Sacred art helps people enter into the sacred mystery

By Jennifer Del Vechio

They are surrounded by sacred images as they bow their heads and kneel in prayer.

An Infant of Prague doll enclosed in a glass case, statues of saints and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and photos of the Blessed Mother are just a few of the works of art in Danda Ramirez's Indianapolis home.

They pray the rosary and later the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For the people in this Tuesday night prayer group, religious art plays an important role in their faith.

"When your eyes light on these statues and pictures, they remind you to say a short prayer," said Ramirez, who hosts the prayer group in her home.

Ramirez's home is a showcase for her religious art collection. She has dozens of statues, relics enclosed in antique glass hutches and icons she's brought back from pilgrimages to Europe.

Ramirez isn't alone. Many who attend the prayer group have adorned their homes with pictures of Jesus, statues of the Virgin Mary and crucifixes.

This Indianapolis prayer group is part of a growing trend of Catholics across the nation buying religious art.

Religious art sales are increasing and have become the third largest segment of the Catholic retail market, according to a survey by the Catholic Marketing Network in Irving, Texas.

Many people also collect relics—a piece of bone from a saint or objects that have come in contact with a saint's mortal remains.

The market for relics has become so lucrative that it has led to abuses.

Relics—often with no authentication—are being sold on Internet auction sites.

The Church forbids the selling of relics. Private relics, or those outside the Church's possession, should come with a certificate of authentication made at the time a relic is created.

More Catholic art and Christian art in general is being brought into homes, said Mark Gordon, executive director of The St. Michael Institute of Sacred Art in Mystic, Conn.

The institute, formed two years ago, has been public since July 2000.

A number of minor changes will come across the nation buying religious art.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Liturgy discussions and votes at the U.S. bishops' mid-November meeting highlighted several changes U.S. Catholics can expect to see in the liturgy in coming months.

A number of minor changes will come in connection with the Vatican's new General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which is to take effect immediately when the third edition of the Roman Missal comes out in Latin. The instruction itself has been public since July 2000.

The new edition of the Roman Missal now is supposed to appear before the end of the year, Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., chairman of the Committee on Liturgy, told the bishops during their Nov. 12-15 meeting.

At the meeting, the bishops took steps to work with the Vatican to assure that U.S. adaptations to the new general instruction can take effect at the same time as the instruction.

Also coming up soon for American Catholics is use of the new weekday Lectionary for Mass—as an option in U.S. parishes beginning Feb. 13 and as a requirement beginning May 19.

Father James P. Moroney, executive director of the bishops' Secretariat for Liturgy, said he hopes that a better understanding of the liturgy will be "the biggest change that anyone would notice" as the changes are implemented.

"It's extraordinary important that we not miss the forest for the trees."

The norms in the new instruction, as modified by U.S. adaptations, will involve few changes for most parishes.

One new norm calls on members of the assembly to act together in their gestures and posture as an expression of unity, asking individual worshipers to avoid "any appearance of individualism or division."

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Each Indianan visiting a shrine often brings home a few relics as reminders of the prayers said there and the miracles worked there.

For many, these relics are a positive way to connect with the Church and the saints.

The church is a place to encounter Jesus and grow in faith. In addition, the feast day of All Saints is a day for honoring the saints—men and women who have lived holy lives and who now stand before God.

Among the saints honored on the feast day are those who have been canonized as saints by the Church.

The Church celebrates the memory of these saints with special prayers and ceremonies.

This Friday, the feast day of All Saints, is the day on which the Church remembers the saints who have already been canonized as saints by the Church.

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A mother cell for processional crosses or fixed crosses at the altar to be crucifixes, not plain crosses. On Sundays, the church says standing is the norm for receiving Communion, but anyone who insists on kneeling should not be denied Communion for that reason.

The biggest change coming in coming months will be the publication of the rest of the new Lectionary. Scripture readings for M asses. But that change really will be noticed only by daily Mass-goers, not those who attend only on Sundays or holy days.

The bishops gave final approval for a new Lectionary for Sundays and some major feasts in 1997 and for three addi- tional volumes, covering readings for weekdays, saints' feasts, votive M asses, rit- ual M asses and other occasions, in 1998. The Sunday volume received Vatican approval and was published in 1998. It has been available for optional use in U.S. Catholic parishes since Advent of that year, and most parishes already have been using it for some time.

Earlier this year, the other three volumes received Vatican approval. Parishes can begin using them A as wedding, Feb. 13, 2002. Publishers are expected to have the new volumes available by the beginning of February.

As of Pentecost, May 19, 2002, use of the entire new Lectionary in four volumes will become mandatory, and any previous edition of the Lectionary can no longer be used.

A new volume of Lectionary in English is based on the New American Bible. A mong volumes of Scripture texts for liturgical use, Bibles and Lectionaries of the Gospels has been restored to prominence in recent years. On Sundays and other solemn occasions, it is carried in the entrance pro- cession, placed on the altar until the Gospel, and then used for the Gospel read- ing. It also is used as part of the ordination rite of deacons and bishops.

A new volume of the Book of the Gospels was published and approved for use in U.S. parishes in 2000. The new General Instruction of the Roman Missal says specifically that only the Book of the Gospels, not the Lectionary, is to be carried in the entrance procession. No book is carried out in the closing procession.

At the recent bishops’ meeting, Archbishop E. Paprocki said the Vatican was making special efforts to help coordinate the implementation of general liturgy norms in the new general instruction with implementation of the several new adaptations, so that both can take effect together.

Such coordination would minimize dis- ruptive changes in U.S. worship practices under the new general instruction, since the most notable adaptations are those designed to correspond to the U.S. custom, such as kneeling throughout the eucharistic prayer, which differ from the universal norms.

