



Build Love Not Walls

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In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. ●

Reflect

***Have you ever felt isolated by a wall?
Who built it—you or someone else?***

Jesus said..., "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28





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Please be reminded Religious Education will begin on Sunday, September 10th for K-4th grade & the Confirmation class (7th & 8th). On Sunday, September 17th classes will be held for 5th - 8th grade. Please note, new this year, the Confirmation Class (7th & 8th) will meet every Sunday.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 21, 2023

Monday	8/21			† No Mass
Tuesday	8/22	9:00 am	STM	† Cecelia McCormick
Wednesday	8/23	5:30 pm	HT	† Jerry Joiner
Thursday	8/24	9:00 am	HT	† Doris Schwamberger
Friday	8/25	9:00 am	STM	† Kathy Sondgeroth

Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 26-27, 2023

Saturday	8/26	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For All Parishioners
Sunday	8/27	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Harold Klein Family
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dianne Smith
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Steve Brust

The Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

Feast Day: August 22nd

For centuries Mary has been invoked as the Queen of Heaven; in the fifth glorious mystery of the rosary we contemplate the crowning of Mary, in the Litany of Loreto she is implored as Queen of Angels, of Patriarchs, of Prophets, of Apostles, of Martyrs, of Confessors, of Virgins, of all the Saints and of Families. Three of the Marian antiphons invoke Mary by the title "Queen": the Salve Regina, the Regina Coeli, and the Ave Maria Coelorum. Finally in "Lumen Gentium" Chapter 59 we read as follows: "The Immaculate Virgin was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son."



QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 22nd

While we are still "pilgrim souls" we can only imagine the beauty of this Celestial Creature, because the enchantment of the Sky, of the Sun and of all the Creation, they can't compare, they remain behind before the Sovereign Queen, because she was created by God with highest Wisdom, with unreachable power, with inexhaustible love, but someday we will see her as she really is, we will know our true genealogy, we will realize that we belong to a "royal" family, we have a Father, the King of the universe, along with a Mother, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Queen of the universe, the Queen of a kingdom that "ab origine" belonged to us, but then we lost it and Mary wants to give it again to us.

During the Annunciation, the word "Fiat" spoken by Mary made her take possession of all of the divine properties, as much as it is possible and imaginable for the creature. Everything was hers – Heaven, earth, and even God Himself, whose very Will she possessed. The Most High God put in her hands the destiny of mankind, He gave to her the mandate and made her peacemaker between Heaven and earth."

The feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary invoked by the title "Queen" is set eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption to emphasize the close link between Mary's royal nature and her glorification in body and soul beside her Son.

(Excerpted from Luisa Piccarreta)



Julie will not be available during office hours next week.

Please leave a message on the church phone if you need to call the office.

LATEST OFFERING'S

AUG 13TH WEEKEND

HT – \$820.00
SP – \$620.00
STM – \$786.00

back2school prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.
Amen.

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A Warm Welcome To A Redemptorist Priest

The main celebrant for this Sunday at HT 8:30 am Mass, SP 10:30 am Mass, and STM 5:00 pm Mass will be Fr. Gan M. Nguyen, C.S.S.R, a good friend of Fr. Thaddeus since their days at the seminary.

Fr. Nguyen is now the Director of the Liguori Mission House in Missouri.

CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. AUG 26TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

**Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?**

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11–19 Mt 19:16–22	August 22 Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11–24a Mt 19:23–30	August 23 Weekday Jgs 9:6–15 Mt 20:1–16	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 Weekday Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 Mt 22:34–40	August 26 Weekday Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 Mt 23:1–12	August 27 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

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