

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7/8, 2020



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

“But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’”

That’s the account we have in the Gospel passage we just read, the incredible story of the **Transfiguration**. Peter, James, and John have an experience of Jesus that they never had before, one that left them “very much afraid.” Jesus, of course, did what he always does, reached out to make the situation better, sought to bring some healing and peace.

Jesus touched them . . . invited them to rise . . . and encouraged them to not be afraid. How exactly do we do that? Is that even possible?

Now, I’m not going to pretend that we, that is you and me, and the Christian community as a whole, can know with certainty exactly what Jesus means by the words we have read in Scripture. I think the order of the phrases we just heard is revealing and helpful in understanding this passage.

“But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’”

First Jesus touches. Then we rise. Then we are not afraid. The rising comes first. It’s in our rising that we allow God to render our fears powerless.

In a very real sense, that is a kind of template for our lives as followers of the Lord Jesus — and a beautiful blueprint for Lent. Much of what we do during this Holy Season, we do so that God can touch us so that God can get to us so that God can grasp us by the hand. Our prayers, our fasting, our almsgiving is all so that you and I can open ourselves up to all the wonderful things God wants for us —his mercy, his peace, his joy.

When Jesus tells Peter, James and John, and us, to not be afraid, he is in a sense making us a promise. If we let him touch us, take our hand, he will raise us up to a life beyond our wildest expectations, and our fears will start to disappear.

And so, if life is bringing you down, if you are fearful of tomorrow, know that you are not alone. That for us people of faith (and for Christians in particular) tomorrow can always be better than today. The world needs not to remain the way it is. We need not to remain the way we are.

Let’s let God touch our hearts and minds this Lent, raise us up, and allow us to continue the work of Jesus free from fear.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service*, and other *Spirit-led* activities.

We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, *to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.*

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Pastor’s Corner

Parish Rectory Hours Monday: 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM Tues. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday/Sunday: Closed
Outreach Office Hours Tuesday: 9 AM to 12 PM Friday: 9 AM to 11 AM FOOD PANTRY Hours Tues.- Fri.: 9 AM to 4PM
Religious Ed Office Hours Monday/ Friday: Closed Tues. & Thurs. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
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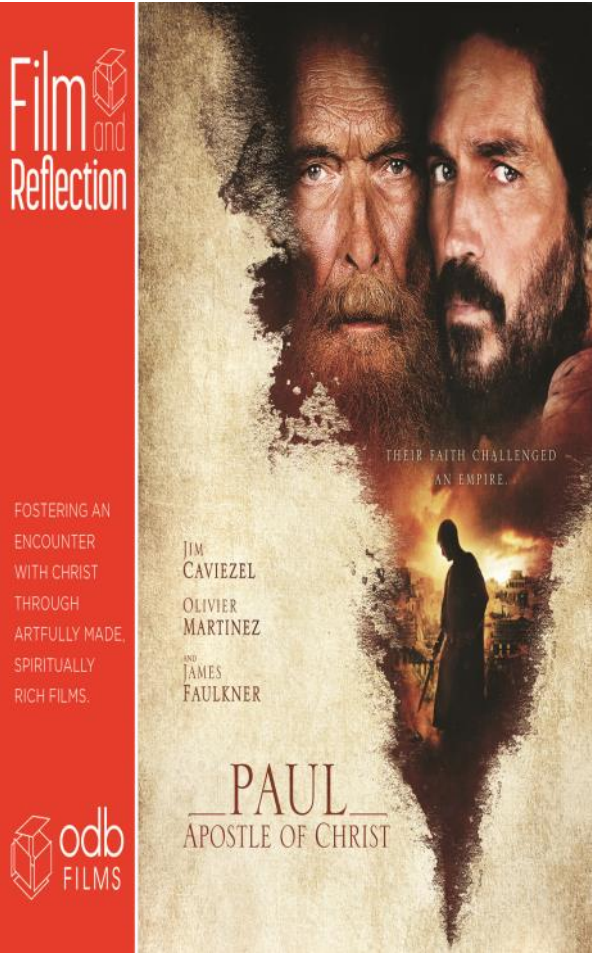
Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa Going Home For Two Months

Due to his visa status, Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa has been recommended by the Diocesan Immigration Attorney to go home for two months in order to avoid his visa expiring by end of June 2020.

Fr. Joseph will leave St. John’s on Monday, March 23 for Ghana and return on May 26. His departure puts our parish in a difficult situation as we have entered the busiest season of the year through Lent to Easter. The Diocesan Office of Clergy promises to help to send us a priest each Sunday to take one or two Masses until Fr. Joseph returns.