Father M. O’Connor told CNS no final word has been received yet on the bish- ops’ requests for exceptions to the new general norms concerning the role of lay eucharistic ministers at M as. A proposal of such exceptions, called indults, requires a legal approach slightly different from that used for adaptations.

The bishops adopted those in June in a document, then titled “This Holy and Living Sacrifice,” on the celebration and reception of Communion under both kinds. At the Vatican’s request, since an earlier U.S. directory on Communion under both kinds had the same title, the document has been retitled “One Bread, One Cup.” Bishops’ approval of its norms has not yet been received.

One change U.S. liturgists had been looking forward to for several years has been delayed because of the irremovable issuance of a new edition of the Roman Missal in Latin, in 1998. The U.S. version was sent to Rome for approval in 1998. With the issuance of a third edition of the Roman Missal in Latin and a new Vatican instruction on liturgical translations, however, Father M. O’Connor said the revised Sacramentary will have to be delayed until it can be revised again to take those texts into account.

Cardinal McCarrick called human cloning experiment ‘dangerous.’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington warned Nov. 26 that the reported successful cloning of early-stage human embryos “has dangerous implications” of playing God and devaluing human life.

Scientists of Advanced Cell Technology, a privately held biotechnology firm based in Worcester, Mass., reported Nov. 25 that after more than 70 attempts they recently produced cloned human embryonic cells, two of which divided to four cells or more. It was the first public announcement of two of which divided to four cells or more.

Produced cloned human embryonic cells, after more than 70 attempts they recently obtained two dividing embryos when they injected eight eggs with a single person’s DNA. The scientists’ justification on the embryo is worth less than a fetus, a Hyde hearing was told. But it said the embryo’s own nucleus has only half the chromo- somes of human body cells and normally receives its other half from fertilization by a sperm. The nucleus of a somatic stem cell—a body cell capable of dividing and providing a complete complement of chromosomes.

The company’s scientists said they had no plans to divide any of the resulting blastomeres, stem cells taken from human skin, and enucleated human eggs. But they obtained two dividing embryos when they injected such eggs with cumulus cells—eggs-nurturing cells from the ovary which often remain attached to the egg during fertilization.

Of the eight eggs we injected with cumulus cells, two divided to form early embryos of four cells or one—and progressed to at least six cells before growth stopped,” they reported.
Bishop Chatard wins fifth state high school football championship

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

Bishop Chatard High School students got an extended holiday break thanks to a state football championship.

A diminishers at the Indianapolis North Deeney interparochial high school called off classes Nov. 26, the traditional state football championship.

The Trojans weren't expected to make a key play during the game that left him with his wrist broken, said Brother Joseph. "They did a great job."

The look on the guys' faces after the championship was a victory on Nov. 24, said Cross Brother Joseph Umile, the school's president, said the seniors kept the team spirit high.

"It was sheer will and perseverance that got them through," said Cross Brother Joseph Umile. "They did a great job."

Quarterback Mike Dury made a key play during the game that left him with his wrist broken in two places.

However, Dury isn't complaining. "The look on the guys' faces after the win on all the seniors' faces, it was worth it," Mike said. "It was definitely worth it," Dilley said. "But they [the players] never lost faith. They were going to find a way to play Nov. 24."

"The Arched is very fortunate in having someone of Greg Otolski's caliber and experience as editor of its official newspaper. ... He is a fine journalist, well-attuned to the major news events in the Catholic Church as well as to the implications of how these events affect ordinary Catholics," the archbishop said.

Prior to joining The Criterion in May 1999, Otolski was business editor of The Courier-Journal of Louisville. At the time, he had been a newspaper editor and reporter for 16 years and had worked for The Jasper Herald and United Press International before joining The Courier-Journal.

Otolski will be the fifth editor in The Criterion's 42-year history. He follows Mr. Raymond Boiter, the founding editor; Father Thomas W. Okener (now a member of the Society of Jesus); John F. Finke, editor emeritus; and Bruns, who has served as executive editor since January 1997.

A native of LaPorte, Ind., he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Indiana University. Otolski has earned numerous awards during his journalistic career, including, in 1997, the Best of Gannett Award and a Metro Louisville Journalism Award for Business Reporting. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis.

Otolski is a native of Indianapolis and a retired corporate communications editor with Eli Lilly and Company. He is the author of three books on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

He joined the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1994 and has served as director of stewardship education and director of publications, executive director of communications, executive editor of The Criterion, acting secretary for stewardship and communications, and secretary for communications.

He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Xavier University in Ohio, a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University at Bloomington and a Master of Arts in pastoral theology from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis.
Fiat lux!

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t will be a different kind of Advent and Christmas this year.

As Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said in his column a few weeks ago (and alludes to in this week’s column), these are “troubled times.

Our country was last at war during the 1960s—mid ’70s, the nightmare years of the war in Vietnam, to remember war being waged at this time of year when Christians look forward to celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

For Catholics, the season of Advent is a time of hope. Even as the nights grow longer and the dark envelops the Northern Hemisphere, we light candles, begging the Lord to come quickly and recalling the encouraging words of the author of the fourth Gospel, “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.” (Jn 1:5).

A dividend is a time when we unite ourselves with Zechariah, father of the Baptist, who prophesied that “the dawn will break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Lk 78b-79).

A dividend is a season of hope because our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed himself as the Light of the world. It is our faith in him that gives us reason to hope—despite terrorists; despite bioterrorism; despite war; despite separation from our loved ones; despite living with the knowledge that our spouse, or child, or brother, or sister, or uncle, or aunt, or cousin, or friend is in harm’s way; despite the darkness that tries mightily to oppress us.

