

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 11, 2020

MONTH OF OCTOBER: Remember to pray the rosary daily during this month of the rosary, especially for respect of human life and peace in our nation.

SAINTS OF THE CHURCH. Every age of the Church has been marked by struggle and turmoil, between Christ's mercy and rigorism, as we see from the saints we honor this week. October 14th is the feast day of the pope and martyr **Callistus** who died in c. 223 AD. Considering his rather questionable past, if judged by today's politically correct standards, I doubt he would have held any position in the Church, let alone being elected pope.

Callistus was a slave of the Imperial Court household. He was put in charge of the bank, lost the money, fled, was captured and jailed. Released at the request of his creditors, he was again arrested for brawling in a synagogue in an attempt to recover some of his lost money. He was sentenced to work in the mines of Sardinia. He was released through the influence of the Emperor's mistress and lived in Anzio. About 199 AD he became a deacon of the Church and director of the Christian cemetery on the Appian Way (now called the St. Callistus Cemetery). He became a friend and advisor of Pope Zephyrinus, and when he died, Callistus was elected by the clergy and laity of Rome as pope, much to the consternation of his rival candidate Hippolytus who then set himself up as the first anti-pope for 18 years. (Fortunately, he repented and reconciled with the Church before his own martyrdom. He also is honored as a saint of the Church). Hippolytus didn't have many nice things to say about Callistus. He accused him of being too lenient (sound familiar)? for admitting to Holy Communion those who had already done public penance for murder, adultery and fornication; recognizing marriages as valid between free women and slaves-contrary to Roman Law; authorizing the ordination of men to the priesthood who had been married more than once; refusing to depose repentant bishops accused of mortal sin; and welcoming back to the Faith those who had apostatized during persecution. Callistus was martyred during a local disturbance in Trastevere, Rome and is the first pope, except Peter, to be commemorated as a martyr of the Church.

On October 15th, the Church honors **St. Teresa of Avila**, who was born in Avila, Spain in 1515. She lived at the height of the Protestant Reformation, as well as during a time of great political and social upheaval in the Church, as well as in society. She joined the Carmelite Sisters in 1536. She was her own woman in a man's world who would later be honored by the Church as Doctor. She was talented, energetic, beautiful, courageous, and yet a contemplative nun. She was often times misunderstood, and vilified, even by her own sisters, as she tried to bring about spiritual reform and renewal in the Church and in her religious community. Her struggles were lifelong, especially against mediocrity in herself and in others. She challenged, she exhorted, she fought, she travelled, but always found herself rooted in God and in prayer and in service for others.

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TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,989.00

Church Needs: \$100 in memory of mother, Elaine Vadnal from daughter, Suzanne Vadnal and husband, Ritchie; \$250 in memory of Edward & Norma Giuffre from daughters, Norma & Marie, \$50 in memory of Adolf Korosec from wife, Maria; \$50 in memory of Alexander Ferrazzoli from Edi & Milena Gobetz; \$30 in memory of Alexander Ferrazzoli from John Nemeč; \$50 from Antonia Lamovec

The Following in Memory of Ani Zajec: \$20 from Steve & Milena Densa, \$20 from Frank & Paula Dolinar, \$50 from Susan & Ioannis Giagtoglou, \$50 from Helena Gorshe, \$20 from Pavle & Pepca Hren, \$20 from Angela Knez, \$20 from Rudy Knez, \$20 from Amelia Maslac, \$20 from Maria Novak, \$50 from Ani & Joe Omahen, \$20 from Maria & Gus Selak, \$20 from Tonica & Jože Simičak, \$10 from Maria Wurzer, \$25 from Helen Bencic, \$25 from Mary Celestina, \$50 from Marie Engstrom, \$100 from Ralph & Kathy Grajzl, \$25 from Susan Green, \$175 from Clem & Fran Hren, \$150 from Rudy & Mary Ann Hren, \$50 from Anna Knez, \$50 from Sophie Kosem, \$20 from Ludmilla Krulc, \$30 from Marinka Lah, \$100 from Roman & Terri Liscynsky, \$75 from Sonja & Ed Mejac, \$50 from Mark & Debbie Mohar, \$50 from Tony & Sheri Mohar, \$25 from Anne Nemeč, \$40 from Zdravko & Andrea Novak, \$100 from Sonia Omahen, \$50 from Jo Champa Randlett, \$20 from Irena & Josef Rus, \$20 from David & Kathleen Skrajner, \$100 from Rick & Judy Suydam, \$20 from Edward Veider, \$200 from Margaret & Dennis Wylie, \$100 from Teri & John Young, \$100 from Adolph & Madeleine Znidarsic, \$100 from Mark & Martina Jakomin, \$25 from Tony & Christine Mihelcic, \$25 from Veronica Petric, \$50 from Fran Stepec, \$50 from Joanna Pope & Millie Zupancic, \$20 from Mollie Jurecic

