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Mass Intentions & Prayer Requests

A Remembering Loved Ones in Prayer

If you would like to have someone remembered during Mass or added to our Prayer Lists, please email your request to the pastor.

💒 Support Our Parish

We warmly invite you to support our parish community. Your generous donations are deeply appreciated and can be made at your convenience. Thank you for helping us continue our mission.

Mass Cards Available

Mass Cards are available and can be sent to loved ones as a thoughtful way to let them know they are being remembered in our prayers.

Upcoming Dates

August 2	Vintage Vibes 10-3 Church grounds
	Pancake Breakfast 8 until we run out of supplies
	Divine Worship – Vigil of 84th Sunday of the Christian Year 5:00 PM
	Intention: Teachers and Students
August 4	At Home with the Word 7 PM
August 5	Rebecca's Pantry 9:30 to 11:30
August 6	Joni's Treasures Thrift Shop 10:00 – 1:00
	Divine Worship – Solemnity of the Transfiguration 6:00 PM
	Intention: For those seeking Christ in their lives
	Formation Class 7:00 pm By Invitation Only
August 9	Divine Worship – Vigil of 19th Sunday of the Christian Year 5:00 PM
	Intention:
August 11	Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
August 12	Rebecca's Pantry 9:30 – 11:30
August 13	Joni's Treasures Thrift Shop 10:00 – 1:00
	Formation Class 6:30 By Invitation Only
August 15	Deadline to preregister for Synod
August 16	Divine Worship – Vigil of 20th Sunday of the Christian Year 5:00 PM
	Intention:
August 18	Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
August 19	Rebecca's Pantry 9:30 – 11:30

August 20	Joni's Treasures Thrift Shop 10:00 – 1:00
	Formation Class 6:30 By Invitation Only
August 23	Divine Worship – Vigil of 21st Sunday of the Christian Year 5:00 PM
	Intention:
August 25	Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
August 26	Rebecca's Pantry 9:30 – 11:30
August 27	Joni's Treasures Thrift Shop 10:00 – 1:00
	Formation Class 6:30 By Invitation Only
August 30	Divine Worship – Vigil of 22 nd Sunday of the Christian Year 5:00 PM
	Intention: All Workers
	Food Pantry Saturday

*SCAP = Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

Financial Update as of 6/28/2025

Total Income Year to Date: \$5349.81. Total Expenditures Year to Date: 5836.09.

Difference: -\$486.28.

Balance available on hand: \$1560.47.



You can now make donations quickly and securely through our website! For the most efficient processing, we recommend using **Zelle**. If you choose another payment method, please ensure your donation is sent **as if to an individual** to avoid delays.

All donations—regardless of platform—can be directed to:

bkpg@apfcwp.com

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Licensed Lay Minister



We are pleased to announce that Keegan Thomas Glover has been licensed as a Lay Minister by the Reformed Catholic Church. Keegan will continue in his roles as lector, occasional preacher, and our liaison with the LGBTQA+ community. He is also authorized to lead Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest when the pastor is not present. He is married to Charlotte Mims Glover. Keegan was baptized and confirmed by Bishop Cavins.



Know Your Rights: Red Cards Available

In these uncertain times, it's important for both U.S. citizens and immigrants to understand their rights. We are offering Red Cards, which outline what to do if Law Enforcement or ICE comes to your door.

Pick-Up: Red Cards are available at Mass on the desk in the Narthex.

Request by Mail: Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office. Limit: 5 cards per request Please specify your preferred version:

English/English or Spanish/English

Help Us Expand Access: We are seeking a donor to help cover the cost of printing Red Cards in Haitian Creole. If you're able to contribute \$100, your support would be greatly appreciated.

From the Bishop's Desk

The Dormition of Mary: A Reformed Catholic Perspective

The Dormition of Mary, commemorating the peaceful "falling asleep" of the Virgin Mary before her assumption into heaven, holds a unique and evolving place within the Reformed Catholic tradition. While not universally emphasized in all Protestant or Reformed circles, many Reformed Catholics—those who seek to retain Catholic heritage while embracing reform—find deep spiritual and theological meaning in this ancient tradition.



At its core, the Dormition reflects the profound dignity of Mary as the Theotokos, the "God-bearer," and her intimate participation in the life, death, and resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ. For Reformed Catholics, who often seek to balance scriptural fidelity with the richness of early Church tradition, the Dormition offers a powerful symbol of hope, resurrection, and the sanctity of the human body.

