

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed A Prayer for Children

Jesus,

I want to have faith in You.

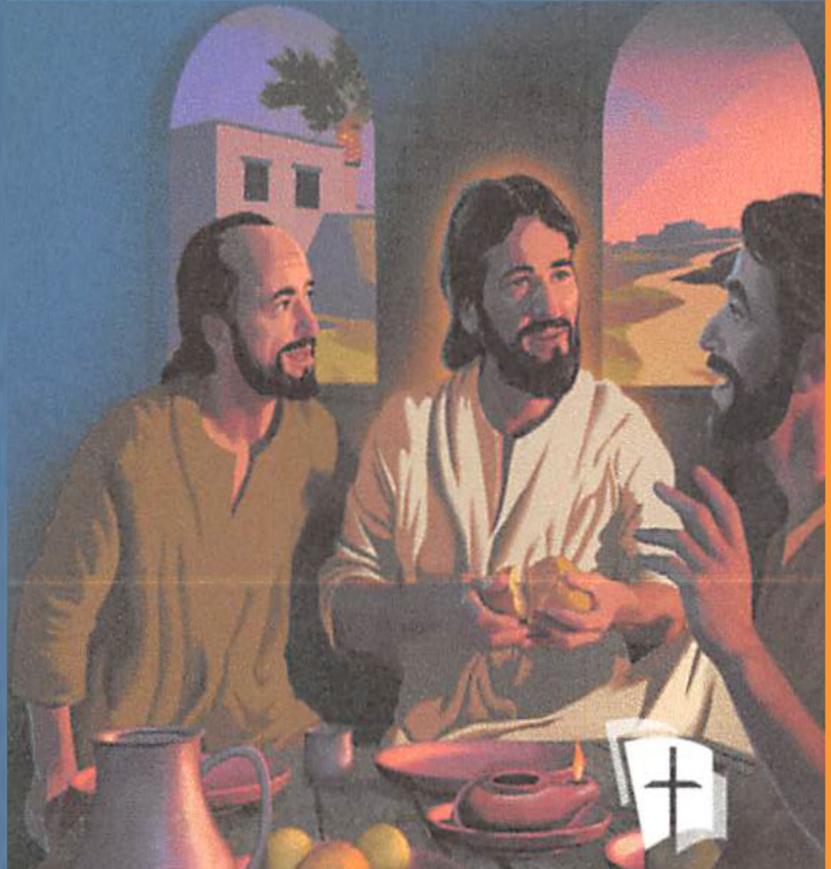
Help me to learn more
about You and Your Church.

Help me know that
You hear my prayers.

Help me to remember that
You are with me always.

Help me to share Your love
with everyone I meet.

Amen.



The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed.

These words from the Mass remind us that spiritual healing is offered to us in a special way through the Eucharist. Holy Communion renews the life of grace received at Baptism, separates us from sin, strengthens our charity, and intimately unites us with Christ (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1391-1395). As we receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, Jesus the Divine Physician responds to our humble request and heals our souls.

September 19, 2021

Church of the Annunziata

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at
www.annunziata.org**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

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OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name _____ Cell/Phone Number _____

Address/Zip _____ Email _____

Please make the above changes to my parish record. I would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

FROM OUR PASTOR.....

THANK YOU, ANNUNZIATA!

As I hope you saw in the St. Louis Review, the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal was blest by God through YOUR generosity in support of outreach to the poor, Catholic education, Evangelization, our Seminary and Newman Centers, our efforts to help with unwanted pregnancies, Catholic Charities, and so much more in the service of the Gospel.

Special thanks to YOU, the parishioners of Annunziata, for meeting the challenge of Biblical Stewardship as you pledged \$304,418.00!



JESUS, OUR TEACHER

In the Catholic Church, catechist is a term used of anyone engaged in religious formation and education. To catechize means to teach by word of mouth. In 1975 St. Paul VI spoke about the importance of the Baptized using their gifts for the growth of Christ's Church. St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have pointed out how teachers of the Faith were present from the earliest days and were recognized as having a special gift of the Holy Spirit.

As Church, we recognize that parents are the first, and primary teachers of their Children in the ways of the Faith. Parents and Priests are most grateful for our Catechists who assist Parents in their God given ministry.

A GREAT CHALLENGE

Right now, almost one out of every three young people (those under the age of 40) claim no religious affiliation. These numbers hold true for Catholics as for non-Catholics. What statistics don't show is the pain felt by so many parents who watch their children drift away. Those who have raised kids in the faith, went to Mass on Sundays, sent their children to religious education programs or to Catholic schools, feel this pain most deeply.

In her book, "Forming Intentional Disciples", Sherry Weddell points out that Catholics always thought that the Catholic Faith is inherited. One is "born Catholic," or "a cradle Catholic". This is no longer true! On any given day, there are a great number of parents praying that their teenage or adult children return to their Catholic faith, get married in the Church, or have their grandchildren Baptized.

There is a lot of anger and a lot of guilt swirling around this topic. Blaming people does no good. Weddell believes that a fundamental problem in the Church — including priests and parents — is a lack of personal relationship with Christ. We follow the rules, we do the right things, but we really don't know Jesus, and we don't do a good job of talking about our relationship with Jesus. For many people that feels, well, Protestant. For the same reason, it can be hard for some of us to communicate with our children, adult or otherwise, what Jesus means to us, who Christ is in our lives. Weddell points also to the reality that for many people, they simply don't have time to invest in Faith.