The Following in Memory of Pavle Borstnik: \$20 from Kristjan & Maria Sedmak, \$50 from Edi & Milena Gobetz, \$100 from Ann Knez & son, Rudy, \$25 from Erik & Mary Ann Krevh, \$20 from Matt & Agnes Golobic, \$10 from Maria Hočevar, \$10 from Ursula Štepec; \$50 from Margaret Rak

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She endured her bitter struggles and sufferings always for the glory of God and the good of the Church-a wonderful example of faithful endurance and perseverance for the Church today.

Ignatius of Antioch who died c. 107 refused to deny his Faith in Christ. As bishop of Antioch the Emperor Trajan arrested him and sent him to Rome. On his journey to Rome, he wrote 7 letters to the Churches in Asia Minor, encouraging them in the Faith and pleading for unity, even when faced with persecution. He wrote of himself: "I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." When he arrived in Rome he fulfilled his wish by being thrown to the lions in the Coliseum.

POPPY SALE. On the weekend of October 24th-25th, members of St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655 will be distributing poppies to provide funds from activities and Christmas gifts for our homeless veterans at the homeless veterans facility at the Cleveland Veterans Hospital Complex. 100 percent of donations are used to help veterans. Your support and your donations are a reminder that our veterans in need are not forgotten.

Masses for the Week of Oct. 12-18, 2020

Monday:	(10/12) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Franci Merela (Sister, Tillie Spehar)
Tuesday:	(10/13) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	No Mass
Wednesday:	(10/14) ST. CALLISTUS I (Pope & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday:	(10/15) ST. TERESA OF JESUS (Virgin & Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Paula Hauptman & Helena Gaser (Hauptman Family)
Friday:	(10/16) ST. HEDWIG (Religious); ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Terezija Zadkovich in Družina Bevk in Zadkovich (John Zadkovich)
Saturday:	(10/17) ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (Bishop & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Lovro Rozman (Vince & Martha Rozman)
5:00 p.m.	Carmen Frederico (Bob & Sue Frederico & Family)
Sunday:	(10/18) TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Slovenska Šola
12:00 noon	Martina Stepec (Joe & Carol Žužek)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Brenda Prebevsek, Tom McNulty, George Rozman, Tim Petric, Zdravko Novak, Rita Morel

May She Rest in God's Peace: +Valeria Cekada 

MEN'S NEW SOCK & UNDERWEAR COLLECTION, sponsored by St. Vitus & St. Mary Holy Name Societies, for the benefit of Joseph House on St. Clair Ave., continues this weekend, October 10th & 11th. Your donations may be placed in the collection boxes by all of the entrances of the church. Cash or check donations (made out to St. Mary Holy Name Society) may be given in the regular Sunday collection. Joseph House, sponsored by the local Catholic parishes, offers aid assistance to new immigrants to our city.

KOLEKCIJA NOVIH NOGAVIC IN SPODNJEGA PERILA, ki jo sponzorirata društvi Najsvetejšega imena pri sv. Vidu in Mariji Vnebovzeti v korist Joseph House na St. Clair aveniji, se nadaljuje ta konec tedna. Donacije lahko položite v zbiralne škatle ob vseh vhodih v cerkev. Denar ali ček (naslovljen na St. Mary Holy Name Society) lahko date v navadno nedeljsko kolekcijo. Joseph House, ki ga sponzorirajo lokalne katoliške župnije, nudijo pomoč novim imigrantom v našem mestu.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
V Gospodovi hiši bom prebival vse dni življenja.

DANES JE 28. NAVADNA NEDELJA.

PRODAJA MAKOV. Konec tedna 24. in 25. oktobra bodo Katoliški vojni veterani Sv. Vida Post 1655 prodajali makove cvetove, da bi zagotovili dejavnosti in božična darila za naše brezdomske veterane v podpori brezdomcem na zemljišču Clevelandske veteranske bolnice. Sto odstotkov donacij porabijo za pomoč veteranom. Vaša podpora in vaši prispevki so opomnik, da naši veterani v stiski niso pozabljeni.