It is our faith in God’s Word of love to us that we remain a hopeful people, people who know at the deepest level of their very being that the darkness will be dispelled and that the fear that accompanies the dark will flee in the brilliance of the Light.

In this Sunday’s second reading, St. Paul tells us: “that the night is far advanced, the day is at hand.” And then he exhorts us: “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 13:12,14).

At Christmas, may our hope in the Light-who-is Jesus transform us into the embodiment of God’s people, Isaiah proclaims, “walked in darkness” but now see a great light … who “dwelt in the land of gloom” but whom light now shines. (Is 9:3).

In the midst of the darkness, fiat lux—Let there be light!

— William R. Bruns
La tragedia del 11 de setiembre

La tragedia del 11 de setiembre se intensifica al día del 2001. Conocemos mirando en el rostro de nuestro hermano el dolor, la desesperación y el miedo.

Algunos mueren, algunos quedan gravemente heridos y otros sobreviven. Cada uno de nosotros, con su propia historia personal, reacciona de manera particular a este suceso. En algunos casos, la respuesta puede ser una mezcla de lástima, conmoción, ira, irracional y desesperación. En otros, la reacción puede ser de desesperación y dolor profundo.

Es importante recordar que el 11 de setiembre no fue un ataque contra nosotros como seres humanos, sino contra el amor, la honestidad, la honestidad y la esperanza. Este es un momento de reflexión y de cautela. Es un momento de recordar que, aunque el mundo puede ser un lugar oscuro y peligroso, también podemos ser capaces de ser generosos y compasivos.

El ataque del 11 de setiembre fue una tristeza. Pero, en el mismo momento, el mundo entero se unió para mostrar su apoyo. En muchos lugares, se celebraron vigilemas y oraciones por las víctimas y sus familias.

Advierte en un año de terror

La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en diciembre es que los jóvenes puedan absorber el mensaje de que el amor, la compasión y la fe son más importantes que cualquier otra cosa. Los jóvenes son invitados a reflexionar sobre cómo pueden ser mejores personas y contribuir a la sociedad.

En este momento, es fundamental recordar que el amor y la compasión son valores que son necesarios para el mundo en el que vivimos. Aunque el 11 de setiembre puede ser un recordatorio de lo que puede suceder en el futuro, también es un recordatorio de la importancia de amar y de tratar a los demás con respeto y compasión.
Check It Out . . .

Catholic Social Services will hold an initial meeting of a Community School Outreach Forum from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 in the Benedictine Room at the Archbishop O’Meara Cathedral, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The purpose of the forum is to allow people an opportunity to share their perspectives and feelings about the events of Sept. 11. The forum is free and open to all. For more information, call Valerie Serpa at 317-592-4072.

Bill Roberts, professor of theology at the University of Dayton, will deliver a prayer service, "A Retreat to Christ’s Coming," from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Parish Center of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 307 N. Wabash Ave., in Indianapolis. Lunch will be provided. There will be a free-will offering. All are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call the parish office at 317-357-8392.

The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods are joining other women religious across the United States to observe a National Day of Contemplation and Fasting on Dec. 7. The sisters will pray in solidarity with that effort during a vesper prayer service at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The prayer service is open to the public. For more information, call 812-535-3113.

Dr. Mark Ginter, associate professor of theology at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, will speak about stem cell research at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 7-8 at St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., in Indianapolis. All are invited to drive by the presentations. For more information, call 317-826-6000.

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THE Plainfield Federation of Churches is presenting five live Christian Nativity scenes from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 7-8 at St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., in Plainfield. All are invited to drive by the presentations. For more information, call the parish office at 317-357-8392.

A program titled “The Schoenstatt Love Compartment” will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Mary’s Village Schoenstatt near Reville, located on 925 S. 8th, 8 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles. Father Elmer Burwinkel will celebrate Mass as 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 812-689-3551.

“I’m, My Model of Prayer” is an Advent Reflection Day offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. The day will focus on looking at the Virgin Mary’s prayer life and how we can learn from her example. The cost of the day is $30. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Floyd County is offering a Christmas Family Retreat on Dec. 14-16. For more information or to register, call 812-923-8871 or e-mail mstfr@cr.com.

This year’s annual commemoration of Tragedy Father Thomas Merton ept on 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 in the Clifton Center Auditorium, 2117 Payne St., in Louisville. The celebration will begin with a musical introduction by Carlos Zavala, cellist for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Advance tickets are $9 for adults and $7 for students. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 502-899-1952. At noon on Dec. 10, there will be a commemorative Mass celebrated in memory of Thomas Merton at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 443 S. 5th St., in Louisville, in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The Children’s is sponsoring a poster contest for high school students interested in creating an artwork with the theme “A Difference:” The first prize is $1,000, the second prize is $500 and the third prize is $250. There will be five honorary prizes of $125. All entries must be received by Jan. 25. Winners will be notified by April 19. Entries should be sent to High School Poster Contest, The Children’s, 12 E. 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. For rules and more information, call Umberto Mignardi at 212-759-4050, ext. 40.

Bain and Nancy Farris, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, were the recipients of this year’s Brehbej Jesuit Preparatory School President’s Medal. They received the award at the 23rd annual President’s Dinner on Nov. 16 at The Carmelites of India. Bain Farris served on Brehbej’s board of trustees for six years starting in 1999 and was an ex-officio member of St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center. Nancy Farris was involved with Brehbej’s Jesuit’s Mothers Association during the eight years that their son and daughter attended the school.

Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin, president of the University of Indianapolis, was given the University Award from the Nur-All-Islamic Center of Indianapolis at the ninth annual Parents Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 10. The award was given for Father Boniface’s support of the universal principles of Islam, especially by helping individuals maximize the God-given gift of the intellect.

