

# Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

#### Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil 4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

#### Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church 10:00 AM Mass - In Church 11:40 AM Latin Mass - In Church

#### **Daily Mass Times**

#### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

#### **Holy Day Mass Times**

Consult the bulletin

#### **Penance and Reconciliation**

Tuesday — Saturday Morning: 7:40 — 7:55 AM

#### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9AM-8:30PM

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday 8:30 AM — 2:30 PM Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

#### **Parish Web Site**

www.shrmn.org

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

#### Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade 4050 Hubbard Avenue North Robbinsdale, MN 55422

#### **School Web Site**

sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org

**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

### September 10, 2023



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

#### **Parish Directory**

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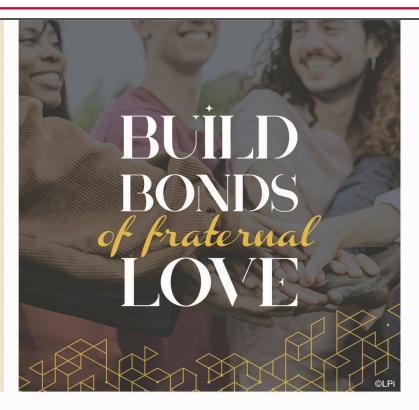
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Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey



# **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

#### **Appointed Sunday Readings**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-9/10/2023

First Reading: If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.(Ps 95)

Second Reading: Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.(Rom 13:10)

Gospel: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)

#### Latin Mass Sunday Readings

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: "Brethren: If we live in the spirit..." (Gal 5:25-26; 6:1-10)

Gradual: "It is good to give praise to the Lord..." (Ps 91:2-3)

Gospel: "At that time, Jesus went into a city called Naim..." (Lk 7:11-16)

#### Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Sept. 11—Saturday, Sept. 16 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-

11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,

5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Please remember In your prayers:

Those Who Are III: Arlene Weinzierl, Michael Murry

#### With Chronic Health Concerns:

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Delia Roca, John LaSota, Kelly VanSchalk, Helen Wilger, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman

Those Who Have Died Recently:

#### **Administration**

Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital!						
Collections for August 26 & 27, 2023 (week 9)	Dollars	# Donors				
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 3,508.00	61				
Electronic Donations	\$ 531.46	14				
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 1,524.10					
Total Collections for week 9	\$ 5,563.56	75				

Year-to-date Sunday Collections			
	This Year	<u>Last Year</u>	(Behind)
Actual versus last year August 27 2023 (week 9)	\$ 109,530	\$ 93,335	\$16,195
	This Year	<u>Budget</u>	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget August 27, 2023 (week 9)	\$ 109,530	\$ 93,150	\$16,380

### Fun Fest 2023: Sept. 23, 2023

#### **Donations Requested & Appreciated**

- The Bottle Bash Game— **NEW** bottles of everything and anything you can think of from bubbles, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning supplies to soda/pop, water, Gatorade, wine, spirits, beauty products, ketchup, salad dressings, jam/jellies, steak sauce, etc....
  - Bingo gift cards or cash
  - Kids' Games gift cards or cash to purchase prizes
  - Cake Walk Cakes, Pies and/or Other Baked Goods.

We are in need of as many volunteers as we can get. If you are able to and would like to volunteer, please visit:

https://signup.com/go/OUiTPsF

### **Blood Drive: September 1st Results**

Thanks to all who participated in the Blood Drive hosted by Sacred Heart on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Red Cross staff collected 32 pints.

Kelsey Nelson gave birth to twins in January 2020, and the delivery went well. Twelve days later, though, she experienced a secondary post-partum hemorrhage, sending her back to the hospital for about a week. While Kelsey was in surgery, she required eight units of blood products to save her life. Kelsey's doctor told her they essentially replaced all the blood in her body. After that, Kelsey made a commitment to give blood regularly. Giving blood has become a way that she copes with the trauma she endured. "I had given blood in the past, one-offs in my early 20s, but it was never something I was super comfortable with," she said of her history giving blood. "It was very clear to me that the reason why I was able to be a mom to my kids and get a chance to watch them grow up was because of donors. Without strangers' acts of kindness, I wouldn't have had that opportunity." As Kelsey and her husband raise their children, she is constantly reminded of the gift she's received: the experience of watching them grow up. She shares her story now to encour-

age others to think of the impact they can have or the family they could help.