SVETNIKI CERKVE. Vsako dobo cerkve je zaznamoval boj in nemir med Kristusovim usmiljenjem in strogostjo, kot vidimo pri svetnikih, ki jih ta teden častimo. 14. oktober je god papeža in mučenca Kalista, ki je umrl okoli leta 223. Glede na njegovo precej vprašljivo preteklost, če sodim po današnjih politično korektnih merilih, dvomim, da bi lahko bil na katerem koli položaju v Cerkvi, kaj šele, da bi bil izvoljen za papeža.

Kalist je bil suženj gospodinjstva cesarskega dvora. Postavljen je bil kot šef banke, izgubil denar, pobegnil, bil ujet in zaprt. Izpuščen na zahtevo upnikov, je bil spet aretiran zaradi pretepa v sinagogi, kjer je iskal povrnitev nekaj izgubljenega denarja. Obsojen je bil na delo v rudnikih na Sardiniji. Izpuščen je bil pod vplivom cesarjeve ljube in živel je v Anziu. Približno leta 199 je postal diakon Cerkve in direktor krščanskega pokopališča na Apijski poti (ki se danes imenuje pokopališče sv. Kalista). Postal je prijatelj in svetovalec papeža Zefirina. Ko je on umrl, so laiki in duhovniki v Rimu izvolili Kalista za papeža, kar je zgrozilo njegovega tekmeča Hipolita, ki se je nato 18 let postavil za prvega protipapeža. (Na srečo se je pokesal in se spraval s Cerkvijo pred svojim mučeništvom. Je tudi počaščen kot cerkveni svetnik.) Hipolit ni imel veliko lepega za povedati o Kalistu. Obtožil ga je, da je preveč prizanesljiv (zveni znano?), ker je k svetem obhajilu sprejel tiste, ki so že naredili javno pokoro za umor, prešuštvo in nečistovanje; za priznavanje zakonskih zvez med svobodnimi ženskami in sužnji—in nasprotju z rimsko zakonodajo; dovoljenje posvečenja v duhovništvo moških, ki so bili večkrat poročeni; zavrnitev odstavitve skesanih škofov, obtoženih smrtnega greha; in sprejem nazaj k veri tistih, ki so se med preganjanjem odpovedovali veri. Kalist je bil mučen med lokalnimi nemiri v Trastevereju v Rimu in je prvi papež, razen Petra, ki je bil počaščen kot cerkveni mučenik.

Cerkev 15. oktobra časti sveto Terezijo Avilsko, ki se je rodila v Avili v Španiji leta 1515. Živela je med vrhuncem protestantske reformacije, pa tudi v času velikih političnih in družbenih preobratov tako v Cerkvi kot v družbi. Sestram karmeličankam se je pridružila leta 1536. Bila je lastna ženska v moškem svetu, ki jo bi Cerkev pozneje počastila kot cerkveno učiteljico. Bila je nadarjena, energična, lepa, pogumna in hkrati premišljena redovnica. Pogosto so jo napačno razumele in omalovaževale tudi njene redovnice, ko je skušala doseči duhovno reformo in preново v Cerkvi in v svoji verski skupnosti. Njeni boji so trajali vse življenje, še posebej proti povprečnosti v sebi in drugih. Izzivala je, spodbujala, se borila, potovala, vendar se je vedno znašla zakoreninjena v Bogu, v molitvi in služenju drugim. Svoje trpke borbe in trpljenje je prenašala vedno v božjo slavo in v dobro Cerkve—čudovit primer zveste vztrajnosti in vzdržljivosti za današnjo Cerkev.

Ignacij Antiohijski, ki je umrl približno leta 107, je zavrnil zanikanje svoje vere v Kristusa. Kot antiohijski škof ga je cesar Trajan poslal v Rim. Na svojem potovanju v Rim je napisal sedem pisem maloazijskim cerkvam, jih spodbudil v veri in prosil za enotnost, tudi med preganjanjem. O sebi je zapisal: "Jaz sem Gospodova pšenica; naj me zobje zveri zmeljejo, da postanem Kristusov brezmadežni kruh." Ko je prispel v Rim, je njegova želja bila izpolnjena ko so ga vrgli levom v Kolizeju.

V TEM MESECU ROŽNEGA VENCA ne pozabimo vsak dan moliti rožnega venca, zlasti za spoštovanje človeškega življenja in miru v naši državi.