Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins. Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly and give the information regarding the hospitalization. **If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures**, please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.

SACRED HEART

Dear Friends in Christ,

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, rooted in the traditions, teachings, and beauty of our **Catholic** faith. We recognize that every person is on his or her own journey of faith, and we seek to meet you where you are in your journey. At **Sacred Heart**, the beauty of the **Mass** is embraced, while maintaining a welcoming spirit for our **Italian Village** neighbors and greater **Columbus Community**.

To learn more about the Parish, please visit our website: www.Sacredheartchurchcolumbus.org

Thank you for choosing Sacred Heart!

Please contact Sacred Heart or St. John the Baptist Church if you are interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or Baptism. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 614-294-5319.

For Weddings and Funerals, please contact Aggie Howard at ahoward@sjbitaliana.org or call the office at 614-294-5319.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ADORATION: In celebration of the Jubilee 350th year of the apparition of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Sacred Heart Church will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday until the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 27, 2025. During that time, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, there will be a 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by Confessions and Benediction until 7:30 p.m. There must be someone present throughout the entire day and help is needed! Please, sign up for an hour or half hour of Adoration on Thursday. There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances. Your help is needed for this especially important mission!

LECTORS

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	Joe Stefanov
Sunday, October 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m.	Charles Peterson
Saturday, October 19, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	Mary Rykowski
Sunday, October 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m.	Justin Pieper

If you are unable to attend Mass, please contact Bob Longstreth. Thank you!



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2024-2025

One of the most important aspects a parish must have to survive is a strong religious education program. Sacred Heart Parish began on September 15th in the rectory living room. Grandchildren of grandparents are welcome if the grandparents are registered in the parish. Non-Catholic children are also invited. Class begins immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and will last 45 minutes. Please call Sharon Curtin 614-563-8405, or email at sharon@mcurtin.com for information. Thank you.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The process in which adults enter the Roman Catholic Church is known as OCIA, "The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." Who is eligible for this process?

The Unbaptized. The primary focus of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have had little or no religious education.

Baptized but un-catechized are those who have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but need further catechetical instruction to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.

Those Seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church are baptized, practicing Christians from another Christian Tradition who seek entry, or full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

If you know someone who might be interested, please call Sharon Curtin at 614-563-8405, or email at sharon@mcurtin.com. Classes will be held at St. John the Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m. which began September 18, 2024, in the parish library on the second floor.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: St. John the Baptist – 10:30 a.m.
October 13 + Joe Cua
by Michael Cua

Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
Intention for J. P.

Monday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon
October 14 *Living & Deceased Members of St. John's*

Tuesday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon
October 15 *Intention for Judy Pishitelli by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy*

Wednesday: St. John's – 6:00 p.m.
October 16 + Rudy Biscuso
by the Militello Family

Thursday: Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.
October 17 *Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart*

Friday: No Mass
October 18

Saturday: Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.
October 19 + Bruce Jarvis
by Patrick Martin & Thomas Sinacola

Sunday: St. John's – 9:30 a.m.
October 20 + Antonio (Tony) Caradonna
by Mariangela Scavo Manno
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
+ Peter Loftis

CONFESSION AND ADORATION

Confessions: St. John's – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart – Saturday – 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Sacred Heart, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

2024 THE APPEAL – “RESPOND TO HIS LOVE”: As of October 6, 2024, the Goal is \$13,338.74, Total Pledged: \$18,183.86, Refund \$3,783.78 and Pledge balance is \$1,061.34. Sacred Heart is over the goal of \$4,845.12. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Date! SHSB ‘Homecoming’ October 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church will be hosting a “Homecoming” Mass and Lunch on Sunday, October 20 to honor Sacred Heart School of Business/ Columbus, OH alumni. All SHSB members and guests are welcome. Msgr. Lane will offer the 11:00 a.m. Mass for them, followed immediately by a casual lunch in Ryan Hall. We ask any SHSB members who can attend to RSVP to Aggie Howard at ahoward@sjbitaliana.org as soon as possible. Sacred Heart parishioners do not need to RSVP, just come over.