Unlike the dogmatic definition of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, which some Reformed Catholics may view as lacking sufficient biblical grounding, the Dormition is rooted in the devotional life of the early Church and the liturgical traditions of both East and West. It emphasizes not only Mary's unique role in salvation history but also her full humanity—she, too, experienced death, yet was honored by God in a special way. This nuance resonates with Reformed Catholics who value theological humility and the mystery of divine grace.

The Dormition also serves as a model of Christian discipleship. Mary's life, marked by obedience, contemplation, and unwavering faith, culminates in a death that is not marked by fear or despair, but by peace and divine embrace. For Reformed Catholics, this image of a holy death is both comforting and instructive. It reminds believers that death is not the end, but a passage into the fullness of life with God—a truth central to Christian eschatology.

Moreover, the Dormition invites reflection on the communion of saints, a concept that Reformed Catholics often reinterpret in light of Scripture and early Church teachings. Mary's Dormition and her subsequent glorification affirm the belief that the faithful departed remain united with the living Church in Christ. This fosters a sense of spiritual continuity and encourages prayerful remembrance of those who have gone before us.

In contemporary times, the Dormition can also be seen as a countercultural witness to the sacredness of life and the body. In a world often marked by fear of death and the marginalization of the elderly, Mary's peaceful passing and divine honor challenge believers to uphold the dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death.

While the Dormition of Mary may not hold the same doctrinal weight for Reformed Catholics as it does in Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox traditions, it remains a deeply meaningful celebration. It bridges Scripture, tradition, and spiritual reflection, offering a vision of hope, holiness, and the promise of resurrection. For Reformed Catholics, the Dormition is not merely a historical or theological event—it is a living testimony to the grace of God at work in the life of one who said "yes" to Him completely.

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Pastor

Are you looking to become more involved in our parish?

We have a variety of opportunities for you to contribute and make a difference throughout the week. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Saturdays:** Join us in a range of roles including readers, technical support, musicians, singers, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Your participation enriches our worship experience.
- **Mondays and Tuesdays:** Help us with our Crock Pot Classes. If you're interested in presenting, please reach out to Dennis Last for more information.
- **Tuesdays:** Volunteer at Rebecca's Pantry in the morning. Your assistance can make a significant impact on those in need.
- **Wednesdays:** Contribute to our Thrift Shop. We need enthusiastic helpers to support this valuable outreach.
- **LGBTQ+:** Contact Keegan Glover for information.
- **Ongoing:** We are also establishing a new ministry for Special Ministers to the Sick. This role is a wonderful opportunity to provide comfort and support to those who are ill.
- **Immigration**: We are seeking individuals who would be willing to **accompany** immigrants to court or other appearances.

So much to choose from! Reflect on how you might be called to serve and make a difference. What is God inviting you to do?

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have questions, please contact [appropriate contact person/office] for more details. We look forward to your involvement and contributions to our parish community!

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God, we give thanks for your call to both women and men to serve in Christ's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. We ask that you send your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide others to respond with generosity and courage to your call. May our community of faith nurture and support vocations rooted in sacrificial love, especially among our youth and young adults. Through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Those in Formation

Almighty God, we lift up all those in formation, preparing to serve with hearts full of faith and dedication. Grant them wisdom, strength, and discernment as they grow in their journey. Guide their minds, strengthen their spirits, and fill them with your love. May they always walk in humility and grace, ready to serve others and follow the path you have set before them. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

Current candidates in diaconal formation include Ken Gladding, Kody Hall, and Tony Rivera. All for the Diocese of St. John XXIII.

Speaking Truth to Power: A Moral Imperative in Defense of Due Process



In any society that claims to uphold justice and the rule of law, Due Process is a cornerstone principle. It ensures that every individual—regardless of status, background, or accusation—is entitled to fair treatment under the law. When this principle is threatened, the moral responsibility to speak truth to power becomes not only a civic duty but a profound ethical obligation.

Due Process is more than a legal formality; it is a moral safeguard against tyranny, discrimination, and abuse. It guarantees that no one is deprived of life, liberty, or property without proper legal procedures. When governments, institutions, or individuals in authority bypass or undermine these protections, they erode the very foundation of justice. In such moments, silence becomes complicity.

Speaking truth to power in defense of Due Process is not merely about protest—it is about preserving human dignity. When individuals are denied a fair trial, access to legal representation, or the presumption of innocence, their humanity is diminished. To remain silent in the face of such injustice is to allow the powerful to define justice on their own terms. Moral courage demands that we challenge these injustices, even when doing so is uncomfortable or risky.

