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Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

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# Mary, This is Your Life!

## Jubilation from John

Next Tuesday, September 8, is our parish's feast day. With the many memorials and feasts dedicated to our patroness throughout the year, you may be wondering how the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary became our feast day. In September 2008, parishioners young and old gathered for our first formation night of the year. Together we reviewed the events of Mary's blessed life using the format of the old gameshow *This is Your Life*. Mary was our special guest, and people from Mary's life described her influence on their lives from behind a curtain before being revealed to her.

Anna and Joachim, the traditional names of Mary's parents, must have had a powerful impact on those attending because Mary's Nativity was overwhelmingly—and somewhat surprisingly—selected as our parish's feast day. As you read the following excerpt from Anna and Joachim's witness, I think you and our parish will be renewed and inspired by the choice. They began in prayer...

"Heavenly Abba, you have heard our prayers throughout our lifetime. You have blessed us as a couple with many gifts. We bow our heads as we beg for the gift of a child. We long for our love as a couple to flow out to a child. We promise to raise this child to know you and love you. We would dedicate this child to your plan. Please Abba Father, if it be your will, grant us this gift of life. Amen."

God listened to their prayer and He blessed them with a baby girl. *Anna*: "I would lay awake all night contemplating the miracle of your birth. It's hard to believe that your father and I have received such a beautiful gift from heaven. We spent many hours talking about how you would look during those nine months. You are more beautiful than we could have imagined." *Joachim*: "Our little girl is grown up now, but memories of her picking flowers for her mom, looking for bugs and talking to God about his wonderful animals are so clear in my mind. It's clear our little girl has always been close to her heavenly Father. As you grew you became a bright, insightful young woman with dedication to your family, prayers, and faith-filled service and fellowship to others. Your mother and I are so proud of the young woman that you've become, and we realize our daughter is a vessel for God's plan of salvation for the world."

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September. The date of September 8 helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, nine months earlier. But why would this be a good day for our parish feast day? Our gameshow host concluded...

"We are blessed at OLBH with many parishioners of various ages and vocations. The feast of the birth of Mary would be a great feast for our parish because we can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary... Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase in peace in our hearts and in the world at large. A birthday celebration for Mary would be a great way for our parish to come together. All of us can relate to birthdays, no matter how old or how young we are."

I have resumed my role as chaplain for St. Elizabeth Seton School. Please check the calendar/bulletin to determine whether Mass on Friday morning will be at OLBH or at SES. At this point, SES is not open to visitors attending Mass. They will reassess in mid-September. ~Fr. Andrzej

**Tourists:**

At Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Parish, we welcome tourists but wish to remain respectful of our neighbors. Thus we ask those passing through the area as guests who wish to join us at Mass please call ahead to reserve a space at 605-787-5168. Walk ins may be accommodated if space allows. All are required to wear masks. We will provide masks for those who do not have them. This aids us in maintaining the limited attendance numbers outlined by the CDC and the Diocese of Rapid City.

**Piedmont Valley Food Pantry**

The Piedmont Valley Food Pantry is in need of items. All items are appreciated, but high need items include peanut butter, jelly, cereal, soup, hamburger helper and crackers. If you would like to donate perishable food items, please call Pam at 787-7468.

**Faith Formation Registration**

We are currently looking at the CDC guidelines and area trends regarding COVID 19. Please keep in mind flexibility will be of the utmost importance. We have a TENTATIVE start date of **September 20**. *REGISTRATION IS OPEN* go to <https://www.olbh.org/child---youth-faith-formation-information---registration>. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

**CONFIRMATION**

There will be a Confirmation PARENT ONLY meeting on **September 16** from 6:15-7:30 PM.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Please attend a PARENT ONLY Meeting on **September 17** from 6:30-8:30 PM.

**Adult Faith Formation**

Sundays, beginning **September 20**, from 9:15-10:45 AM. The first 7 week sessions are entitled "The Sacraments" by Bishop Robert Barron. The series will aid you in understanding the signs and channels of grace in the Sacraments. You will discover the secret behind their persistence through the ages: The presence and power of the Savior himself. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by [jeni.osnes@olbh.org](mailto:jeni.osnes@olbh.org).

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE ATTENDING MASS.**

**Visit by Bishop Peter**

Bishop Peter Muhich will be here October 17 for the 5 PM Mass. He will preside at the Mass and then will offer a question and answer period. We would like to offer him a spiritual bouquet. Please pick up a spiritual bouquet offering slip on the table in the gathering space and return your offer to the collection basket or to the office. Please contact the office with questions or details.

*"Time and time again God has shown us and continued to bless us with his gifts and grace. Even during these difficult times he has provided us with surplus. I understand with the lack of attendance at Mass there has also been a reduction in the amount tithed to the Church. Please find the following extra donation to help during these times. We know this is not going to solve every financial issue, but hope it helps. Please use this wherever the greatest need is. God has provided for us, and this is just a small amount of what we can give back to Him. God Bless" – A young OLBH family*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." Contact Vickie Crowley, 605-431-0128.