Our parish community looks forward to reconnecting with our SHSB friends. They are an important part of our history!

HOLY FATHER: You are invited to pray for the Holy Father’s October intention: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

“Let us walk together and listen to the Lord. May we allow ourselves to be led by the breeze of the Spirit.”
@Pontifex

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. This year’s focus is on radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances: *O God, source of all life and goodness, You fashion human lives in Your image and likeness, and through Your love, give each human life dignity, sacredness, and priceless worth; awaken in every heart new reverence for the least of Your children, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of human life at all stages, and in all conditions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT SACRED HEART

October 6, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 13

In Env:	\$	895.00	
Loose:	\$	590.00	
Total	\$	1,485.00	
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$	-(133.65)	
	\$	1,351.35	
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$2,800.00	\$1,485.00	-\$1,315.00

CATHOLIC TEACHING: PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR: A phrase reminding us that justice and concern for the poor are urgently mandated throughout the Bible. The church’s love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel Beatitudes, by the poverty of Jesus, and by His concern for the disadvantaged and oppressed. It’s also mandated in the final judgment parable, when the only agenda item is: “What you did for the least of these, You did for me.” Where do migrants and refugees belong? It’s a political question with a biblical answer: right here with the rest of us. Since 1914 the church has observed a day to assist the “family in migration and the challenges it faces,” as Pope John Paul II phrased it: And he urged us to commit to overcoming “all racism, xenophobia, and exaggerated nationalism” that affects our relationship to displaced persons.

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society.

—Pope Paul VI

Dialogue must not only favor the preferential option on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, and the excluded, but also respect them as having a leading role to play.

—Pope Francis

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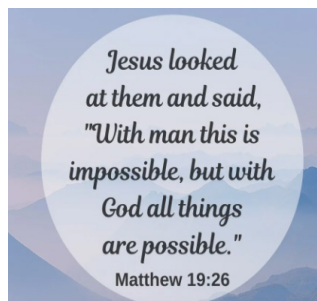
Please help Sacred Heart maintain this beautiful 100-year-old building with a donation by using the QR code. Thank you!

SH Collection Counters – Monday, October 14, 2024
Donna Bowers and Mike Padovan

SH Collection Counters – Monday, October 21, 2024
Donna Bowers and Rita Ward

AROUND US

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER: October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. This feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam.



PRAYER: *May Your grace, O Lord, we pray, always go before us, and follow and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The Month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

“Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one Glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing.” +SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

Monday, October 14 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Callistus, Pope

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32 While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, “This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

Meditation: In the busyness of our lives, jumping from one thing to another, sometimes with the attention span of a gnat, multi-tasking all throughout the day, do you pay attention to warning signs? Much harm could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God’s messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God’s sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person.

Prayer: O God, who raised up Pope Saint Callistus the First to serve the Church and attend devoutly to Christ’s faithful departed, strengthen us, we pray, by his witness to the faith, so that, rescued from the slavery of corruption, we may merit an incorruptible inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are - a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that “the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity” (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone - God’s pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love.

Tuesday, October 15 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:37-41 After Jesus had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, “Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.”

Meditation: After hearing Jesus preach, the Pharisee in today's Gospel invited Jesus to dinner, no doubt, because he wanted to hear more from this extraordinary man who spoke the word of God as no one else had done before. It was not unusual for a rabbi to give a teaching over dinner. Jesus, however, did something which offended his host. He did not perform the ceremonial washing of hands before beginning the meal. Did Jesus forget or was he deliberately performing a sign to reveal something to his host? Jesus turned the table on his host by chiding him for uncleanness of heart. Which begs the question (and a simple one at that!): which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart?