History offers countless examples of individuals who have spoken out when Due Process was under threat. From civil rights leaders in the United States to whistleblowers in authoritarian regimes, these voices have often been the catalysts for reform. Their actions

remind us that truth-telling is a form of resistance—a way to hold power accountable and to affirm the rights of the marginalized and voiceless.

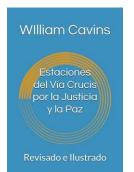
For people of faith and conscience, the call to defend Due Process is deeply rooted in ethical and spiritual traditions. Many religious teachings emphasize the importance of justice, compassion, and the inherent worth of every person. Speaking truth to power aligns with these values, especially when the vulnerable are at risk of being silenced or scapegoated.

Moreover, the erosion of Due Process rarely affects only one group. When the rights of any individual or community are violated, the precedent set can eventually endanger everyone. Thus, defending Due Process is not only an act of solidarity—it is an act of self-preservation for a just society. It affirms that laws must serve the people, not the powerful.

In today's world, where misinformation, political polarization, and institutional overreach are increasingly common, the need to speak truth to power is more urgent than ever. Whether through journalism, legal advocacy, public protest, or personal testimony, each voice raised in defense of Due Process contributes to a more just and humane society.

In conclusion, when Due Process is threatened, speaking truth to power is not optional—it is a moral imperative. It is how we protect the vulnerable, preserve justice, and ensure that power is exercised with accountability and integrity. In defending Due Process, we defend the soul of democracy itself.

New Book by the Bishop



Bishop Cavins' Book, *Stations of the Cross for Justice and Peace*, has been translated into Spanish. Originally written at the outbreak of war in the Ukraine, it is a timely piece for today's troubled world. Check this link https://a.co/d/d1FFBvt to order.

En el Vía Crucis por la Justicia y la Paz, el obispo William R. Cavins ofrece una exploración profunda y transformadora de esta devoción cristiana tradicional a través de una perspectiva contemporánea. Esta

poderosa reinterpretación invita a los lectores a recorrer el camino de Cristo con un enfoque en la justicia social y la paz global, entrelazando el viaje espiritual de la Cruz con los llamados urgentes a la equidad y la reconciliación en el mundo actual.

Cada estación se replantea cuidadosamente para abordar las luchas modernas, destacando las intersecciones entre la fe y la acción social. Se desafía a los lectores a comprometerse

profundamente con temas como la injusticia sistémica, la pobreza y los conflictos, alentando una respuesta arraigada en la compasión y el compromiso.

Ideal para uso individual, familiar y comunitario, este libro sirve como un recurso poderoso para quienes buscan integrar su vida espiritual con su defensa de la justicia. El Vía Crucis por la Justicia y la Paz es un llamado a la acción y un faro de esperanza, que insta a los creyentes a encarnar el poder transformador del sacrificio de Cristo en la búsqueda de un mundo más justo y pacífico.

The Life of St. Clare of Assisi: A Model for Reformed Catholics



St. Clare of Assisi, born Chiara Offreduccio in 1194, was a noblewoman who renounced wealth and privilege to follow Christ in radical simplicity. As the founder of the Order of Poor Ladies—later known as the Poor Clares—she embraced a life of poverty, prayer, and community. For Reformed Catholics today, Clare's life offers a compelling witness to Gospel-centered living, spiritual courage, and the transformative power of faith.

One of the most striking lessons from Clare's life is her unwavering commitment to poverty and simplicity. In a world increasingly shaped by consumerism and materialism, Clare's voluntary renunciation of wealth challenges modern believers to reconsider their relationship with possessions. Reformed Catholics, who often seek to return to the heart of the Gospel and the practices of the early Church, can find in Clare a model of detachment that is not about deprivation, but about freedom—freedom to love God and neighbor without distraction.

Clare also teaches the importance of spiritual independence and leadership. Though she lived in a patriarchal society and within a male-dominated Church, Clare exercised remarkable agency. She wrote her own Rule—the first monastic rule written by a woman—and defended her community's right to live in absolute poverty, even when pressured to compromise. For Reformed Catholics, who value reform, accountability, and the priesthood of all believers, Clare's example affirms the vital role of women in the Church and the importance of lay leadership rooted in conviction and prayer.