Roncalli High School junior Emilie O’Connor, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville, recently won the Indiana state championship in the 13-16 age division in Tae Kwon Do. O’Connor competed in Greensburg on Nov. 17 and took the state championship in form. She also was runner-up in fighting. She studied the martial art since 1995.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology has received a grant for $564,181 from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. to continue its school’s Master of Arts program, a theological program for high school students.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office for Film and Broadcasting movie ratings

Behind Enemy Lines (20th Century Fox) Rated A-IV (Adults with Reservations) because of much battlefield and war violence with intermittent profanity, crass words and an instance of rough language. Rated PG-13 (Parents are Strongly Cautioned) by the Motion Picture Association of America (M.P.A.A.).

Black Knight (20th Century Fox) Rated A-III (Adults) because of an implied sexual encounter, some profanity, much drinking with brief drug abuse, sporadic fighting and roughhousing, and recurring crude language, including a few crude sexual remarks. Rated PG-13 (Parents are Strongly Cautioned) by the M.P.A.A.

Our Cold (Touchstone) Rated A-IV (Adults with Reservations) because of some sexual situations and references, rear nudity, much drinking with brief drug abuse, sporadic fighting and roughhousing, and recurring crude humor and language. Rated PG-13 (Parents are Strongly Cautioned) by the M.P.A.A.

Spy Game (Universal) Rated A-III (Adults) because of some violence, fleeting sexuality and recurring rough language with brief profanity.

Rated R (Restricted) by the M.P.A.A.
Despite shortage, priests indispensable to parish life, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II warned it would be a “fatal error” to think that the current shortage of priests means tomorrow’s Church would have to make do without ordained ministers. He said priests alone can serve as pastors of parishes because of their unique representation of Christ in Church communities.

“The Church community absolutely needs the ministerial priesthood to have Christ, head and pastor, present in it,” the pope said Nov. 23 to participants in the plenary assembly of the Congregation for the Clergy.

“Other faithfulness certainly can work with [the priest] actively, even full-time, but they cannot substitute [for] him as pastor because they have not received the ministerial priesthood,” he said.

Because of this, the word “pastor” should be used only for priests, he added.

The pope said the difficulties created in parishes by priest shortages in some regions should lead to more fervent prayers for vocations.

“It would be a fatal error to resign to the current difficulties and de facto act like one must prepare for a Church of tomorrow [that is] envisioned almost without any priests,” he said.

The pope said the priest’s main role in the parish was to celebrate the Eucharist, “the source and summit of Church life” and Christ’s privileged presence in the Church.

“Without eucharistic worship—as its beating heart—the parish dries up,” he said.

The priest’s “sacramental representation” of Christ also includes a special “efficaciousness” as a minister of Scripture, the pope said. This is why only ordained clergy can read the Gospel and preach at Mass, even if some lay members of the parish are better orators, he said.

Nor can the priest abdicate his function as the parish’s guide, in which he has a “special relationship with Christ, head and pastor,” the pope said.

He said the participation of lay people in running the parish was “to be wished for and often necessary,” but they could not “be surrogates in any way for the priest’s role as pastor.”

Parish councils are useful aids to the pastor but must not overlap their strictly consultative role, he added.

Despite early losses, stay positive throughout the season, Dilley. “If he hadn’t made that play, we made six more plays,” said Coach Marty Brown came in as quarterback for the rest of the game.

“Staying positive helped the underclassman realize what we wanted,” said senior Joe Alerding, a receiver and defensive back. “Staying positive helped the team stay positive throughout the season, despite their early losses.

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Share your Christmas memories

It’s time to share your favorite Christmas memories!

Holiday stories from readers are a popular feature in The Criterion’s annual Christmas Supplement.

Stories should be brief descriptions of personal Advent or Christmas experiences about faith, family or friends.

Send stories for consideration to The Criterion, Christmas Memories, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 by the Dec. 5 deadline. Submissions should include the writer’s name, address, parish and telephone number.

Teri Catterson Kraft

Cathedral High School Class of 1983
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A t least once a week someone asks me, “Where did you go to high school?”

When I answer, “Cathedral,” he or she immediately responds, “Wow, you went there!”

I know it’s a great school because I am a graduate. I know the feeling I experienced the first time I entered the building. Walking down the brightly lit hallways that seemed so long, I sensed this was more than a high school. I actually felt like “home,” a place where I could be myself, learn from the best, build relationships, and work very hard.

After four years, I had to say goodbye to “home” and the good feelings I had experienced. It was challenging! But the amazing thing is that I still have that sense of pride and feeling of “home” whenever I think about Cathedral, visit the campus, or run into a classmate.

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Advent penance services are set around the archdiocese

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Advent. The following is a list of services that have been reported to The Criterion.

**Batesville Deanery**
- Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin, Yorkville
- Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at St. Denis, Jennings Co.
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg
- Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. John, Osgood
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin Co.
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan
- Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Aurora
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony, Morris
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Shelby Co.
- Dec. 21, 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas, Ripley Co.