Pray for Fr. Joseph so that all go well and that his visa status is normalized.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda



Paul, Apostle of Christ Film and Reflection

Join us for the watching and reflection of Paul, Apostle of Christ, presented by Mr. Eric Groth, CEO, ODBFilms - www.odbfilms.com
Synopsis of film- Risking his life, Luke ventures to Rome to visit Paul -- the apostle who's bound in chains and held captive in Nero's darkest and bleakest prison cell. Haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds, Paul wonders if he's been forgotten as he awaits his grisly execution. Before Paul's death, Luke resolves to write another book that details the birth of what will come to be known as the church. Rated PG-13.

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church ~ One Community Center.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paul-apostle-of-christ-film-and-reflection-with-eric-groth-tickets-97681480939>

“Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This passage is a story of Israel's murmuring in the wilderness and the miracle of water from the rock. The point of the story is that God is still in their midst and meets their needs despite their rebellion.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 95 is a call to praise God in joyful fidelity, aware that we must be tested before God. We are not the ones who test God. That is why the concluding verses and the response look back to the unfortunate incident in the desert of Israel's past as an example of how not to respond to God. Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Perhaps in all of Paul's letters there is no other passage which carries such a powerful message than this one in Romans 5. Faith in Christ has established our new relationship with God. We now receive many additional blessings - endurance in suffering, hope of standing the test of our faith and reconciliation with God. These come to us because of God's love which has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. All of this has been brought about through the death and resurrection of Jesus who died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Gospel is the account of Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman. This is perhaps the most unusual event of all those reported in the New Testament. John used this event to reinforce the theme of his gospel: Faith in Jesus as the source of living in relationship with God now and in the life beyond death. Here again as in Exodus 17 and Psalm 95, water has a symbolic meaning. It represents the life of the Spirit which comes through faith. In this instance it may also symbolize the water of baptism which initiates our faith relationship with God. The passage is also a gradual self-revelation event of Jesus to the Samaritan woman who gradually becomes aware of who Jesus is. She not only becomes aware of her own identity and her need for the living water, she becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com
Podcast (audio):
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 9, 2020
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Marissa Ramos Yago
†Dieter M. Pfister
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
(8 am) †Petra Villegas
(Death Anniversary)
†Dieter M. Pfister
†Marissa Ramos Yago
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
(8 am) †Beatrice Ramos
†Wesley Keola Kaialilili
†Dieter M. Pfister
Thursday, March 12, 2020
(8 am) †Hal Liles
†Dieter M. Pfister
†Marissa Ramos Yago
Friday, March 13, 2020
(8 am) †Pedro Arzadon
†Sterling Kaahaaina
†Marissa Ramos Yago
Saturday, March 14, 2020
(8 am) †Marissa Ramos Yago
†Paciencia T. Arzadon
John Sauget
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)
5 pm Meredith Gonzalez
(Thanksgiving)
Sunday, March 15, 2020
7am Everett Bates
(Birthday Blessing)
9 am For the People
11 am Francisco Ortega
(Birthday Blessing)
6 pm †Marissa Ramos Yago

†RIP

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Lillian Chalmers, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Shirley Pichon, Mary Anne Q. Llacuna, Caridad Ramiscal, RileyAnn Wills, Rebecca Wills, Laralyn Corthran, Dan Wills, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Ellen Cleghorn, Hildegard Borowitz, Linda Ward, Jean Tanoue, Kathy & Joe Ball, James Tanoue & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Patricia J. Merideth, Shirley Leong, Leslie Fountain, Irene Moyles, Brian Ching, Marcelino Esdicul Sr., Gloria Tolentino, Dorothea Suan Agustin, Benjamin B. Bae Sr, Charles Lam, Hipolito J. Agustin, Leonora C. Cabbab, Karen Ann Roark, Anthony Calistro, Andres S. de Leon Jr., Marie Coleman, Florence Lindsey, Antonio C. Aguon & Dieter M. Pfister.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:
Anointing of the Sick
Baptisms: March 22 & 29, Apr 19 & 26, May 17 & 24)
Baptism Preparation Classes: (No April Class), May 3 & Jun 7
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH!

The Women’s ACTS retreat is coming to the St. Anthony Retreat Center, Kalihi Valley. This exceptional retreat includes Catholic services, relevant spiritual talks, prayer & interaction with like-minded fellow Christian women. This retreat can positively impact your personal, spiritual journey!

The retreat, conducted by the Hawaii ACTS Ministry, begins after work on Thursday, May the 14th and concludes on Sunday morning, May 17th. The retreat includes 3 night’s lodging, and transportation to and from the retreat center.