Her life was also marked by deep contemplative prayer and Eucharistic devotion. Clare spent hours in silent adoration and believed in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Her spiritual intimacy with Christ was not abstract but deeply personal and transformative. Reformed Catholics, who often emphasize a personal relationship with Jesus and the centrality of Scripture, can find in Clare a bridge between contemplative

tradition and evangelical fervor. Her life reminds believers that prayer is not a retreat from the world but a source of strength for engaging it with compassion and clarity.

Moreover, Clare's community life offers a vision of Christian fellowship that transcends hierarchy and status. The Poor Clares lived as sisters, sharing everything in common and supporting one another in faith. In an age of individualism and division, Clare's vision of mutual care and spiritual solidarity speaks powerfully to Reformed Catholics seeking authentic community rooted in Christ.

Finally, Clare's courage in suffering—especially during her long illness—demonstrates the redemptive power of faith. She bore her pain with grace, offering it as a form of prayer. Her endurance encourages modern believers to find meaning in suffering and to trust in God's presence even in weakness.

St. Clare of Assisi remains a luminous figure for Reformed Catholics. Her life embodies the Gospel values of simplicity, prayer, courage, and community. She challenges all Christians to live with greater authenticity, humility, and love—qualities that are as urgent today as they were in her time.

Family Faith Activities

Courtesy of LTP's At Home with the Word 2025.

August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ At a time when there is a contest or other competitive situation at school or church, ask your child, "Do you think the best player or contestant always wins? Are there times when someone less deserving gets first prize or the best grade? How do you feel about this? Do you think this happens in the grown-up world too?" Whenever we lose in a human contest, does it mean that God doesn't love us?
- ◆ In this week's Gospel, someone says to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share." Ask your child, "Have you ever felt cheated of your share? Do we as a family feel cheated of our share?" With your child, reflect on whether your family has come to value things over more long-lasting values.
- ◆ The refrain for this week's psalm (90) is "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." How can we keep our hearts open to the voice of God during the day so that we can remember his love for us and know what is most important?

Activities

- ◆ Psalm 90 says in the final stanza, "Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days." Have you and your child ever been up early to experience daybreak together? Set your alarm and try it. Find a place in your yard or a view out a window that allows you to see the sun's first rays. Together, notice all the colors and sounds of the dawn. Then pray this stanza of the psalm and feel the gladness!
- ◆ Before or after dinner, gather the family and read aloud this week's Gospel (Luke 12:13–21). Discuss the meaning. If appropriate, consider what extra accumulated goods in your household you could dispense with. If there are no extras, consider unnecessary activities that occupy time and attention, like long periods of watching TV.
- ◆ With your child, collect pictures from magazines or the internet and make a collage of images of God. Remind your child that these are not pictures of God but ways we can imagine the invisible God. Be sure to include a photo of the child.

August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ Have a discussion with your child about invisible things that are real, asking him to name some. The child might think of God and angels, or atoms, molecules, and air, or hail forming, hidden in clouds, or water after it evaporates, or affects like love or anger. Make a list. Then ask, "Do you have to see, touch, or hear something for it to be real?"
- ◆ Ask your child whether she feels blessed. Allow for both positive and negative answers. Perhaps join your child in listing blessings received by the child and your family. Enlarge the discussion by considering people in other parts of the world or living under different conditions, such as war, drought, or other hardship.
- ◆ This week's reading from Wisdom (18:6–9) speaks of "the salvation of the just." Ask your child, "Whom do you know who is just and fair? A friend, a teacher, a parent or relative, other authority figure, any public figure?" Discuss what makes a person just.

Activities

- ◆ Tell the story of the call of Abraham (Genesis 12), recapitulated in this week's reading from Hebrews (11:1–2, 8–12), paraphrasing or using a children's Bible. Ask your child to imagine leaving home with all you own, not knowing where you are going or why, living in tents with your family. Would that be adventurous, scary, or both?
- ◆ For mealtime prayer, ask each family member to think of a blessing for which he or she is grateful.
- ◆ With older and younger children and adults, discuss a justice issue currently in the public view. It could be anything from curfews for young people to affordable housing to

overseas nation-building. Discuss how justice might be served in relation to this issue. Pray about the issue together as a family.

