



# Holy Family Parish

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

## FIRST READING : Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

℟ *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ℟

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. ℟

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. ℟

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. ℟

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. ℟

## SECOND READING : Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

## GOSPEL : John 6:60-69

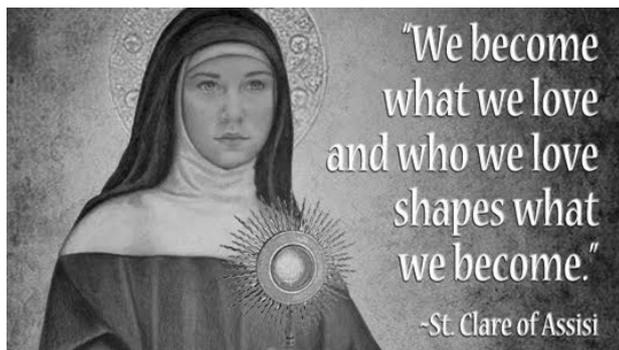
After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**"If a Christian is not growing, he is dead.  
There is no stagnation in Christ."**

St Thomas Aquinas

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."*

*~St. Augustine*



*"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."*

*-St. Clare of Assisi*

**"Break the bonds of your friendship for the body and give it only what is absolutely necessary."**

*St Thalassios the Libyan*

**"The will is truly free, when it is not the slave of vices and sins."**

*St Augustine of Hippo*

*"When a man is in an occasion of sin, let him look what he is doing, get himself out of the occasion, and avoid the sin."*

*St Philip Neri*

**I HAVE COME TO SEE THAT EVERY HAIL MARY, EVERY GREETING TO OUR LADY, IS A NEW BEAT OF A HEART IN LOVE.**

*St Josemaria Escriva*

**BECAUSE OF ST CLARE'S GREAT LOVE FOR THE CROSS OF JESUS, SHE USED TO SAY THAT SHE BORE THAT CROSS IN HER HEART. AFTER HER DEATH, A POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT HER HEART DID INDEED CONTAIN A REPRESENTATION OF THE CROSS AND OTHER SYMBOLS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING AND DEATH.**

**"NO FERVENT SOUL HAS EVER RELAXED WHO DID NOT FIRST LEAVE OFF RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST. IF I FOUND THAT WHEN GOING FREQUENTLY TO COMMUNION I BECAME NO BETTER, WAS STILL JUST AS WEAK, JUST AS PRONE TO EVIL, JUST AS INDIFFERENT ABOUT SIN, I SHOULD CONCLUDE NOT THAT I OUGHT TO LEAVE OFF GOING, BUT THAT I OUGHT TO RECEIVE OUR LORD WITH BETTER DISPOSITIONS. I SHOULD SEE IF MY CONFESSIONS WERE WANTING IN SINCERITY, CONTRITION, OR PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT."**

*St Claude de la Colombiere*

*"Reflect that your mouths are the mouths of Christians, which Jesus Christ has so often entered in the holy communion. Hence, you ought to have a horror of uttering all unchaste words, which are a diabolical poison."*

*St Augustine of Hippo*

*"If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places."*

*Venerable Patrick Peyton*

**"I am happy, Lord." -Saint Alberto's frequent prayer during his fight with cancer**

**"A truly humble man has no desire to be known or admired by others, but wishes to plunge from himself into himself, to become nothing, as if he had never been born. When he is completely hidden to himself in himself, he is completely with God."**

*ST ISAAC OF NINEVEH*

**"We always have two secretaries: the devil, who writes down our bad actions, to accuse us of them; and our good angel, who writes down our good ones, to justify us at the Day of Judgment."**

*St John Mary Vianney*

**"Mary is that happy ark, in which those who take refuge will never suffer the shipwreck of eternal perdition."**

*ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX*

**WHAT WE LOVE WE SHALL GROW TO RESEMBLE.**

*ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX*

**REJECT PRIDE, AND CONSIDER EVERYONE MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN YOURSELF.**

*ST ANTHONY THE ABBOT*

*"Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest."*

*St Francis of Assisi*

**"WHEN A WICKED GROUP OF FANATICS FLUNG THEMSELVES ON TARCISIUS WHO WAS CARRYING THE EUCHARIST, WANTING TO PROFANE THE SACRAMENT, THE BOY PREFERRED TO GIVE UP HIS LIFE RATHER THAN YIELD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST TO THOSE RABID DOGS."**