**Bloomington Deanery**
- Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Mitchell
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington
- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
- Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

**Connersville Deanery**
- Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at St. Bridget, Liberty
- Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne, New Castle
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Rushville
- Dec. 15, noon at St. Mary, Richmond
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Brookville
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew, Richmond

**Indianapolis East Deanery**
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. for Holy Cross, St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul Cathedral at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas, Fortville
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
- Dec. 9, 3 p.m. at St. Bernadette
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Greenfield
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Simon
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower)
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Philip Neri
- Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas, Fortville

**Indianapolis North Deanery**
- Dec. 4, 7 p.m. at St. Matthew
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas
- Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew

**Indianapolis South Deanery**
- Dec. 4, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
- Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at Holy Name, Beech Grove
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at St. Mark
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis and Clare, Greenwood
- Dec. 16, 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd
- Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at St. Jude

**Indianapolis West Deanery**
- Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at St. Michael
- Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield
- Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at St. Monica
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Malachy, Brownsburg
- Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Ave Maria, Queen of Peace, Danville
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville

**New Albany Deanery**
- Dec. 4, 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg
- Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
- Dec. 9, 9 p.m. at St. Joseph, Corydon
- Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Lakeville
- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Charlestown
- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany
- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs
- Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs
- Dec. 12, 8:15-11:30 a.m./12:30-3 p.m. at Providence High School, Clarksville
- Dec. 13, 8:15-11:20 a.m./12:30-3 p.m. at Providence High School, Clarksville
- Dec. 13, 6:36 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, and Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, at St. Augustine
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony, Clarksville
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilledon
- Dec. 23, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany

**Seymour Deanery**
- Dec. 9, 2 p.m. for St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m. for Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, and Prince of Peace, Madison, at Prince of Peace, Madison
- Dec. 14, 7-15 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings Co.
- Dec. 15, 10 a.m. at Church of the American Martyrs, Scottsburg
- Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Ambrose, Seymour
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Patrick, Salem
- Dec. 21, 7:15 p.m. at St. Amen, Jennings Co.

**Tell City Deanery**
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Boniface, Felda; St. Martin of Tours, Siberia, and St. Meinrad, at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Holy Cross, St. Croix
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine, Leopold
- Dec. 15, 4 p.m. at St. Paul, Tell City; St. Pius, Troy, and St. Michael, Carthage, at St. Paul, Tell City
- Dec. 18, 7:15 p.m. at St. Mark, Perry Co.
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at St. Isidore, Bristow

**Terre Haute Deanery**
- Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. deanery service at St. Joseph University, Terre Haute
- Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Clinton
- Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rockville
- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. deanery service at St. Anne, Terre Haute
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at St. Paul, Green Castle
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary, Seelyville
- Dec. 16, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Terre Haute
- Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

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Sons carry on family’s religious art business

By Jennifer Del Vechio

BATESVILLE — In almost 60 years in Batesville in a little shack with one window, inside, Val Jr., Val Weberding, the father of six children, took his craft and began making art out of wood.

His creative gift lies in art, prayers, statues, furniture, religious objects. His sons, Val Jr. and Tim, are known for their skill in religious art and refurbishing old statues.

Val Weberding said, “The Church does not allow the selling of relics, which are pieces of bones of a saint or a piece of cloth touched to the mortal remains of a saint.

Relics of saints are often collected by the faithful. For example, a picture of a woman washing Jesus’ feet shows the woman’s mind to God and reveals several truths of his Gospel, it’s not necessarily always a depiction of Mary and the saints.”

Art can help articulate that, he said. The Church has used sacred images for centuries to help the faithful enter into prayer and meditation.

“The Scream of a screaming man running across a bridge has become a popular image of modern man, but “the Church offers something that is not despair,” Gordon said.

The Weberdings began their business in a small shack in 1942. The business covers 22,000 square feet of floor space and employs about a dozen people.

The old wooden shacks were torn down, instead, the Weberdings built the new buildings onto their house. Their carvings have gone to 46 different states and foreign countries.

While Weberding Sr. has expanded his business to make religious items for churches, kitchen cabinets and bedroom suites, the religious artwork he has been known for is religious statues.

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Interfaith Thanksgiving service reflects on Sept. 11 tragedy

By Mary Ann Wyand

Offering thanks for God’s many blessings, representatives of the Catholic, Protestant, Episcopal, Quaker, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths shared prayers during an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Nov. 20 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Indiana Gov. Frank O’Bannon and Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson joined Indianapolis area religious leaders for the second annual interfaith service, which included Scripture readings, reflections and sung prayer.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, serving as presider, said he was delighted that so many people could participate in the interfaith liturgy.

“Because we join together in this thanksgiving service, in which we thank God for all the good things that come from God,” the archbishop said. “This is a time for us to be people of hope. This is a time for us to be thankful to God, because with God we can be people of hope. And for that we join together in this thanksgiving service, in which we thank God for all good things that come from God.”

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Crowe Jr., a retired Disciples of Christ minister, offered a reflection on “Thanksgiving, Terrorism and the Gifts of God.”

“A mong the words I most vividly remember from that horrifying day of September 11 are the words of a television commentator, who said, rather starkly and very prophetically, ‘Because of the events of this day, our world will never be the same,’ ” Dr. Crowe recalled.

“I am still pondering the significance of that judgment and I am trying to discover what this new moment in our lives and our world really means,” Dr. Crowe said.

During this holiday, he said, “our minds and our hearts are not really preoccupied with the traditional Thanksgiving. And if we’re truly honest, not too many of us will be thinking about that traditional gathering of the pilgrim fathers and mothers who gathered with their Indian neighbors in 1623 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Most folks that I talk with these days are preoccupied with personal fears and anxieties over the war against terrorism.

“We mourn the loss of families whose loved ones died [in the terrorist attacks],” he said. “We think pensive these days about the loss of American innocence and our disbelief that the most powerful nation in the world can be vulnerable to such violent attacks.”

But in the wake of this terrorism, Dr. Crowe said, “we can celebrate, because of all that has happened in recent months, the indelible goodness among the people of the United States and other countries who have come forth in the face of tragedy. New expressions of love and caring have come forth toward the families of martyrs and others whose lives have been devastated. Great love and caring have been expressed toward the destitute people of Afghanistan.

