

Queen of the Holy Rosary

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Altar Linen Ministry PERFORMS AN IMPORTANT BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROLE IN OUR PARISH

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It takes many volunteers with all kinds of gifts to keep our church running. There are those who serve as lectors, distribute Holy Communion or use their musical talents to give glory to God.

One ministry most of us may not likely consider are those who spend time each week cleaning the purificators — the linens used to clean the chalices by those distributing the precious Blood of Christ.

“This is one of those things where it’s always there, but you never really stop to think about how the purificators get cleaned, unless you do this ministry,” says Carol Cleary, who serves on the Altar Linen Ministry.

As is to be expected, the purificators get soiled from the Precious Blood when the chalice edges are cleaned by the Extraordinary Ministers. The stains need to be removed and the water used to soak them needs to be dumped into the ground rather than be poured down a drain, so as to respect the Precious Blood.

“We take special care to have reverence for the Blood of Christ,” Carol says.

Carol first got involved in the Altar Linen Ministry when the Queen of the Holy Rosary Women’s Circles disbanded. She was working part-time and happened to be looking for a way to get more involved in our parish, from her own home.

“I realized this was something I could do, because I could do it on my own time,” Carol says.

Now that Carol is retired, she still enjoys the flexibility of this ministry and the fact that there are no meetings. She can get the purificators cleaned, washed



Members of the Altar Linen Ministry — (from left) Delores Oswald, Carol Cleary, Fr. Bill and Patricia Brown



A Catholic's Guide to Good Summer Reading

Have you been wondering what to read during vacation this year? Why not give spiritual reading a try?

There are thousands of titles out there — too many for any one person — just waiting to make a positive impact on your faith life. Reading is a fantastic opportunity for general spiritual direction and good practice for every searching soul.

Choose a title from “you can’t go wrong” authors such as Louis de Wohl, G.K. Chesterton, Peter Kreeft, Francis de Sales, C.S. Lewis, and Scott Hahn. Their works alone should take you well into the summer, and possibly through to the next decade.

Or, choose from this list of great Christian books, in no particular order:

The Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux

In this autobiography and all-time favorite Catholic book, St. Therese teaches her “little way” of spiritual childhood. Millions of copies have been sold worldwide.

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

One of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever published, this series of broadcast talks has been collected into book fashion. *Mere Christianity* sets out to “explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times.”

Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism by Scott and Kimberly Hahn

This offers a conversion story of a brilliant, anti-Catholic Scripture scholar and his wife to the Catholic faith. Now well-known speakers and Catholic apologists, Scott and Kimberly recount their story with simplicity and love.

The Good News about Sex & Marriage: Answers to Your Honest Questions about Catholic Teaching by Christopher West

This down-to-earth application of Pope St. John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body* is an easy-to-read, yet insightful account of the Church’s teaching on sex and marriage.



What Catholics Really Believe by Karl Keating

Addressing 52 of the greatest misconceptions of the Catholic faith, Keating draws upon Scripture and Tradition to dispel errors and explain the rationale behind Church teaching.

No Greater Love by Mother Teresa

This anthology collects the teachings and sayings of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, St. Teresa of Calcutta speaks joyfully about her work with the poor and God’s call in our lives.

Surprised by Truth edited by Patrick Madrid

Eleven converts give their Biblical and historical reasons for becoming Catholic. These unique personal testimonies continue to transform hearts throughout the world in an insightful read for Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

As for the little ones at home, nothing settles them into bed better than a good book. Seek wholesome children’s literature that communicates Christian messages. Be sure they are positive, healthy stories with characters they can emulate that inspire virtues such as courage, justice, charity, patience, generosity and prudence. To name a few:

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A Letter From Our Pastor

THE *Light* AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Dear Parishioners,

As this unprecedented crisis for our Church, nation and world continues to unfold, we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. As we begin a return to our “new normal,” we have so much for which to be grateful.

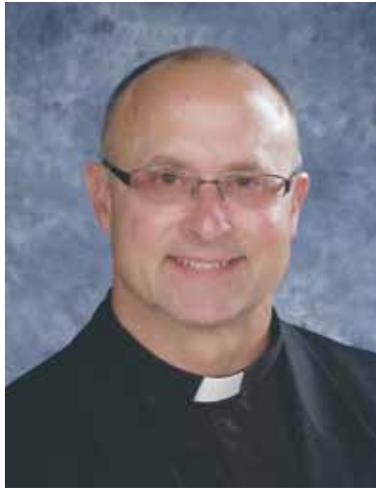
I have witnessed so many of you continuing to actively live out stewardship during these past few months while our parish family has been apart, and that is truly a blessing. But with the uncertainty of what this “new normal” will be like in the days, weeks and months ahead, I ask you all to again consider how you are living out your call to stewardship.

Regardless of whether or not we can physically gather in our church or come together for ministry activities and events, our faith always lives on.

Remember that stewardship is a way of life, meaning that we are called to live as intentional disciples of Christ through the practice of stewardship in all circumstances.

Have you been giving God your Time? I encourage you to pray every day. Use this time as an opportunity to develop or strengthen your prayer life.