"I hope my story motivates someone to give and to understand that this gift is so small by effort, but the impact goes far beyond. It goes well, well beyond," said Kelsey.



#### Sacred Heart Catholic School

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of School

Welcomed our students back into the school building on Tuesday. Our students are ready to learn more about their faith, learn new concepts, and take part in service projects. It was a great summer, but it is so great to be back together!

#### Support a student at SHCS

August is the perfect time to support our Lend a Hand scholarship fund. We have a few families that would benefit from a tuition scholarship. We strive to help as many families as possible to afford the valuable education Sacred Heart provides. Please remember that your dollars give to the Lend a Hand tuition scholarship program are tax deductible, but more importantly they are an investment in the vitality of the Sacred Heart Catholic community. We are sincerely grateful for your continual support over the years.

#### We still have openings in 4 year old PreK and K-8

Parents are welcome to schedule a personalized tour. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. Come see how integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.

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#### **To Join Sacred Heart Parish**

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

### **Sacrament of Initiation** — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

#### **Sacrament of Anointing**

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

#### **Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

#### **Sunday School**

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang in the Parish Office.

#### **Religious Education**

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

#### Mass Intentions

\*\*This Schedule is subject to change\*\*
September

Sun.	10	8:00 AM	Parishioners
		10:00 AM	Carl Richter+
Latin		11:40 AM	Nancy Williams+
Mon.	11	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues.	12	8:00 AM	Tony Zegar+
Wed.	13	8:00 AM	Philip Andrzejek+
Thu.	14	8:00 AM	Mary Jane Piazza+
Fri.	15	8:00 AM	Julie A. Harty+
Sat.	16	8:00 AM	Donald & Anabelle
			Hanson+
		4:00 PM	Helen Willger+
Sun.	17	8:00 AM	Parishioners
		10:00 AM	Nick & Natalie Ryan
Latin		11:40 AM	Letty Roddy+

#### **Chapel Open for Prayer:**

Monday: 8:30am-2:30pmTues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

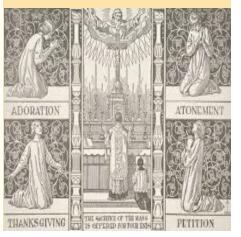
#### **Confessions**

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m. Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-8:30pm

#### **Parish Prayer Line**

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: <a href="mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org">cshadmin@shrmn.org</a>



#### **Pre-Baptism Classes**



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Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if

it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday September 12 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

We still have some needs to complete the atrium. You can purchase the following items by clicking on the link and bringing them to the parish office **or by writing a check to Sacred Heart and putting the intended item in the memo line.** Please notify Morgan Leisgang at 763-285-6246 or <a href="mailto:mleisgang@shrmn.org">mleisgang@shrmn.org</a> if you have ordered something or written a check.

- AA Batteries
- San Damiano Crucifix \$12.95
  - Solo Chime Bell \$11.99
- Puzzle Map of Israel \$50.00
- <u>Liturgical Calendar</u> \$125







#### The Child's Hunger

"Young children not only have religious capacities but a particular religious hunger as well. When a child is hungry, he or she must be fed now, without waiting until tomorrow. This hunger is not always easy for us to satisfy, because little children live their relationship with God in a very different way than we do. But this same fact is also the source of wonderful gifts that come to us when we try to nourish their hunger for God. After all, God is not only the God of adults and, if Jesus said we are to be like little children to enter the kingdom of God, then they must have something to teach us." - Sofia Cavalletti, *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey, revised and updated.* If you have any children ages 3-5 that you would like to register for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please contact Morgan Leisgang at 763-285-6246 or mleisgang@shrmn.org.

#### **Faith Formation**





Faith Formation Grades 1-8



Registration is now open for Faith Formation for children entering 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-5! Classes will begin on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact

Morgan Leisgang at

mleisgang@shrmn.org or 763-285-6246.