August 17, 2025 Twentieth Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ Ask your child, "What do you think Jesus meant when he said (in this week's Gospel, Luke 12:49–53), 'I have come to set the earth on fire?' Was it a literal fire?" Talk about the qualities of fire. Which of these qualities might Jesus have wanted to bring to the earth? Read the rest of the short Gospel and discuss what kind of fire it might be.
- ◆ To explore what Jesus says in the Gospel about establishing division on the earth, with your child reflect on any quarrels he may have had recently with friends, family members, or teachers. They probably felt bad at the time. Ask, "Looking back, can you see anything good or worthwhile about this quarrel? Did you or the other person change in any way? Learn anything?"
- ◆ The prophet Jeremiah got punished for speaking the truth, for letting the Holy Spirit within him speak. Ask your child, "Do you know anyone who's been punished for speaking the truth?" Consider friends and family members but also public or historical figures such as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or saints such as Joan of Arc.

Activities

- ◆ If it is practical for you to make a fire outdoors and cook on it or even toast a marshmallow, let your child gather leaves and twigs and blow on the fire to get it going. Discuss how fire can help and hurt. Or if this is not feasible, use crayons or markers to draw a fire and surround the picture with a list of good and bad things fire can do. Consider the way fire transforms wood into ash and smoke that rises to heaven like incense, into prayer.
- ◆ This week's second reading says we are surrounded by "a cloud of witnesses." These are all the good people who encourage us to lead a Catholic Christian life. Help your child make a picture with herself in the center. Then let the child identify all the people who support her in the life of faith. Use drawings, photos, or other symbols, as well as names, so that this will be a picture of the cloud of witnesses around your child.
- ◆ Today's responsorial psalm is an urgent prayer for God's help. Talk with your child about times when he or the family have been in trouble. Pray this psalm together. If the child cannot read, let the refrain ("Lord, come to my aid!") be his part, and you read the verses. Explain that even when we are not in trouble, it is good to pray these psalms. It is good practice for the times when we need help. Or we can pray the prayer on behalf of someone we know who needs God's rescue.

August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ In this week's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "I come to gather nations of every language . . . they will bring all your brothers and sisters to the Lord." Find a map or globe and identify some of the countries near the United States. Ask your child their names and what languages are spoken by the people in those lands and share what you know about some customs different from ours. For an older child, ask, "How can we understand our neighbors better? How can we all proclaim God's glory together?"
- ◆ Ask your child, "Do you ever feel droopy and weak or discouraged?" Encourage her to tell you how it feels and what causes the feeling. Tell your child that low feelings can teach us something and that we can be joyful in the end. If you've ever had drooping spirits, tell your child about it and how you came out of it. Then ask, "Has that ever happened to you?"
- ◆ This week's Gospel ends, "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Ask, "Is anyone of your classmates or friends always first? Best in sports or best at reading or math? Are you ever first? Are you ever last? What does that feel like? What does the Gospel say about that?" Identify well-known people who are first: presidents or pop stars. Then identify those who are last: the homeless or recent immigrants. What do their futures look like?

Activities

- ◆ If your family has any connection to other countries, such as ancestors, relatives, or friends, bring some of their customs, languages, or food into your home. You could cook a meal of these "brothers' and sisters'" foods, teach your child some of their languages, or tell some of their stories. If you have no personal connections, learn about a Mexican, Canadian, or Native American tradition and practice it at home.
- ◆ With your child, think of someone at school, church, or in the community who is "last," whether because of illness, poverty, recent arrival, job loss, or something else. Think of one simple thing your child could do to make that person feel "first" whether a call, a card, a visit, or a gift of something homemade. Be sure the child makes and presents the gift or participates in the visit.
- ◆ Does your child know someone discouraged in school or church? A kind word or invitation to play can turn grief into joy. Discuss with your child the children he knows and think of a simple way your child could offer comfort.

August 31, 2025 Twenty-SecondSunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ Ask your child, "What does it mean to humble yourself?" Help the child find concrete examples, such as letting another child go first or letting him or her sit in front. If your child is overly humble and never tries to go first, distinguish between appropriate humility and self-negation.
- ♦ When a birthday or other event calls for celebration, ask your child, "Whom should we invite?" First on the list will inevitably be best friends. Then ask, "Whom can we invite who might not invite you back? Is there a child who never gets invited anywhere? Can we include that person too?"
- ◆ Ask your child, "How do you imagine God? Like a mountain or a fire, a storm or a trumpet blast? Like a beautiful city where angels are having a party? Or in some entirely different way?" You can help the child expand on these biblical images. Ask, for instance, "If God were a musical instrument, what kind would it be? What kind of sound would the instrument make?" You can share your own image of God as well.

