



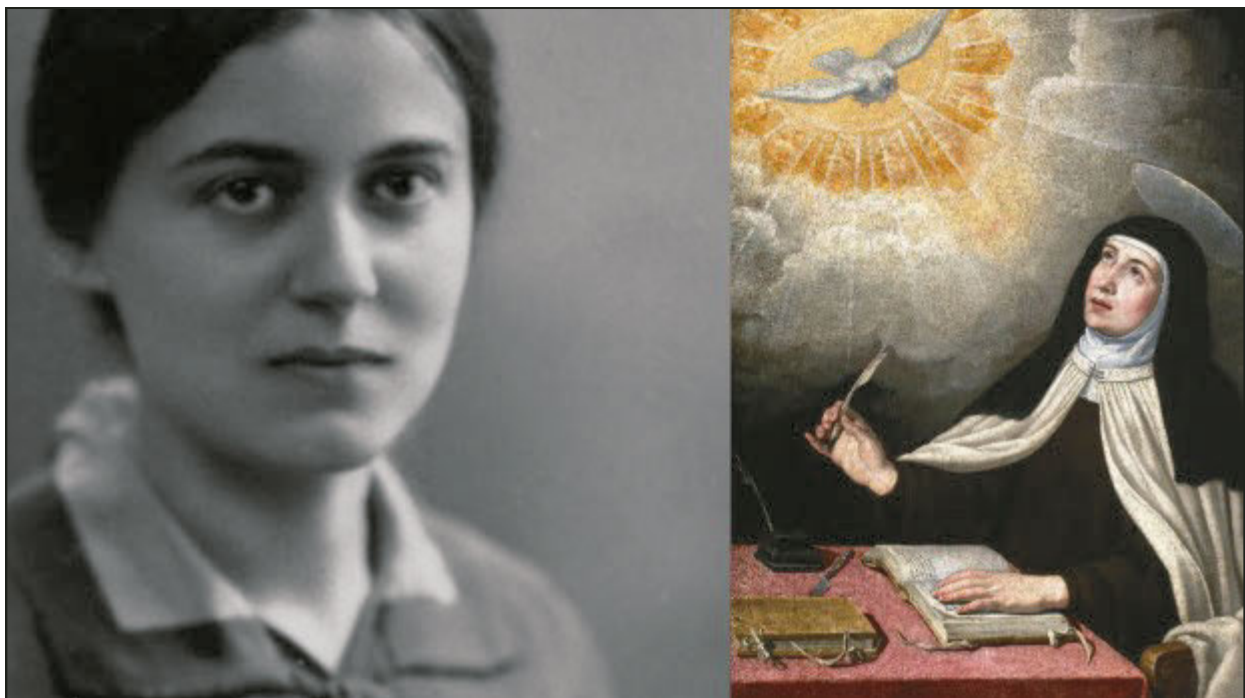
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## Weekend Magazine

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September 4, 2022 ▪ The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Edith Stein converted to Catholicism after reading this book

By Philip Kosloski



*Edith Stein, an atheist philosopher, read St. Teresa of Avila's autobiography and began her journey to the Catholic Church.*

While raised in the Jewish faith, Edith Stein distanced herself from all religion in young adulthood. However, she went on a pursuit of the truth, primarily through the study of modern philosophy.

This intellectual journey led her to explore Christian writings, such as the New Testament and St. Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*.

However, her head and heart were captivated by the *Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila*.

The Vatican biography of her life explains how she came across this book.

In the summer of 1921, she spent several weeks in Bergzabern, in the Palatinate, on the country estate of Hedwig Conrad-Martius, another pupil of Husserl's. Hedwig had converted to Protestantism with her husband. **One evening Edith picked up an autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila and read this book all night. "When I had finished the book, I said to myself: This is the truth."** Later, looking back on her life, she wrote: "My longing for truth was a single prayer."

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According to the *Institute of Carmelite Studies*, St. Teresa of Avila's book is technically not an "autobiography" and explores many fundamental questions of life.

Although usually referred to as such, Teresa's book is not an autobiography; nor is it an intimate diary. What she deals with **mainly are the supernatural, infused or mystical), realities of the interior life.** Nonetheless, she does make use of autobiographical material as a backdrop against which she treats of the existence and value of the favors of God.

There was much for Edith Stein to learn from St. Teresa's life, including her struggles with prayer and the interior life.

St. Teresa of Avila starts off by telling how from a very early age she began to receive God's abundant grace. She was introduced to the path of prayer and, in her early 20s, even led to some initial experience in mystical prayer. **Though she repeatedly frustrated God's work, even to the point of abandoning prayer and the interior life, His mercy was finally victorious over her own sorry state.** When, in the end, she surrendered more totally to His grace, God began His admirable and more immediate work within her soul.

Some months after reading the book, on January 1, 1922, Edith Stein was baptized into the Catholic Church and would eventually become **a Carmelite nun, choosing the name of Teresa in honor of St. Teresa of Avila.** Arrested with other baptized Jews in the Netherlands, she was sent to Auschwitz, where she was killed in the gas chamber.