#### **Respect Life Ministry**



40 Days for Life Twin Cities Fall 2023

September 27 @ 6:00 pm - November 5 @ 3:00 pm

\*Opening Candlelight Prayer Vigil – Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart has adopted Friday, September 29 to pray 6am to 6pm. Fr. Bryan Pedersen will lead prayer at 3pm.

Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St, St. Paul, MN 55114

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us at one of the Midwest's largest abortion facilities, in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion.

\*Closing Prayer Vigil - Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

Minneapolis Deaneries Council of Catholic Women Invites you to join us for the FIRST DEANERY Gathering of 2023-2024

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights 55421, 4:15pm to 8:30pm

Registration 4:15pm, Rosary 4:40pm, Mass 5pm, Dinner 5:45pm, Meeting 6:40pm

Speaker 7:40pm: Minnesota Catholic Conference on the dangers of proposed assisted suicide legislation.

Cost \$15 per person. First ten ladies are paid for by the SHCCW.

To register, call Carol Rusinko, SHCCW Acting Deanery Representative at 612-242-5807 by Wed., Sept. 20.

You are invited to bring Baby items to donate to ABRIA.

All women are welcome. Carpooling from SH parking lot at 3:30pm on Sept. 28.

#### N.E.A.R



NEAR food shelf distribution statistics for recent months:

July - Households served: **416** Food distributed: 49,711 pounds

NEAR always needs Volunteers: We are looking for folks that would be available to volunteer weekdays in different areas of the food shelf. Morning, Afternoon, Driver and Phone volunteer opportunities are available. We especially need drivers to help with food rescue pickups and deliveries to senior housing. Please contact Thea Bruley, NEAR Food Shelf Manager at 763-533-2836 for more information.

#### **News From Other Sources**

#### Partner or Servant: What are we looking for when we look for AI?

We all know that computers are excellent tools. But recent advances in AI seem to promise more. Robots are being designed as caregivers and even as sexual partners. Programs such as ChatGPT and Midjourney act as collaborators or relational partners. As Christians we are called to be in relationship with each other and with God. Are we now extending this call to computers? We will examine what it takes for a relationship to be fully authentic, with each other, with God, and with AI.

Sept. 21, presentation from 6:30pm-9pm, Basilica, Minneapolis, MN. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

#### **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, September 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Coffee & Donuts after 8am & 10am masses

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

#### Monday, September 11-Sts. Protus & Hyacinth, 257 (Trad.)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

8:00 AM Communion Service

Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday, September 12-The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

#### Wednesday, September 13 -St. John Chrysostom, 407

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

#### Thursday, September 14- Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Trad.)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Adoration following Mass till 8:30 PM

#### Friday, September 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

#### Saturday, September 16-Sts. Cornelius, 253 and Cyprian, 258 (Trad.)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:15 PM Vespers

#### Sunday, September 17-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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September 2023

Sacred Heart Church Robbinsdale MN.

#### St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887, in southern Italy, Francesco



Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15, taking the name "Pio." In 1918, St. Pio received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion, called the stigmata, in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands flocked to him for Confession and spiritual direction. Amidst his suffering, he continued to labor for the spiritual and physical well-being of others, founding a hospital that still operates today.

#### Perfect is possible

Jesus said, "... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Perfection to Jesus means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. Love and service is the true measure of perfection.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing nonor" Romans 12:9-10.



### Seven virtues for successful Catholics

Practicing virtues - habitual and firm dispositions to do good - leads to long-lasting interior freedom, joy, and peace. The following seven virtues,

with God's grace, can help you do that:

Faith enables our belief in God and all that He has revealed through Scripture, Tradition, and the Church's teachings. Reciting the Creed, especially at Mass, is an act of faith.

Hope is the desire for Heaven and trust in God's promises to us. Trusting in the Lord even in trials and asking for forgiveness for sins are acts of hope.

Charity enables us to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. True love is when we wish - and act for the authentic good of others.