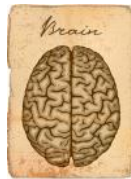
Please contact Marie Aldover (808) 222-6851 or Judy Brasel (808) 381-2063 for additional information.

Let us serve one another in love!
The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	FEB. 29 - MAR. 1
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,218.79
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,978.85
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,089.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,680.45
Donation – Baptisms	\$ 100.00
Donation – Funerals	\$ 300.00
Donation – Children’s Collection	\$ 3.00
Donation – Stewardship	\$ 23.75
Donation – Social Ministry	\$ 48.00
Donation – Charity	\$ 463.00
Donation – Flowers	\$ 6.00
Donation – Augustine Education Fund	\$ 300.00
Donation – Black & Indian Mission	\$ 10.00
Donation – CRS Rice Bowls	\$ 115.00
Donation – Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 7.50
Candle Sales	\$ 490.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 400.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 22,233.34
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” - Proverbs 3:9	

+ FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT +
Dieter M. Pfister (RIP)
Friday, March 20, 2020 ~ St. John’s A&E, Mililani
Visitation: 9:15 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Free workshop! Healthy Brain Aging and Dementia.
Presenter: Jody Mishan, Program Coordinator for Catholic Charities Hawaii Circle of Care for Dementia.
When: Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10 am
Where: St John’s One Community Center
Please register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-brain-workshop-tickets-94504329995>
Hosted by Parish Health Ministry



 **The Catholic Charities Hawaii’s Counseling Center** is a place for healing and growth. **Elizabeth Lyons, LMFT**, along with St. John Church, provides a safe environment to discuss life’s challenges. We are committed to providing counseling services with compassion and dignity. Please call 527-4470 to schedule an appointment. If you’re looking for support, change or just someone to talk to, give us a call.



Meet Trinh

Trinh’s family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Respect Life:
Join us in praying a special novena March 16 - 24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say “yes” to God! Copies of the novena can be picked up in the front entrance of the church.

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the “culture of death” and the “culture of life.” We find ourselves not only “faced with” but necessarily “in the midst of” this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.” *(The Gospel of Life 28)*



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR



Adult Faith Formation- WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE? WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LENT THIS YEAR? Fr. Joseph and Deacon Romeo will be presenting two sessions focusing on **Scripture: The Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of Matthew**. It's on **THURSDAY, March 19th, at 7:00—8:30 P.M. IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Rosary Making Ministry: Have you ever wanted to learn how to make the rosary or even make one that could be shared with other Catholics here at home or even around the world? If you do, come join the Rosary Making Ministry on **Saturday, March 21 at 10 am on the church lanai** and partake in this very special part of our Catholic faith . All supplies are provided and you just need to share your time and talent. If interested, please contact Ellen Dona at Donaf001@hawaii.rr.com.

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, April 3, immediately after the 8am Mass to 6pm and will resume at 8pm (after the Stations of the Cross) to 7:30am on Saturday, April 4.

Did you miss last week's Town Hall? If so, you may find the slides at <https://www.stjohnmililani.org/>.

2020 Lent and Easter Parish Events:
Stations of the Cross , March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 7pm Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.
Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, March 25, 7pm
Holy Thursday , April 9—(No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers—8am Mass of the Lord's Supper , 7pm Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight
Good Friday , April 10 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers—8am Stations of the Cross , 3pm Passion of the Lord , 3:30pm
Holy Saturday , April 11 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers—8am No Confession Easter Vigil , 7pm Easter Sunday , April 12—Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am. No evening Mass
FASTING: In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 10, 2020). To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.
ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your loved for family, and showing charity toward others.
Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in planning your will.*

THIS WEEK: MAR 9 – MAR 15

Monday– 7:30 am—Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)
7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)
7 pm– Charismatic (CH)
Tuesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– Catholic Charities Hawaii (OCC Conf Rm)
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
9:30 am- Women's Bible Study (CH)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm– Catholics Returning Home (Rm 4)
7 pm- 5 pm Choir practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)
Wednesday–7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
6 pm- OLPH (CH)
7 pm– RCIA: Session #26 “Triduum and Cross” (OCC Hall)
7:30 pm—NA Meeting (Rm 6)
Thursday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Church Cleaning (Group 1)
6 pm– 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
6:30 pm– Faith Formation Mtg (Rm 4)
Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
4 pm - Two Hearts (CH)
7 pm– Stations of the Cross (CH)
7:30 pm– Frugal Meal (OCC)
Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study
10 am– Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group (CH)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday– Masses
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Religious Education “A” Schedule
RCIA Dismissal (OCC conf rm)
4 pm- 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Sacrifice of Praise

Second Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1–4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b–10 / Matthew 17:1–9

The Glory of the Lord Shone All About

Jesus led three chosen apostles — Peter, James, and John — to a high mountain. There Jesus was transfigured, appearing in dazzling white before them as a foreshadowing of his glorified self. What a magnificent moment for all to behold. The Lord’s “face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (Mt 17:2), a “dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (Mk 9:3).