How can you serve the Lord right now with your Talents? Serve your family and friends in the ways that



you can. Use your talents wisely to grow in relationship with others near or far.

Finally, is God still a priority in your Treasure? Despite the hardships, are you still keeping God at the heart of all your financial decisions. I encourage you to give God a portion of your treasure out of gratitude, no matter how big or small.

Thank you for your continued support by way of prayers, service and generous financial giving during these challenging times. I have been overwhelmed with a new sense of

gratitude and dependence on our Lord during this crisis, and continue praying for each of you. I look forward to the day our parish and our church is bustling with life again, and I pray that day is coming soon.

Let us live with the joy of the Resurrection each day of our lives!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. William Bruning
Pastor





CAROL CATTANEO

Finds Opportunity for



Carol Cattaneo hosts the parish welcome station following the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.

“Throughout my life, my faith has always been important to me and I never missed Sunday Mass. I knew that my goal in retirement was to give back to Queen of the Holy Rosary, and so I’ve made that my priority. Now that I have the time that I have, there are so many other things I could be doing, but nothing else could match what I get from the Church. And I want to do it while I can, for as long as I can!”

— CAROL CATTANEO

For Carol Cattaneo, parish involvement was a central part of life from early on. Her family attended the 5:45 a.m. Mass each Sunday at St. Agnes Catholic Parish in Roeland Park, where Carol served in the sacristy as a grade school student. Carol has many fond memories of her parents helping the religious sisters, her Catholic education through Bishop Miege High School, and her mother’s devotion to the Rosary. This upbringing in the Church made a lasting impact on Carol and her current commitment to stewardship.

While Carol has always had a desire to be an active participant in parish life, it was just a few years ago that she really took the plunge.

“I’ve been a parishioner at Queen of the Holy Rosary for 43 years, but for 40 of those years, I was a member of the parish who just came to Mass,” Carol says. “I never even went to the coffee and donuts. Then I retired after 50 years as a nurse and decided to give my time back to the parish.”

Shortly after her retirement, Carol approached Fr. Bill at a parish event and let him know that she was interested in becoming more active in Church life. Without missing a beat, Fr. Bill brought Deacon Jim to his side and asked Carol if she would help with the deacon’s initiation of the Stephen Ministry. Carol completed the training to become a lay caregiver and has thoroughly enjoyed serving God’s people as a Stephen Minister.

No longer working weekend shifts, Carol was also able to participate in a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend. The wonderful women that she met at the retreat further inspired her to immerse herself in parish life. Today, Carol is the spiritual chair of the Queen’s Ladies, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, volunteers with the Arts and Environment Ministry and Purificator Ministry, hosts the welcome table after the 11 a.m. Mass, and has helped with the ChristLife program.

As Carol delves ever deeper into life at Queen of the Holy Rosary, she finds her faith enriched and strengthened every day.



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or Renewed Discipleship in Her Retirement

“My faith has grown immensely,” she says. “When I got back from ChristLife, I came home and made my own prayer area. I bought a Bible stand so I could have the Bible open with candles nearby, and it’s just really serene. I joined Dynamic Catholic as an ambassador, and I’ve attended every Bible study that has been offered since I retired. I go to the adoration chapel every Friday, and I really cherish that special prayer time to listen to what God might need to say to me. I just really value my relationship with Jesus.”

Reflecting on her increased involvement in parish life over the last few years, Carol credits Fr. Bill for being such a motivating pastor. She has also had the example of fellow faith-filled parishioners and the early examples of her own mother to inspire her.

Having experienced firsthand the abundant blessings that come from a stewardship way of life, Carol is grateful that her retirement years have brought her back to the active

faith of her childhood, and she hopes all parishioners would prayerfully consider becoming more engaged in the life of the Church.

“I had no idea what I was tapping into, no idea how fulfilling it would be,” she says. “You’ve just got to be open. I’d encourage people to spend some private time in the adoration chapel — even if it’s just five minutes at lunch or on the way home from work — to go in and close their eyes and just listen.

“We live in a busy world, but that’s no excuse,” Carol adds. “Throughout my life, my faith has always been important to me and I never missed Sunday Mass. I knew that my goal in retirement was to give back to Queen of the Holy Rosary, and so I’ve made that my priority. Now that I have the time that I have, there are so many other things I could be doing, but nothing else could match what I get from the Church. And I want to do it while I can, for as long as I can!”

A Catholic’s Guide to Good Summer Reading *continued from page 2*

Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

This series of seven fantasy novels is considered a classic in children’s literature. *Chronicles of Narnia* alludes to traditional Christian ideas within the framework of an exciting tale of adventure.

Little Acts of Grace by Rosemarie Gortler, Mimi Sternhagen (Illustrator) and Donna Piscitelli

This beginning-level book is a fantastic way to introduce 2 to 4-year-olds to Catholic customs. It is written in an age-appropriate, beautifully explained way.

All (or just one) of the 20 books of the Mary Fabyan Windeatt saint biographies

This unbeatable collection of saint stories, appropriate for children of all ages, is perfect to read aloud with the whole family.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: Missionary of Charity by Sr. Mary Kathleen Glavich

There is no better way to introduce children to St. Teresa of Calcutta! This book highlights her work with the poor and includes a special prayer for children.