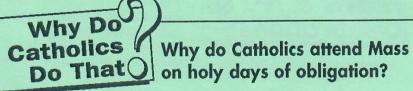
Prudence is the virtue that helps us to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

Justice helps us respect others' rights and give to each his due. We owe God our worship.

We are made in His image, so we owe each other respect.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ in the world, even if it's unpopular and uncomfortable.

Temperance properly orders our desire for pleasure, so that we appreciate earthly goods in moderation and value heavenly goods most. Observing the one-hour fast from food before receiving the Eucharist is an act of temperance.



Throughout the year, the Church celebrates six feasts that honor a central mystery of our faith with extra enthusiasm. These days are so important that all Catholics are required to attend Mass to celebrate. They are listed on the US Conference of

Catholic Bishops' website, http://www.usccb.org.

All Sundays are also holy days of obligation. We live the third commandment to honor the Sabbath by attending Mass every Sunday.

Celebrating these holy days is a reminder that we belong firstly to God.

### Finding time for powerful prayer

If you struggle to find time to pray, try these three

Prioritize. Much unseen good depends on prayer, and it's as critical to our souls as breathing is to the body. Jesus corrected St. Martha because she lost sight of "the one thing...needful" (Luke 10:41-42). Reserve time for daily prayer. Treat it as an important appointment - because it is.

Set boundaries. Jesus dismissed the crowd in the evening and "went up into the hills to pray"

(Matthew 14:23). Give God your undivided attention in prayer for whatever time you can. Be fully present, minimizing distractions. Let the world wait while you spend time with the One who loves you most.

Activate your work. Few of us have the luxury of being able to spend all day in prayer but we can make a morning offering, giving our day to God's service. Entrust all the events, tasks, and concerns of the day to God's mercy and providence. This way, our work is made holy and can help bring souls to

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### Matthew 20:1-16a, The generous landowner

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told a parable in which He compared God's kingdom to a vineyard in the charge of a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hires groups of workers at various times of the day. All agree with the landlord to

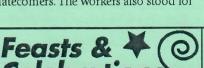
work for a "fair wage." The vinevard is God's kingdom and God is the generous landlord. Some Bible scholars propose that the earlier groups of workers represented the Jewish people, who had followed God's laws for thousands of years, while the Gentiles were the latecomers. The workers also stood for

those whom God calls at various stages of life: from infancy,

> adolescence, adulthood, and old age.

Then the landlord paid the laborers, beginning with the five o'clock workers. It must have shocked Jesus' listeners to hear that the landlord paid those who worked one hour as if they'd worked for twelve hours. Clearly, God's idea of a "fair"

wage is not the same as ours. What is important is not how many hours we've served God, but if we answered Him when He called us.



September 1 - St. Giles (710). Shrouded in mystery, St. Giles was a hermit who lived near the Rhône River in France. His fame as a miracle worker drew crowds and disciples to him. Eventually, St. Giles became abbot of a monastery.

September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c.326). St. Helena, mother

of Emperor Constantine, discovered what is believed to be the Cross of Christ while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on the

September 28 - St. Wenceslaus (929). Raised by his devout grandmother, St. Ludmilla, "The Good King" St. Wenceslaus worked to end Christian persecution in Bohemia, encouraged German missionaries built churches, and cared for the sick and poor. He was martyred by a group of dissatisfied nobles, led by his brother, Boleslaus.

#### **Q** What's the proper way to & show reverence before A I receive Communion?

In days past, everyone approached the altar, knelt at the altar rail and received the host on our tongues. That was prescribed as a posture of reverence to show respect and adoration for the Body and Blood of our Lord.

The bishops in the United States have decided that we may approach the altar

and stand to receive Communion. When we approach, we are to bow as a gesture

of reverence before we receive the consecrated host from the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

Today we can receive the host either on the tongue or in the hand. To receive in the hand, we place one hand, palm up, on top of the other to form a "throne." We can also receive Holy Communion in the form of precious Blood. When Holy Communion is offered under both kinds we repeat the bow of our heads before receiving each one.

Genuflection is appropriate at other times. For example, we genuflect before the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament.

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