Prayer: O God, who through your Spirit raised up Saint Teresa of Jesus to show the Church the way to seek perfection, grant that we may always be nourished by the food of her heavenly teaching and fired with longing for true holiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus chided the Pharisees for harboring evil thoughts - greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like - which can be sinful in and of themselves, but can also lead us to commit sins. Why does he urge them - and us - to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. So you might ask yourself today: Do I allow God's love to transform my mind, my heart, and thus undertake actions toward my neighbor? If not, why not?

About Saint Teresa of Jesus: Saint Teresa of Jesus, honored by the Church as the "seraphic virgin" and reformer of the Carmelite Order, ranks first among women for wisdom and learning. She is called doctor of mystical theology; in a report to Pope Paul V the Roman Rota declared: "Teresa has been given to the Church by God as a teacher of the spiritual life. The mysteries of the inner mystical life which the holy Fathers propounded unsystematically and without orderly sequence, she has presented with unparalleled clarity." Her writings are still the classic works on mysticism, and from her all later teachers have drawn, e.g., Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Alphonsus Liguori. Characteristic of her mysticism is the subjective-individualistic approach; there is little integration with the liturgy and social piety, and thus she reflects the spirit of the sixteenth and following centuries. Teresa was born at Avila, Spain, in the year 1515. At the age of seven she set out for Africa to die for Christ, but was brought back by her uncle. When she lost her mother at twelve, she implored Mary for her maternal protection. In 1533 she entered the Carmelite Order; for eighteen years she suffered physical pain and spiritual dryness. Under divine inspiration and with the approval of Pope Pius IV, she began the work of reforming the Carmelite Order. In spite of heavy opposition and constant difficulties, she founded thirty-two reformed convents. Truly wonderful were the exterior and interior manifestations of her mystical union with God, especially during the last decade of her life. These graces reached a climax when her heart was transfixed, an event that is commemorated in the Carmelite Order by a special feast on August 27. She practiced great devotion to the foster-father of Jesus, whose cult was greatly furthered throughout the Church through her efforts. When dying she often repeated the words: "Lord, I am a daughter of the Church!" Her holy body rests upon the high altar of the Carmelite church in Alba, Spain; her heart with its mysterious wound is reserved in a precious reliquary on the Epistle side of the altar. Saint Teresa composed the following well-known lines: "*Let nothing affright thee, nothing dismay thee. All is passing, God ever remains. Patience obtains all. Whoever possesses God cannot lack anything, God alone suffices.*"

Wednesday, October 16 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; Saint Gerard Majella, Religious**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:42-46 The Lord said: "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others. Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces. Woe to you! You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk." Then one of the scholars of the law said to him in reply, "Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too." And he said, "Woe also to you scholars of the law! You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them."

Meditation: Why did Jesus lament and issue such a stern rebuke? Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to guide in the ways of God. The scribes devoted their lives to the study of the Law of Moses and regarded themselves as legal experts in it. They divided the Ten Commandments and precepts into thousands of tiny rules and regulations. They were so exacting in their interpretations and in trying to live them out, that they had little time for anything else. By the time they finished compiling their interpretations it took no less than 50 volumes to contain them! In their misguided zeal, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of

neighbor. They were leading people to Pharisaism rather than to God. Jesus used the example of tithing to show how far they had missed the mark. God had commanded a tithe of the first fruits of one's labor as an expression of thanksgiving and honor for his providential care for his people (Deuteronomy 14:22; Leviticus 27:30). The scribes, however, went to extreme lengths to tithe on insignificant things with great mathematical accuracy. They were very attentive to minute matters of little importance, but they neglected to care for the needy and the weak. Jesus admonished them because their hearts were not right. They were filled with pride and contempt for others. They put unnecessary burdens on others while neglecting to show charity, especially to the weak and the poor. They meticulously went through the correct motions of conventional religion while forgetting the realities.

Prayer: Pour out on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you so remarkably endowed Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may come to know that love of Christ which surpasses all understanding and be utterly filled with your fullness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(During this 350th anniversary jubilee year, visit the Chapel of the Apparitions at Paray-la-Monial, France, which is also the church where Saint Margaret Mary received the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: <https://sacrecoeur-paray.org/lieux/la-chapelle-apparitions/> -- use the "translate to English" icon on your computer as this internet site is in French).