As if that sight were not enough, appearing alongside the Lord were Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the Law and Elijah the prophets; both figures share having encountered God on a holy mountain and experienced an exodus. Both were representing significant moments and a prefiguring of Jesus’ mission, as well as being pivotal characters in the salvation history story.

How the three disciples must have doubted what their eyes were seeing. How often have we looked upon the Eucharist and doubted who was truly present before us? There on the altar in all his glory, under the guise of wine and bread, is our Lord and Savior — body, blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus, glorified in splendor before them, was preparing them for what was about to come, present to us in the Eucharist, preparing our hearts and soul for when he will come again.

Peter’s response seems strange and rash. He wishes to erect three booths to freeze that moment in time. He thought it an experience so incredible and unimaginable that he never wanted it to end — a reaction anyone who has been witness to the birth of a child, stood with a loved one at a wedding, or enjoyed a special vacation would understand; those times in our lives when the



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FOR REFLECTION

- How can prayer help you witness God’s glory?
- Describe how you feel in the presence of the Lord, hidden in the mystery of the Eucharist.
- Have you experienced a moment so special you never wanted to leave it?

world seems to stand still as the event unfolded before our eyes, in ways so unexpected or unparalleled, our hearts burst with joy!

Then, while Peter was still speaking, a cloud descended, and the voice of God breaks through Peter’s ramblings, and says, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mk 9:7). God is not merely

delivering this message to these chosen three, but he is revealing Jesus’ authority to each of us.

How often are we, like Peter, still speaking instead of prayerfully discerning the circumstances unfolding before us in life. How often do we allow the Holy Spirit, and the voice of God, to quiet us as to instruct and guide, that we may better know the will of God in our lives?

We are deaf to the guidance and blessings God longs to bestow — the gift of salvation, the gift only he, through his Son, can offer. How often in prayer do you sit quietly and listen for the whisper of the Holy Spirit to guide your heart? Do you allow God to interrupt your own narrative when he seeks to speak to you?



Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives. – ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA

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Transfiguration Trivia

- 1 Although often presumed to have occurred on Mount Tabor in Israel, none of the Gospels specify where the Transfiguration actually happened.
- 2 The Transfiguration transpired while Jesus was praying.
- 3 Moses and Elijah each experienced an exodus, while Jesus was preparing to participate in the New Exodus.
- 4 The event is considered by some scholars as the culminating point of Jesus' public ministry, having its beginning in his baptism and conclusion with his ascension.

LENTEN TIP

How Do We Worship the Glory of God, When It Is Hidden from Us?

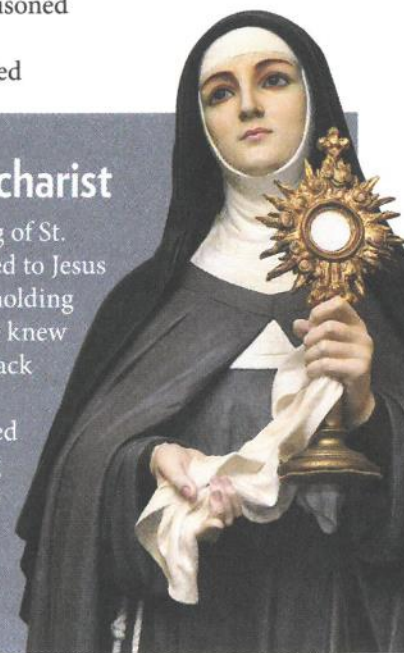
Almsgiving offers a chance to serve others. If you want to see the glory of God, then look for it in those he has created. As Mother Teresa said, "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

Here are a few suggestions for ways to worship God as we serve others:

- Help in a soup kitchen
- Spend time with your family cleaning the basement or attic — donate "your treasure"
- Visit the homebound, elderly, ill, or imprisoned
- Participate in the Rice Bowl Project
- Collect school supplies for children in need

Power in Prayer and the Eucharist

St. Clare of Assisi, inspired by the preaching of St. Francis, left her aristocratic life to be devoted to Jesus as a cloistered nun. Clare is often depicted holding the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. She knew the power of the Eucharist. Once, under attack by invading Saracens, tradition holds, she thwarted their advance by raising the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance while praying with great trust for God's protection. While doing so she comforted the other sisters in the convent with the words: "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus."



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