“And through it all, countless of us have learned again what we should have remembered—that there is only one human family, the family of one God who embraces all people of different cultures, different faiths and different histories,” he said. “In these days, we have a new sense that life and hope depend upon this one God. … In this time, we have come to learn again that we in the United States of America are a religious nation—people who gather in churches, synagogues and mosques to affirm our faith and people who are accountable to God—or we are a nation without hope. It’s that simple.”

As people of faith, he said, we are called to reflect on what causes terrorism in our world and what creates the kind of love and caring that have come forth.

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Church traditions address contemporary challenges

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

When the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was issued from Rome in 1972, the Church reaction that many people had was dismay. The rites and prayers of this process that is used to prepare adults for initiation into the Church were drawn, with only a few changes, from the fourth and fifth centuries.

Some elements of the rite seemed so antiquated that many of us didn’t even try to implement them at first. Dismissing the catechumens—those preparing to enter the Church—after the Liturgy of the Word, for example, seemed out of touch with a contemporary sense of hospitality. Celebrating scruples, with their prayers of exorcism, seemed more suited to the Middle Ages.

In time, of course, we found out that such conclusions were erroneous. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has proven to be one of the most important and useful rituals to emerge from Vatican Council II’s process of liturgical reform.

But how is it that ancient material could move so useful today? Why did the Church reach back to its early centuries to find prayers and rituals and principles to help us meet pastoral challenges of our own time?

The answer lies in the contemporary phrase “Been there, done that!” The Church has a rich tradition developed over a long history. In the course of that history, the Christian community has met many challenges in creative ways. Rather than trying to “reinvent the wheel,” Church leaders today often draw upon the riches of our past to meet contemporary challenges.

Our times have much in common with the early centuries of Christian history. In contrast to the Middle Ages, when Christianity was the basis of government and culture, we live in an age when society’s culture and institutions often espouse values contrary to those of the Gospel.

Christians today are a minority under attack for their beliefs. In such situations, it is important to make sure that new members of the Church are well prepared to live the Christian way of life. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed to provide such formation.

Our cultural situation has much in common with the first few centuries of Christian history. So the Church naturally has turned to those early centuries to see how our ancestors responded to those challenges.

Ancient answers may have to be adapted somewhat to fit current situations, but much wisdom is found in Church tradition.

It is important for Church leaders to know our history if they are to make wise decisions. It is also important for all Catholics to know Church history.

Studying the history of the liturgy, for example, helps us understand the worship today. It can guide us to discover the deep riches that the liturgy contains. This also can help us to avoid mistaken perspectives that can lead us down the wrong path. One simple example is the interpretation of the ritual moment in the sacrament of confirmation when the bishop placed his hand on the cheek of the one being confirmed.

For many generations, we interpreted that action as a symbolic slap on the cheek. Then we developed a catechesis based on that interpretation, seeing it as a reminder of the necessity to be willing to suffer for the faith.

While that was a reasonable explanation, the ritual gesture was actually a remnant of the sign of peace. Far from a slap in the face, it was a gentle caress intended to symbolize the peace of Christ that the Spirit brings.

The theologians who developed the interpretation of the symbolic slap on the cheek are not to be faulted too much, of course, because they did not have access to the early documents that have clarified this rite’s origins. Only in recent times have many of the pertinent documents been recovered and translated, thus giving us new insights into the sources of our tradition.

In the United States, people often seem uninterested in history. Perhaps that is because American history is still very brief compared with the history of most nations of the world. Perhaps it also is because we are so focused on the future that we feel no need to learn about the past.

Catholics in America, on the other hand, have a much longer history related to the universal Church. Studying the past is important for all people, since knowledge of where we have been can help us chart a clearer course for the years ahead.

As the Back to the Future movies showed, knowing from whence we came helps us understand our present and enables us to move more confidently into the future God has in mind for us.

(Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Advent Gospel readings promote discipleship

By Fr. Eugene Laverdiere, S.S.S.

Each Sunday during Advent, we will hear a gospel reading from Matthew. There is an underlying theme in all four readings—that we are lamps on a lamp stand, preparing the Lord’s second advent readings—that we are lamps on a lamp stand, preparing the Lord’s second advent.

The second and third Sundays tell the story of John the Baptist. His mission prepared the Lord’s first coming. Like John the Baptist, we are the Lord’s forerunners. John was a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” Prepare the way of the Lord. “That is our mission, too. We are Jesus’ disciples.”

On Advent’s fourth Sunday, we’ll hear about the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ first coming 2,000 years ago is an image for us of the second coming. “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him ‘Emmanuel,’ which means ‘God is with us.’”

(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene Laverdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)

Liturgy enriches daily life

This Week’s Question: Liturgy enriches daily life

“Describe a way that Sunday worship has connected to your daily life—how it motivated you and where it entered into your decisions.”

“Sunday worship leaves me faith-filled to convey my experience really connected the liturgy to my everyday life!” (Charles Rohrbacher, J uneau, Alaska)

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Our parishes are more vibrant today

Every now and then something reminds me of how vibrant our parishes are today. One thing I realize is that they would be less active than in the past because of the smaller number of fewer priests today. But that’s not the case.

While visiting some of our parishes, I found up, the priests did almost everything the parishioners and sisters took care of the schools. Today the laity have almost assumed their responsibilities for our parishes. The net result is that a lot more is going on in today’s parishes.

That reminder could have come in one of the parishes in this archdiocese, but it really happened while Marie and I were visiting our eldest daughter Regina, in Santa Monica, Calif. Her parish, St. Monica, is a special parish.

Its popularity is shown by the fact that my friend Dennis’s Haynee, executive publisher of the Los Angeles Tidings, drives with his wife from their home in Pasadena to go to Sunday Mass there. Pasadena is on the opposite side of Los Angeles from Santa Monica. He says the drive takes 35 minutes, although it would be a lot longer on a weekday.