Prayer ~ Saint Gerard Majella: Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of Jesus, and devoted child of the Mother of God, enkindle within my heart one spark of that Heavenly fire of charity which glowed in yours. Because you bore, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men when falsely accused of crime, you have been raised up by God as the patron and protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me/her in the dangers of motherhood, and shield the child I/she now bear(s), that it may be brought safely to the light of day, and receive the sacrament of baptism. Amen.

(For more information about Saint Gerard and the League of Saint Gerard, known as "the mothers' saint," please visit: <https://themotherssaint.org/about>).

Contemplation: Always remember that the essence of God's commandments is love - love of the supreme good - God himself and love of our neighbor who is made in the image and likeness of God. God is love (1 John 4:8) and everything he does flows from his love for us. God's love is unconditional and is wholly directed towards the good of others. True love both embraces and lifts the burdens of others. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us" (Romans 5:5). Do you help your neighbors carry their burdens? God gives each of us sufficient grace for each day to love as he loves and to lift the burdens of others that they, too, may experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, October 17 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13 The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

Meditation: How can God's wisdom free us from being double-minded and spiritually blind? God sent his prophets to open the ears of his people to hear and understand God's word and intention for their lives. God's wisdom is personified in the voice of the prophets, a voice that often brought rejection and death because they spoke for God rather than for human favor and approval. Jesus chastised many of the religious leaders of his day for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets from the past by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the message that the prophets spoke in God's name. They rejected the prophets' warnings and closed their ears to the word of God. Are you guilty of doing the same?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who adorn the sacred body of your Church with the confessions of holy Martyrs, grant, we pray, that, just as the glorious passion of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, which we celebrate today, brought him eternal splendor, so it may be for us unending protection. Through our Lord Jesus

Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The religious lawyers and scribes held the "key of knowledge" since they were the official interpreters of the Scriptures. Unfortunately their interpretation of the Scriptures became so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the Scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven - they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet and Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Revelations 3:7) who opens heaven for those who accept him as Lord and Savior. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart - those who thirst for God and acknowledge his word as truth - can truly understand the wisdom which comes from above (read Psalm 119:99ff: "I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.").

Friday, October 18 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9 The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Meditation: What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must be lambs in the midst of wolves? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the gospel. Jesus came as the true "sacrificial lamb" who atones for the sin of the whole world. We, as disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God, must also be willing to sacrifice our lives in humble service of our Lord and Master.

Prayer: Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision for us. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. God gives us his Word and his Spirit that we may have life in him - abundant, grace-filled life which never ends. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. God shares his word with us and he commissions us to speak it boldly and simply to others. Do you believe in the power of his word? And are you ready to witness the joy and truth of the gospel to others by embracing and living the gospel?

About Saint Luke: Saint Luke came from Antioch, was a practicing physician and was one of the first converts to Christianity. He accompanied Saint Paul, who converted him, on his missionary journeys and was still with him in Rome when Saint Paul was in prison awaiting death. We hear no more of him afterwards and nothing is known of his last years. The Church venerates him as a Martyr. Saint Luke's Gospel is principally concerned with salvation and mercy; in it are preserved some of our Lord's most moving parables, like those of the lost sheep and the prodigal son. Dante calls Saint Luke the "historian of the meekness of Christ." It is also Saint Luke who tells us the greater part of what we know about our Lord's childhood. "According to tradition he was an artist, as well as a man of letters; and with a soul alive to all the most delicate inspirations, he consecrated his pencil to the holiest use, and handed down to us the features of the Mother of God. It was an illustration worthy of the Gospel which relates to the divine Infancy; and it won for the artist a new title to the gratitude of those who never saw Jesus and Mary in the flesh. Hence Saint Luke is the patron of Christian art."

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