**Thank you for your donation.**

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at [www.olbh.org/donate](http://www.olbh.org/donate). Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

<b>"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)</b>			
<b>August 29-30, 2020</b>			
	<b>Automatic</b>	<b>Basket</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	1,871	6,208	8,079
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	100	100
Assumption of Mary	-	-	-
Held for Others	-	240	240
<b>Total Contribution</b>	1,944	6,548	8,491.84

# Weekly Schedule

## Monday, September 7

No Mass  
Office Closed

## Tuesday, September 8

**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**8 AM Mass** for Sister Mary Catherine

**1:30 PM Mass at SES School** for Catholic Extension

7 PM Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, September 9

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

**8 AM Mass** for Marilyn and Mike Rohde

**8:30-7 PM Adoration**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**5:30-6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Thursday, September 10

**8 AM Mass** for friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage

9 AM 'Just Men' Bible Study

5:45 PM Leadership Night

7:15 PM Pastoral Council

## Friday, September 11

**8:30 AM at SES School** for Robert Weaver

## Saturday, September 12

**The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary; BVM on Saturday**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation**

**5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org** for the OLBH Parish community and for our sister parishes special emphasis on the finance council

## Sunday, September 13

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of T.C. Waits

**11 AM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for life

### Altar Flowers

Please bring in flowers for the Altar. Drop the flowers off in the Narthex by Friday morning Mass each week. This will aid us in saving funds spent on Altar flowers.

### Intentions of the Holy Father for September

Pope's Intention: Respect for the Planet's Resources. That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

### Prayers for our Deployed Military

**Jeremy Reeve**

### Prayers for the Recently Deceased

**Chad Kusser** (brother of Rebeca Lyle)

**Jean Schubauer**

**Tom Ryan** (father of Lorinda Collings)

**Allan Wallenstein**

**Mrs. Bartos**

### Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

### Eucharistic Adoration

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

### Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin Weaver** (father of Bob Weaver) • **Dean Antonsen**
- **Blanche Rieth** • **Bernard Wiehl** • **Jean Schacher**
- **Dennis Schumacher** • **Ryan Wilson** • **Lowell Amiotte**
- **Randy Oberle** • **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held)
- **Les Bedne** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
- **Norita Rice** (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer) • **Vickie Crowley**
- **Adam Hohm** • **Lisa Katzenstein** • **Lenny Tellefson**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jen Ehlers Hruska**
- **Wayne Gamroth** • **Mike Knecht**
- **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Cliff Roemich** • **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher)
- **Marek Kopec** • **Lori Moore** • **Iris Overholt**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Moneik Stephens** • **Jerry Rhodes** (father of Wade)
- **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher) • **Brett Whealy**
- **Colin Patterson** (Antje Grey's son-in-law)
- **Mike and Marilyn Rohde** (parents of Rhonda Gehlsen)



## † Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served the Diocese of Rapid City.

<b>September 7</b>	Rev. James Sweeney (1952)
<b>September 9</b>	Deacon Tom Lane (2016)
<b>September 10</b>	Nettie T. Peed (1997)
<b>September 11</b>	Rev. John W. Hanton (1936) Eugene "Gene" Kraft (2009)
<b>September 12</b>	Rev. Robert D. Baden (2018)
<b>September 13</b>	Mavis L. Smith (1984)

## Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

## Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

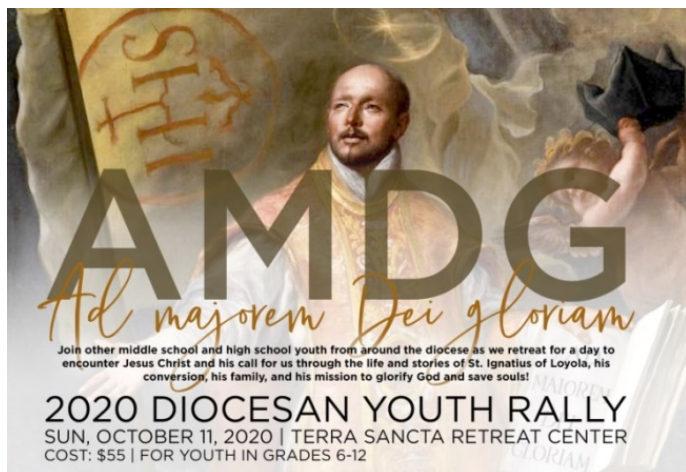


## Daily Readings

**Monday:** 1 COR 5:1-8; PS 5:5-6, 7, 12; LK 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** MI 5:1-4A; PS 13:6AB, 6C; MT 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23  
**Wednesday:** 1 COR 7:25-31; PS 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; LK 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13; PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24; LK 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; PS 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; LK 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; LK 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** SIR 27:30—28:7; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

## COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS



**September 25-26** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Join us for a weekend retreat as we dive into special topics on the The Art of Forming Young Disciples. Presentations include understanding the foundational aspects of Youth Ministry by going beyond programming to an intentional ministry to young people that draws them into intimacy with Jesus Christ and His Church., equips them to know, love, and defend the faith, and sends them on a mission to reach out to their friends, classmates, and all those they meet. Register now at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coreretreat20/>.