St. Monica was badly damaged by the Los Angeles earthquake. But the first time we visited the church was immediately after it was renovated. 1996. Much of the damage for the renovation came from parishioners Arnold Schwartzengger and Maria A. Shriver, but the pastor, Msgr. Lloyd Towndrow, said that many other parishioners were also generous.

It’s a beautiful church, with a large stained glass windows on St. Margaret Mary and Saint Augustine on the other side, the four evangelists next to them, and a large painting above the altar of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The church and school take up a full block.

The parish has more than 6,000 households.

There are eight weekend Masses and three weekday Masses. Although we attended a Sunday morning Mass, Regina told us that the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Masses are the most crowded. You have to get there early to get a seat. The parish celebrates the Liturgy of the Hours Monday through Friday at 6:10 a.m. The Liturgy is different each day, with active participation. The large choir and the cantors are probably professionals who come and stay all day.

There is a pastor, associate pastor, two priests in residence, two pastoral associates and a parish administrator. They manage the affairs of the church.

We happened to be there on Sunday Fair Day. A booklet described almost 60 different parish ministry committees that most parishes have but also such things as gay and lesbian outreach and liturgical dance. There is a parish Serra Club (rather than a city-wide Serra Club in Indianapolis). The parish has two weekly Scripture study programs, faith sharing groups, a Legion of Mary, charismatic prayer for those so inclined, and on and on. It has an entertainment faith group specifically for those employed in the entertainment industry.

I wonder what the parish was like before Vatican II.

Cynthia Dewes

Circumcision/Cynthia Dewes

Time to begin, with an eye to a happy ending

The way we reckon time is a human invention. At some point, notice how our seasons and movements of the sun, our inventions provided time into minutes, hours, days, etc. It was a way of controlling a largely hostile environment.

Time is, of course, linear, and even superfluous sometimes, in a primitive society in which people lived in slow motion anyway. There was no rushing cows or sheep, the growing of crops or the taking of game for the table. Mere survival took up too much of our time, whether it was categorized or not.

Thus, time was considered a way of marking events and there seemed to be plenty of it. The question is, where did we go wrong?

Today we say we have no time. There’s no time for the family to sit down together at dinner, or the events to hang out with their kids, in fact, no time for kids to just hang out. Somehow, time has diminished over the years, if that makes any sense at all.

Technological advancements have increased our efficiency and made it possible for us to cram many more events into a day or, for that matter, into an entire 24 hours. We no longer need daylight to complete our tasks, we have made a break through to life up to now and if what we want to do and to do this every day.

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To be sure, the date of Christmas is itself an arbitrary assignment of the time of Christ’s birth. No matter. It’s appropri- ate for the Church to celebrate the truth of Christmas coming every year, of course, we have made a break through to life up to here. When we’re invited once again to put time back in perspective.

When Jesus entered human history as a baby, time seemed to go slower, but peo- ple didn’t use it any better than we do today. Time was a way of controlling oppression, poverty, injustice. In other words, it was as human as a time as ours.

Christ came to bring the good news that time can be better used, not only for our own advantage but also to further God’s will. Time should be our friend rather than our enemy.

A devout, like Lent in a different way, is an opportunity to set new priorities for our life as a society. Every moment, every moment, we can spend time just about what we decide to do. Now we need to know that time is our own. We have to be less reducing our time will be a lot longer.

M aby we need a different job, one which is less stressful and which allows more hours with the family. Maybe we just need a job, and should be using time to improve our skills or relax or per- vive with an idea which we never could have done.

Perhaps we need to make ourselves healthier so that our time will be happier and more useful. Or, maybe we need to spend time improving or creating or enriching relationships with people and the God we love.

Time may be an arbitrary human inven- tion, but it’s also part of our every- day advent of his Son. It’s a time for joy.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greenwich, is a regu- lar columnist for The Critic.)

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Marking the life of a Jewish Carmelite martyr

Eccumenism is alive in Bright, Ind. Catholics have established a new parish whose patron saint is a woman. And this woman is a Jewish Carmelite, Edith Stein, now known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Not only that, until a temporary “Catholic Church” (a former pole barn) was dedicated.

In September, members worshipped in the Providence Presbyterian Church or in the gymnasium of Brighton Elementary School.

In 1891, Stein was born a Jew in Germany. She grew up to be the Jewish Day of Atonement—the holiest day of the Jewish year. She became a dis- tributed philosopher and eventually a writer. Her family didn’t understand why she chose to be baptized a Catholic in 1922. At age 44, Edith took her first vows as a Discalced Carmelite in 1924. In 1942 during the Holocaust, she died in Auschwitz at the hands of Nazis. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1998.

When I realized that St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is the spiritual patron of a new Catholic parish, I was especially curious to know more about Stein’s path to sainthood. Coincidentally, I then received a new book by award-winning journalist Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

The book I found was particularly well written or enlightening in a book, I use a Post-it Note to flag that page so I can easily return to it. I flagged nearly half of Scaperlanda’s 207-page book, because it is comprehensive, inspirational and revealing. Here is an excerpt from Stein’s story: “I have been a Carmelite and Jewish reservist about the Stein/St. Teresa Benedicta sainthood. The story is moving, but her research is impressive. She quotes many of Stein’s own words and even works with Stein’s family. Susan M. Badzioch of Springfield, Ill., author of Aunt Edith: The Jewish Heritage of a Catholic Saint and Edith Stein.