*Pope Saint Damasus*

*"The honor of Mary is so intimately connected with the honor and glory of Jesus that to deny the one is at the same time a denial of the other."*

*Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*

**"The more you will come to love suffering, My daughter, the purer your love for Me will be."**

*Our Lord to Saint Faustina*

*"Struggle until death to fulfill the commandments: purified through them, you will enter into life."*

*St Thalassios the Libyan*

## **August 16 is the Feast of Saint Roch, Confessor and Patron of the Sick**

Born at Montpellier (France) towards 1295; died 1327. His father was governor of that city. At his birth St. Roch is said to have been found miraculously marked on the breast with a red cross. Deprived of his parents when about twenty years old, he distributed his fortune among the poor, handed over to his uncle the government of Montpellier, and in the disguise of a mendicant pilgrim, set out for Italy, but stopped at Aquapendente, which was stricken by the plague, and devoted himself to the plague-stricken, curing them with the sign of the cross.

He next visited Cesena and other neighbouring cities and then Rome. Everywhere the terrible scourge disappeared before his miraculous power. He visited Mantua, Modena, Parma, and other cities with the same results. At Piacenza, he himself was stricken with the plague. He withdrew to a hut in the neighbouring forest, where his wants were supplied by a gentleman named Gothard, who by a miracle learned the place of his retreat.

After his recovery Roch returned to France. Arriving at Montpellier and refusing to disclose his identity, he was taken for a spy in the disguise of a pilgrim, and cast into prison by order of the governor, — his own uncle, some writers say, — where five years later he died. The miraculous cross on his breast as well as a document found in his possession now served for his identification. He was accordingly given a public funeral, and numerous miracles attested his sanctity.

In 1414, during the Council of Constance, the plague having broken out in that city, the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honour of the saint, and immediately the plague ceased. His relics, according to Wadding, were carried furtively to Venice in 1485, where they are still venerated. It is commonly held that he belonged to the Third Order of St. Francis; but it cannot be proved. Wadding leaves it an open question. Urban VIII approved the ecclesiastical office to be recited on his feast (16 August).

Paul III instituted a confraternity, under the invocation of the saint, to have charge of the church and hospital erected during the pontificate of Alexander VI. The confraternity increased so rapidly that Paul IV raised it to an arch-confraternity, with powers to aggregate similar confraternities of St. Roch. It was given a cardinal-protector, and a prelate of high rank was to be its immediate superior. Various favours have been bestowed on it by Pius IV, by Gregory XIII, by Gregory XIV, and by other pontiffs. It still flourishes. Saint Roch, pray for us!

**In 1315, he assisted plague victims in several Italian cities, miraculously curing people with the sign of the cross. While helping the sick, he also contracted the disease. However, the saint survived after a dog helped him in the forest. The dog brought him food and licked his wounds. He was later mistaken for a spy and spent the rest of his life in prison. According to tradition, an angel appeared in St. Roch's cell after his death. The angel said that those who invoked his intercession would be cured of the plague.**

## **August 19 is the Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest and Mystic**

He was born at Ri, Normandy, France, on November 14, 1601, the son of a farmer. He went to the Jesuit college at Caen when he was 14, and despite his parents' wish that he marry, joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France in 1623. He studied at Paris and at Aubervilliers, was ordained in 1625, and worked as a volunteer, caring for the victims of the plagues that struck Normandy in 1625 and 1631, and spent the next decade giving Missions, building a reputation as an outstanding preacher and confessor and for his opposition to Jansenism. He became interested in helping fallen women, and in 1641, with Madeleine Lamy, founded a refuge for them in Caen under the direction of the Visitandines.