## Catholic Home Educators

Are you a Catholic Homeschooler this year? Black Hills Catholic Home Educators is a local organization that offers encouragement and support to Catholic homeschoolers in the Black Hills area of South Dakota. You are welcome to join our Facebook page: Black Hills Catholic Home Educators. If you have questions or would like to be added to the BHCHE email list, you may email us at [BlackHillsCHE@gmail.com](mailto:BlackHillsCHE@gmail.com)



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Adult inquiry (RCIA classes) are for adults who have not been baptized, made their First Communion, not been Confirmed or are not Catholic and may be interested in learning what the Church teaches.

Sessions are informal and focus on the teachings and experience of the Church. You are welcome to bring your own unique story to a friendly setting.

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## Join us for Parish Feast Day September 12-13, 2020

Our parish feast day is celebrated on the feast day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8, it will be celebrated on September 12-13, 2020

Parish Feast Day is normally celebrated with Mass, a large pot luck meal, train rides, a bounce house and a street dance. Due to the current restrictions, we have determined this will not be advisable this year. Thus, we STRONGLY encourage everyone to ATTEND MASS on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our parish.

- On a parish feast day, a person can obtain a general indulgence.
- Indulgences are a remission from God of the temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is forgiven.
- An indulgence can be obtained for the person him/herself, another person or for the dead.
- To obtain the Indulgence:
  - o receive confession within a two week period of the parish feast day
  - o attend Mass on the parish feast day
  - o receive Communion on the parish feast day
  - o have the general intention of receiving the indulgence
  - o pray one Our Father and one Hail Mary
  - o pray the Universal Prayers (following the homily)



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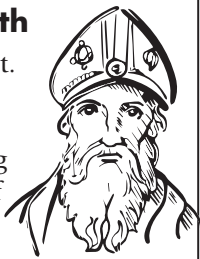
## Our Lady of the Black Hills

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

### One Minute Meditations

#### Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking on a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and dumping it in a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and vanished. Some things we just have to take on faith.



#### "God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested incessant prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

"You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon" (Psalm 91:5-6).



## Do you trust God?

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts" (Psalm 28:7). Do you trust God with everything in your life or only some things? Do you give him your problems but take them back when he doesn't do what you want? It is when we have complete trust in God that our lives work well.

**Is God trustworthy?** A person worthy of trust is one of good character and integrity. We have more than two thousand years of history that prove God means what he says and says what he means. He does what he promises.

**Is God capable?** God has power

over all creation – He even has power over life and death. Through the ages, we have learned that all things are possible with God. More to the point, God's Son told us that God loves us with

unimaginable intensity so he always wants what is best for us. In fact, God is more qualified than we are to take care of what we need.

**Are you ready to really trust God?** Start

by thanking him no matter what. Everything that he allows to happen to us is for our good. Then remind yourself that God is fully in charge. Finally, ask him what you should do next and do it.



### Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood?

The concept of transubstantiation means that, during Mass, the entire substance of bread changes into the substance of the Body of Christ. The entire substance of wine changes into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic

prayer through the Word of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit.

However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, the "eucharistic species," remain unaltered.

Jesus is truly present during Mass, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.



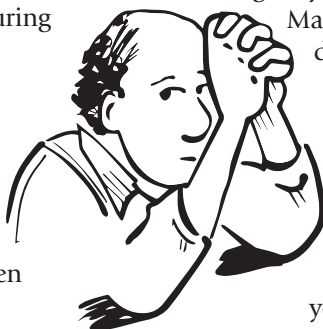


## Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. Relying on His strength during difficult times is how we get through them. Yet when we become distracted during prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

**Gently return.** Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back.

**Practice recall.** St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions,



gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

**Turn distractions into prayer.** If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

**Pray out loud.** When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

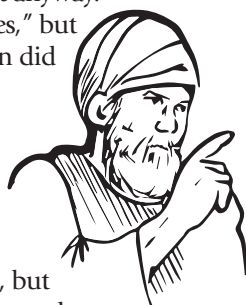
### from Scripture

#### Matthew 21:28-32, Faithful obedience.

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked?

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed.

The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than changing their hearts.



Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just because we profess our faith, we will be disappointed. Words are not enough.

True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."



### Feasts & Celebrations

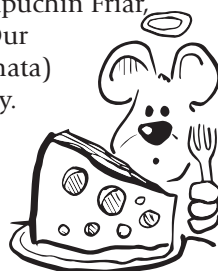
**Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century).** Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than twenty years. Mary's birth brought them - and us - joy.

**Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows.** In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

**Sept. 21 - St. Matthew (1st century).**

Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

**Sept. 23 - St. Padre Pio (1968).** Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



### Q & A How can I stop worrying about what other people think?

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect,



you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests - or your eternal future - at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven.

Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us.

Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience - two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

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