Edith Stein is now known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

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September 4, 2022

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Often, before writing these reflections, I take a minute to pray. I decided to add a minute of mindfulness using my new Apple Watch, which conveniently provides a meditation prompt. Today's happened to be: "Bring to mind a close relationship that can be challenging, and think about what it can teach you." Like those paper messages in fortune cookies, even this auto-generated prompt carried a grain of truth. Our thoughts may turn to our spouse, a prickly co-worker, or a moody teen. However, given today's readings, it struck me that this description can also fit our relationship with Jesus. Yes, we know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet we all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.

**STUDY** Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ's sake to truly become his disciple?



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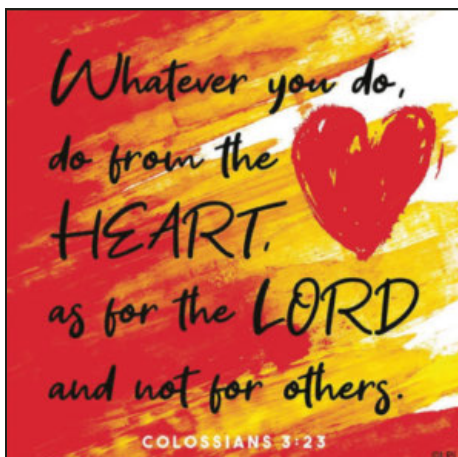
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## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, September 3, Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

### **Sunday, September 4, The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. John McDonald (Dec)

### **Monday, September 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins & William Vitalie (Dec)

### **Tuesday, September 6, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Fred Deuel (Dec)

### **Wednesday, September 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### **Thursday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Gerald F Daley (Dec)

### **Friday, September 9, Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

8:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Luis Barredo (Liv)  
50th Wedding Anniversary

### **Saturday, September 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mitchell Antczak (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

### **Sunday, September 11, The Twenty-fourth Sunday in OT**

8:00 a.m. Rylee Casey (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

## **Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

09/04 • Rev. Carl F. Melchior †

09/05 • Rev. Sojan Punakkattu, ALCP

09/06 • Jorel DeGuzman, Seminarian

09/07 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

09/08 • Rev. Gilberto Quintero

09/09 • Rev. Ryan Boyle

09/10 • Rev. Patrick Rebel

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



## SALESIAN SISTERS MISSION APPEAL



As part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan, a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco will speak at our Parish on **Sunday, September 24-25, 2022** on behalf of their foreign mission ministries.

The Salesian Sisters are a worldwide Community counting over 11,000 Sisters spreading the Gospel on the five Continents, in 97 countries. Many of their Sisters work strictly in mission areas affected by great poverty, diseases, political unrest, violence, war and other difficult conditions, such as, areas of natural disaster and refugee camps.

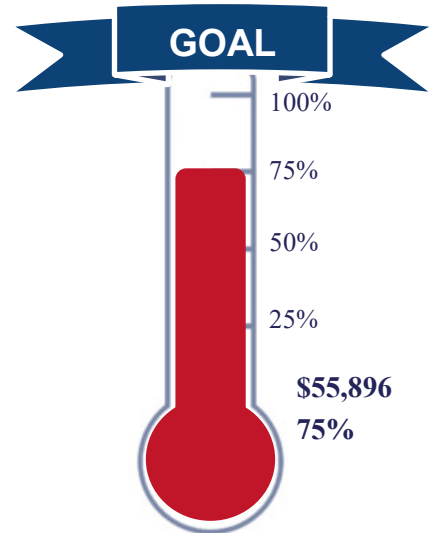
The Salesian Sisters were founded by St. John Bosco in 1872 and started their mission work in 1877 when they departed from Italy for the farthest tip of South America called Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Ever since, they have continued to provide missionaries for Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and other places not yet evangelized or in need of re-evangelization.

Their Congregation was specifically founded for the service of poor youth; consequently, most of their ministries will have an educational thrust. They are grateful for the opportunity of sharing their mission work here at Blessed Trinity and of benefiting from your generosity.



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and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.”

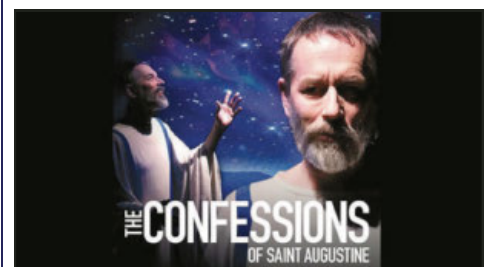
(Lk 14:27)

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

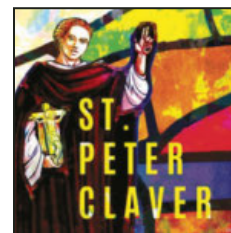
God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Calling All Singers!

The Adult Choir will begin singing again very soon. Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for **new members** to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered singing in the church choir, NOW is the time!

Rehearsal for Adult Choir will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Music Room, starting September 7, and the Contemporary Group will meet in the church on Fridays at 3:00pm, starting September 9.



### St. Peter Claver September 9

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

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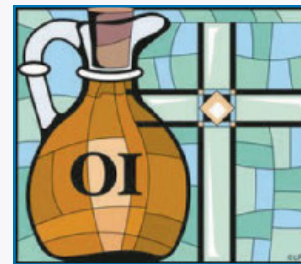
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