In an email, Scaperlanda shared with me that Baderhoff “has been very outspoken and active in preserving Stein’s legacy. It was a blessing and a grace for her not to be part of the new band that went on the first draft of the manuscript, but to write a foreword for The Other Catholic. First of all, came from Carmelite Is. Scaperlanda had two writing jobs: the foreword to the book, the Pistole, Okla. (near where she lives), and Sister Josephine Koppel from the Pennsylvania Carmel, who is a prominent English translator of Stein’s works. I came away from this book with a bet- ter understanding of Stein’s life and work, during World War II, 1911 a renewed respect for Carmelites and their founder (St. Teresa Benedecta of the Cross), who died, a martyr in death.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Critic.)
First Sunday of Advent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001

• Isaiah 2:1-5
• Romans 13:11-14
• Matthew 24:37-44

My Journey to God

Befriend the Walking Wounded

Have mercy on your wounded children, Lord, who can’t relate to others or conform to rules of conduct that promote accord, followed with ease by those within the norm.

Rejected misfits feel rebutted and stunted. Too seldom grasping why they can’t fit in, with desperation struggling to begin new jobs, new friendships where they won’t be shunned.

These fragile psyches need compassion, Lord. As do we all, and may we be imbued with holy love that moves us to include the walking wounded whom we once ignored.

(Anna-Margaret O’Sullivan is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin.)

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 3

Francis Xavier, priest
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 4

John of Damascus, priest and doctor
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:7-8, 12-13, 17

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 3:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 6

Nicholas, bishop
Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

God’s world reflects continual re-creation

I was distressed by your answer regarding God’s will and whether God interferes with nature’s laws. I agree that God works his will through the laws of nature, and that nature’s predictability is meaningful and valuable. But I don’t think “God’s” message was simply to be good and accept whatever nature hands you because all is God’s will. Miracles happen every day. People are healed and helped beyond all natural explanation. No situation is hopeless. If we pray for miracles for others and for ourselves, we are showing faith, hope and love. God can also give us a “like-resignation to the evil circumstances that befall us, and that’s a gift, too. But Christians say, “Christ’s love lives in me. For whom shall I pray? Who needs a miracle of grace today?” (Wilscon)

I thank you for pointing out very well some important and hopeful Christian truths. A number of other readers wrote to me with the same concerns you have. We followers of Christ are not fatalists who lie down without feeling or passion and stoically let happen what will happen. As I said in the column you mentioned, in the everyday processes of life the makeup of the world, as God created it, normally reveals “God’s will” and determines what will happen.

We believe the Creator is a gracious and loving God, whose goodness is manifest in creation itself, in how and why it came into being, not because the Maker constantly intervenes to accomplishing this compassionate will.

As human beings continuously learn more about reality, the more we perceive the truth of this way of looking at the world. People once attributed nature’s power and lightning to the displeasure of their god(s) over human infidelity of some sort. We now have a better and more natural explanation.

Similarly, bizarre behavior or manifestations—wounds of the stigmata, for example, or floating in the air, or frothing at the mouth with unnatural gutteral speech—were once automatically assumed to have divine or diabolical origins. More recent experience has proven, however, that such occurrences like these may well have a more natural, psychological explanation.

As far as we can tell, it is the same Wisdom that gave existence to this infinitely complex universe that allows it to live and breathe and act according to the “laws” that God placed there in the first place.

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December 1 Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 Anthony Blvd., Mount St. Francis, Christmas bazaar and luncheon, quilts, Santa Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-929-6317.

December 2 Cardinal Ritter Junior High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis Placement test, no fee, 9 a.m. Information: 317-924-4333.

December 3 St. Thomas More Parish, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 a.m., pictures with Santa, craft items, baked goods.

December 1-2 St. Anthony Parish, Activity Center, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis, Christmas Bazaar Banquet, Sat. 8-3 p.m., Sun. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Christmas dinner party, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 350 N. Meridian St., guest speaker, A. Ryder, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-259-6000.

December 5 St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bishops Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis Candles, Dec. Mss. 9:30 a.m., Christmas dinner party, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 350 N. Meridian St., guest speaker, A. Ryder, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-259-6000.


December 9 Father Thomas Scoetina Memorial High School, symposium, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis WIC department’s annual Christmas concert. 3 p.m. Information: 317-571-3551.

December 10 Archbishop O’Meara Parish Church, Benedictine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis Catholic Social Services Community Outreach Forum, focus on the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, attendance limited to 25. RSVP: 317-236-1514.

December 11 Father Antoinette Purcell, 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Information: 317-923-8817.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1225 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. A day of religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Friday:

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. A distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Lawrence Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. A distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

A filial Women’s Services, Inc. (abortion clinic), 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Spanish prayer group and conversation, 9-9:30 a.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

Saturday:

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Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. A distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 “Y” St., Bedford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:30 a.m. Mass; 9 p.m.; Confession, 4-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 113 S. 5th St., Terre Haute. Eucharistic adoration, after 9 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., New Albany. Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, after 9 p.m. Mass; Adoration after 9 a.m. Mass. Information: 317-636-4478.

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First Tuesdays:

Divine Mercy Chapel, 2354 W. 39th St., Indianapolis. Con- fession, 6:45 p.m.; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Schiller Lane, New Albany. A distribution, concluding with confessions at 6 p.m. Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angel Church, 405 S. 52. Cedar Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass.

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Don Sherick, Indianapolis

Response:
We discussed whether to run this article precisely because of the rather heavy theological concepts it contained. On the one hand, the piece was news-worthy if for no other reason than the two high-ranking Vatican cardinals who were theology professors before becoming bishops were having a theological debate in public. That doesn’t happen very often.

In addition, the piece must appeal to a broad range of readers. Our readership includes professors of theology, priests, and (more and more often) those who have been trained by lay as well as priests, often with no specific theological training. We may, in fact, try to publish an item of interest to everyone. Sometimes we miss the mark. On the other hand, there was the all and ever. Amen.

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