Activities

- ◆ Play a listening game with your child. Have the child close his or her eyes. Name five objects you can see. The child opens her eyes and tries to repeat the five back to you. Reverse roles. You can do it with any category of things, seen or unseen, such as colors, animals, people, cities, countries, or kinds of weather. See who has the most "attentive ear [which is] the joy of the wise," according to this week's reading from Sirach (3:17–18, 20, 28–29).
- ◆ Think of a child in your child's class or circle of friends who is often excluded. Plan an event for this child and your own, such as a play date, a meal, or an excursion. Try to make the event comfortable and enjoyable for both your child and the other.
- ◆ Make a meal prayer from Psalm 68 using the lines, "The just shall rejoice and exult before God; / they are glad and rejoice." The whole family can pray this standing, circling the table, and clapping and raising arms on "rejoice." Encourage the child to invent gestures.

Audacious August Saints

August is a month rich in saints' feast days in the Reformed Catholic Church, many of whom are celebrated for their holiness, devotion, and significant contributions to the faith. Here is a list of Catholic saints commemorated in August:

August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori: Founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of the Church, known for his moral theology and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. **August 4 - St. John Vianney:** Patron saint of parish priests, renowned for his dedication to the confessional and pastoral care.

- **August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration:** Celebrates the moment Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor.
- August 8 St. Dominic: Founder of the Dominican Order, he emphasized preaching. education, and devotion to the Rosary.
- August 10 St. Lawrence: A Roman deacon and martyr, remembered for his charity and courage under persecution.
- **August 11 St. Clare of Assisi:** Founder of the Poor Clares, she embraced radical poverty and was a close follower of St. Francis.
- August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe: A Franciscan priest who gave his life in Auschwitz to save another prisoner, a modern martyr of charity.
- August 15 Dormitionof the Blessed Virgin Mary: Celebrates Mary being taken body and soul into heaven...
- **August 20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux:** A Cistercian monk and Doctor of the Church, known for his theological writings and Marian devotion.
- August 22 Queenship of Mary: Honors Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, following her Dormition.
- August 23 St. Rose of Lima: The first canonized saint of the Americas, known for her life of penance and care for the poor.
- August 27 St. Monica: Mother of St. Augustine, remembered for her persistent prayer and faith in her son's conversion.
- August 28 St. Augustine of Hippo: One of the greatest theologians and Doctors of the Church, whose writings shaped Western Christianity.
- August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist: Commemorates the martyrdom of John the Baptist, who boldly spoke truth to power.

These saints each have unique stories and contributions that continue to inspire the faithful. Is there a particular saint you'd like to learn more about?. Do any of these saints hold special significance for you? Post about them on our Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386619738179316/?ref=bookmarks

August Recipes



Appetizer: Avocado Peach Salsa

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe peaches, diced
- 1 ripe avocado, diced
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1 small jalapeño, seeded and minced

- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- Salt to taste

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Directions:

- 1. In a medium bowl, gently combine peaches, avocado, red onion, and jalapeño.
- 2. Add lime juice, cilantro, and salt.
- 3. Mix gently and chill for 15 minutes before serving with tortilla chips or grilled bread.

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M Entrée: Pesto Chicken Stuffed Zucchini Boats

Ingredients:

- 4 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise and scooped
- 2 cups cooked shredded chicken
- 1/2 cup basil pesto
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

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Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2. Mix chicken, pesto, and cherry tomatoes in a bowl.
- 3. Fill each zucchini half with the mixture and top with mozzarella.
- 4. Place in a baking dish and bake for 20–25 minutes until zucchini is tender and cheese is golden.

Vegetable Side: Sesame Garlic Grilled Green Beans

Ingredients:

- 1 lb fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- Salt and pepper to taste

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Directions:

1. Toss green beans with sesame oil, garlic, soy sauce, salt, and pepper.

- 2. Grill over medium heat for 5–7 minutes, turning occasionally, until lightly charred.
- 3. Sprinkle with sesame seeds before serving.

Dessert: Blackberry Galette

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups fresh blackberries
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp sugar (plus more for sprinkling)
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 sheet refrigerated pie dough
- 1 egg, beaten (for egg wash)

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Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
- 2. In a bowl, mix blackberries, cornstarch, sugar, and lemon zest.
- 3. Roll out pie dough on a baking sheet and spoon berry mixture into the center, leaving a 2-inch border.
- 4. Fold edges over the filling, brush with egg wash, and sprinkle with sugar.
- 5. Bake for 25–30 minutes until crust is golden and filling is bubbly.



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