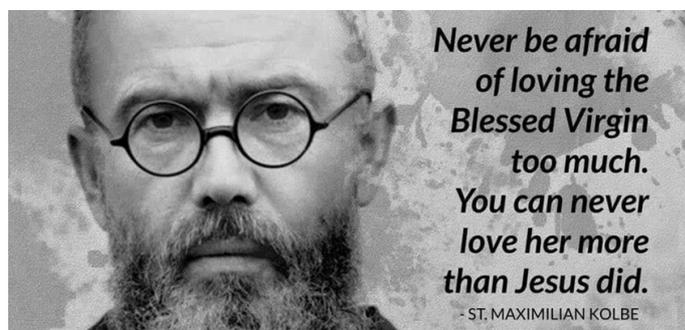
He resigned from the Oratorians in 1643 and founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists) at Caen, composed of secular priests not bound by vows but dedicated to upgrading the clergy by establishing effective seminaries and to preaching missions. His foundation was opposed by the Oratorians and the Jansenists, and he was unable to obtain Papal approval for it, but in 1650, the Bishop of Coutances invited him to establish a seminary in that diocese. The same year the sisters at his refuge in Caen left the Visitandines and were recognized by the Bishop of Bayeux as a new congregation under the name of Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge.

John founded seminaries at Lisieux in 1653 and Rouen in 1659 and was unsuccessful in another attempt to secure Papal approval of his congregation, but in 1666 the Refuge sisters received Pope Alexander III's approval as an institute to reclaim and care for penitent wayward women. John continued giving missions and established new seminaries at Evreux in 1666 and Rennes in 1670.

He shared with St. Mary Margaret Alacoque the honor of initiating devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (he composed the Mass for the Sacred Heart in 1668) and the Holy Heart of Mary, popularizing the devotions with his "The Devotion to the Adorable Heart of Jesus" (1670) and "The Admirable Heart of the Most Holy Mother of God", which he finished a month before his death at Caen on August 19th. He was canonized in 1925. St. John Eudes, pray for us!

**"The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us."**

St John Eudes



## August 13 is the Memorial of St. Maximos the Confessor, Monk and Theologian

In his early life, Maximus was a civil servant, and an aide to the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. He gave up this life in the political sphere to enter the monastic life. Maximus had studied diverse schools of philosophy, and certainly what was common for his time, the Platonic dialogues, the works of Aristotle, and numerous later Platonic commentators on Aristotle and Plato, like Plotinus, Porphyry, Iamblichus, and Proclus. When one of his friends began espousing the Christological position and error known as Monothelism (Christ has only one will), Maximus was drawn into the controversy, in which he supported an interpretation of the Chalcedonian formula on the basis of which it was asserted that Jesus had both a human and a divine will (the orthodox Catholic position). Maximus is venerated in both the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches. He was eventually persecuted for his Christological positions; following a trial, his tongue and right hand were mutilated.

He was then exiled and died on 13 August 662, in Tsageri in present-day Georgia. However, his theology was upheld by the Third Council of Constantinople and he was venerated as a saint soon after his death. It is highly uncommon among the saints that he has two feast days: 13 August and 21 January. His title of "Confessor" means that he suffered for the Christian faith, but was not directly martyred. St. Maximos the Confessor, pray for us!

"In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake, or for the sake of some other intention."

St Maximos the Confessor

"Correction should be given calmly and with discernment, at seasonable times, according to the dictates of reason, and not at the impulse of anger."

Ven Louis de Granada

"I beg you, brothers, pray for the souls in Purgatory, because they suffer unbearable tortures."

St Stanislaus Papczynski

"You should not open your mouth except to express gratitude for benefits you have received, and never to mention your discontent."

St Vincent de Paul

### NEXT SUNDAY:

29th August 2021

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;

### PARISH ROSTERS

**Please note:** That the Liturgy, Church Cleaning and Sunday Cup of Tea Rosters are all on hold while we are in Level 4.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22 Aug: Godfrey Fawcett

24 Aug: Harry Allen, Monica Shaw

25 Aug: Elizabeth Gillespie

26 Aug: Joseph Stowers, Ruth Wentzel

27 Aug: Patrick Hogan, Sonny Johnson,

Ronald Corkill, Terrance D'Lima

28 Aug: Leonora Stephens, Francis Wilson,

Julie Vonk

### PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,941.33
Priests	\$970.67
Total AP's and Cash	\$2,912.00

### HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

**Mass times while we are in Level 4:**  
All Masses will be live streamed on the Parish and Fr Jeremy's Facebook Pages at 9am

(Please note: this includes Sunday)

The Diocese continues to air the Sunday Mass on Shine TV at 2.00 pm on free to air Channel 25 or Sky TV 201

**QUIZ NIGHT: Please note:** the Quiz night for now has been postponed till a later date.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** All Parish activities are postponed while we are in Level 4. We will update you when they will start again.

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### Spiritual Communion Prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*