The Story of Easter by Aileen Fisher

Tells the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection, and explores how different cultures celebrate Easter. This is recommended for children in first through third grades.

Happy summer! Happy reading!





Stewardship and Faith During Tough Times

These are uncertain and frightening times. At press time of this newsletter, we are unable to come together for Mass and the sacraments, and we're wondering, "How can we be a church when we can't come to our churches to celebrate Mass?"

During this and any crisis, one thing that remains constant is the Catholic Church and the unwavering support the Church offers. Throughout history, Catholics have sustained their communities in their homes during countless seasons of persecution or hardship, and living through a modern crisis is no different.

Now, more than ever, we must remember our parish truly is a community. The physical building in which we worship and pray is not the Church. We are the Church.

During a crisis, prayer is more important than ever. Though we may be isolated, through prayer, we can embrace the unity of faith we all share as Catholics.

As faithful stewards, we must remember everything we have is a gift from God and, in turn, we must be grateful and offer all that we do back to Him. We may be physically distanced from others, but we still have an opportunity to spiritually unite each day. A simple prayer such as the Morning Offering — a prayer said by an individual at the start of the day in order to consecrate oneself to Christ — is a great way to unite daily with Catholics around the world and claim our homes and our daily living for Christ. What's more, as you devote more time to personal and family prayer, remember to lift up in prayer all of our civil and religious leaders during this time, as well as our parishioners and community members.

There are other ways through which we can stay connected as a parish family. Call a friend from our parish community. Ask how they're doing, how they are living their faith during this time, and how they might need help. You can also keep in touch with each other and our pastor and parish leaders and staff on our various media platforms, including our parish website at queenoftheholynosary.org, and on Facebook at facebook.com/queenoftheholynosary/.

Stewardship, at its roots, also teaches that we are not supposed to give God our leftovers. We should instead strive to return to God a portion of our first fruits — giving to God first and then using the rest for our other needs. This idea can be worrisome for many, especially during a crisis. Taking the correct steps toward good stewardship in every aspect of our lives boils down to trust and believing that God, who takes care of all His creation, will take care of us.

Prayerfully consider continuing to give a portion of your treasure back to God and our parish by making your regular gift to the offertory if you are able to do so. You can give at our online giving portal at:

queenoftheholynosary.weshareonline.org

Or you can drop a check in the mail to the parish office. Our mailing address is:

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There will come a day, soon, when we will worship together again. Remain hopeful and pray unceasingly. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, remember there is hope. Our God is a great God, and He will not abandon us.

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

Amen.





Baptismal Bibs Ministry

Crafting with Love



The white bibs with the embroidered image of the Holy Spirit are a beautiful part of the Baptism ceremony. Yet, most of us probably aren't aware that three of our parishioners work behind the scenes to create these special keepsakes.

Our Baptismal Bibs Ministry consists of three women — Delores Oswald, Andrea Staudenmaier and Elizabeth Zawada. They all work from home and make sure that Denise Godinez, who schedules the baptisms, has plenty of bibs available.

Each ministry member has a part in the creation of the bibs.

"I buy the material and cut the bibs out," Delores says. "I then take them to Andrea. She has a machine to embroider the figure of the Holy Spirit. The bibs then are passed along to Elizabeth, who sews the two pieces of the bibs together."

The bibs are made in three sizes — infant, child/adolescent and adult.

The bib style of baptismal garment came about when Fr. Bill

arrived. Before that, Delores had been making baptismal stoles.

"Fr. Bill wanted something he could place on the infant, without going over the head," Delores says. "It was a style he had used at his previous parish. It's a nice thing to do. I feel privileged to do it, and I feel I'm contributing to the parish."

Delores knows how special a baptismal bib can be for a family.

"I still have some of my five children's bibs," she says. "Laying on the white garment is an important part of the ceremony."

Baptisms at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish must be scheduled in advance — please call Denise Godinez at 913-722-2206.



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and ironed in about two hours. She is even able to get the job done when she's helping out with her grandchildren.

"This is a great ministry for people who work part-time or stay at home," Carol says.

The soiled purificators are picked up after Sunday noon Mass or Monday weekly Mass, so the Precious Blood isn't sitting on the purificators in the sacristy any longer than necessary. The ministry member brings them home to soak, wash and iron. Some weeks there can be upwards of 50 to be done. The goal is to bring them back in that same week, so that our parish will not run low.

There are currently eight people assisting in this ministry. Ideally, Carol would like to have 12 members taking part, so that each person may take a month.

"That way when you are done with your four to five weeks, you don't need to worry about this for a year," Carol says.

However, as Carol also notes, members are good about filling in if someone needs a week off during their month.

"I like helping the church, but also it doesn't take that much time," Carol says.

Carol is happy to do one-on-one training with anyone who is willing to help. There is also an instruction sheet to follow.

*If you would like to help out with the Altar Linen Ministry,
please call Carol Cleary at 913-709-6994.*

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. | Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 8:15 a.m. | First Saturday: 8:15 a.m.