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WATCH

PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



LEARN

FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY

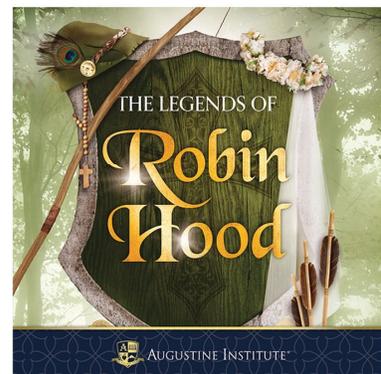


Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. “Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize” (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.

LISTEN

THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD AUDIO DRAMA

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood — a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.



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Starting Young!

PSR



On the drive to school this morning I asked my eighth grade daughter, “What do you think would be a good message for the bulletin this week?” “You mean for parents?” She asked. “Yes.” “Maybe the importance of starting young.” “What is your most significant memory of the faith in life so far?” I asked. “I don’t know?” She was getting irritated. “I guess doing it together.” I left it at that...

I’ve noticed lately that I need to learn when to quit. I was so heartened that she was immediately thoughtful and offered a suggestion that I unconsciously kept pressing. It’s true that as our kids grow older, they pull away and navigate for themselves not wanting to focus on the things that are important to us. As parents, we pray that we’ve laid a good foundation.

I have three kids, and when they were little we would gather together at night on one of their beds to say our prayers and sometimes read from The Children’s Bible. It was guaranteed time together, and they loved it. We also prayed a “child’s” morning offering together on the way to school. As the years went on it changed little by little.

I can only hope that some seeds of faith have been planted. Our job is never over. My mom inspires me in the faith to this day. So, I guess it’s not about “knowing when to quit,” it’s about knowing how to adapt.

My eighth grader is the only one I still drive to school. My older daughter drives herself, and we dropped our son off at college a month ago. This morning, just like every morning on our way to school, we prayed that “child’s” morning offering together. I’m not sure if it irritates her, and I’m not going to ask:

*Good morning, dear Jesus, this day is for you,
we offer you all that we think, say and do.
Thank you for our guardian angels, too.*

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal



For more than the past year, people have often felt helpless. Your generosity has made a difference! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to assist neighbors all over St. Louis. The SVDP prescription assistance program has been helping more than ever. ***We thank you for your generosity.*** Together, we are blessed to be part of the great work taking place in St. Louis.

The Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Officers

David Holton - President

Rick Hagedorn - Vice President

Cindy Cunningham - Treasurer

Jane Garvin - Secretary



*Please pray
for all who have served
or are serving in the U.S. Military,
First Responders, Health Care Workers
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.*

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV,
U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce

1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.



**Church of the Annunziata
Is open for private prayer
Monday through Saturday
7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**



Please join us!
Pray the Rosary
Monday through Saturday
as we pray the Rosary together
after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

The 40 Days for Life campaign starts September 22nd through October 31st. Please pray for the unborn especially during these 40 days! People will be praying in front of the abortion facilities in the area — Planned Parenthood in Saint Louis on Forest Park Avenue and in Fairview Heights on Salem Place. We invite everyone who is able to take part in the prayers at these locations. You may learn more about Coalition for Life or sign up online please go to



<https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/40-days-for-life/>
or call 314-837-4039 for additional information.

Please pray for

Peggy Schmitt Aliaga-Kelly
Henry Garrett

Annunziata is a family that loves and cares for one another. Should you, your family or your friends be in need of special prayers, we would like to add these names to our prayer list so they can be included in all of our prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;
 Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9;
 Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
 Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a;
 Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
 Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

From Death to New Life



Charles F. Bates, II	September 19, 2001
Woodrow W. Cummings	September 19, 2000
Marvin Schatzman	September 19, 2006
Louis William Humes	September 20, 2001
James E. Keehn	September 20, 2007
Rose S. Bardenheier	September 21, 1996
Elizabeth Keeler Swarts	September 21, 2005
Joseph Eschbacher	September 22, 1996
Marilyn A. Reddan	September 22, 2008
James Michael Croak	September 23, 2004
Virginia C. Hayden	September 23, 2001
Ann Human	September 23, 2006
John Blake Ahearn	September 24, 2009
Bernice Houlihan	September 24, 2014
James L. Stuckenschneider	September 24, 2009
Izzy Voda	September 24, 1985

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John E. Simon, Sr.
& Family Living and Deceased
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19

7:00 a.m. John Tines
 9:00 a.m. Betty Lawler
 11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, September 20

7:00 a.m. Ann Allen Flanigan

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Genovese
and Family

Wednesday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Kathryn Marie Singer

Thursday, September 23

7:00 a.m. John Ahearn

Friday, September 24

7:00 a.m. Janet Stephens

Saturday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Sr. Paul Marie Reiter
 5:00 p.m. Anita Dreher Adam

Sunday, September 26

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
 11:00 a.m. Dan Ferry



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TO VIEW PAST MASSES