



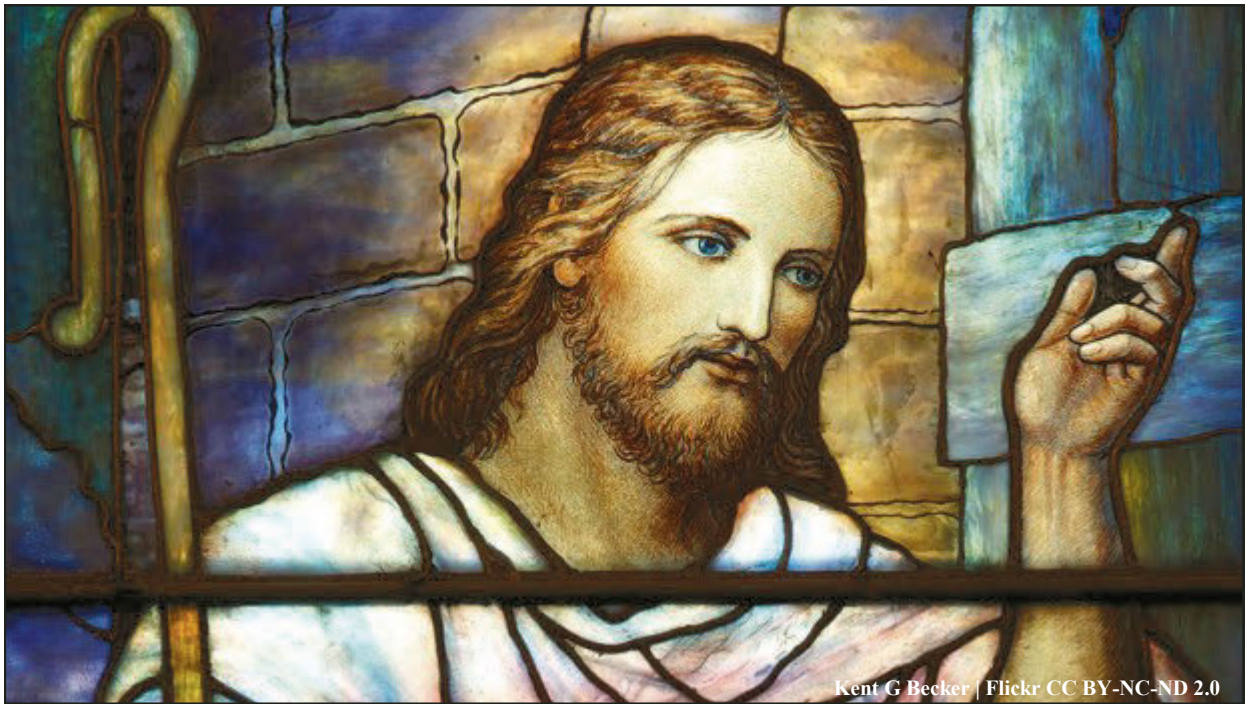
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The biggest obstacle to peace in your life is a closed heart



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When we close our heart to God and turn away from him, we turn away from the warmth of his love and kindness that he wants to give to us.

We all desire peace in our soul, a peace that keeps us from being anxious about the many things that go on in our lives. While there can be numerous sources of unrest in a person's soul, one of the biggest obstacles is a **heart closed off from God**. This refers to a heart that is not open and receptive to God's voice.

Open wide your heart

St. Ambrose wrote about this topic in an exposition of Psalm 118 that is featured in the *Office of Readings*. He begins by explaining how important it is to have an open heart:

My Father and I will come and make our home with him. Let your door stand open to receive him, **unlock your soul to him**, offer him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. **Throw wide the gate of your heart**, stand before the sun of the everlasting light that shines on every man. This true light shines on all, but if anyone closes his window he will deprive

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Sunday, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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himself of eternal light. If you shut the door of your mind, you shut out Christ. Though he can enter, **he does not want to force his way in rudely**, or compel us to admit him against our will.

It's important to realize that God will not force his way into our lives. He waits patiently for us to respond to his invitation.

He is not going to be a tyrant or send a military blitz into our heart. Instead, he is going to wait for us to be open to receive his message.

The trick is that an open heart is not equal to the number of rosaries we pray in a day. It requires a disposition of openness and receptivity.

We could attend Mass every day for our entire lives and still be closed off from God.

St. Ambrose urges us to open wide the doors of our heart:

Our soul has a door; it has gates. *Lift up you heads, O gates, and be lifted up, eternal gates, and the King of glory will enter. If you open the gates of your faith, the King of glory will enter your house in the triumphal procession in honor of his passion.* Holiness too has its gates. We read in Scripture what the Lord Jesus said through his prophet: *Open for me the gates of holiness.*

It's not easy being open to God, as it requires trust in his merciful plan for us. We may not know where he will lead us, but we need to trust that it will be for our good.

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation
and all the elements of nature obey your command.
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe
from all dangers and calm the storm
that threatens us.*

*May we be secure in Your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

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Begin the day with:

8:00 AM - Mass
8:30 AM - Beginning Adoration
5:30 PM - Rosary Recitation
6:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration
7:00 PM - Adoration Ends for the Day

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.



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Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

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At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:
867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jack and Rosie Jackson (dec)

Saturday, August 2, Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Margaret Michalka (liv)

Sunday, August 3, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Cullen (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (dec)

Monday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. Genereux Family (liv and dec)

Tuesday, August 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Stephen Coston (liv)

Wednesday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, August 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dutilly Family (liv and dec)

Friday, August 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Marie Chasse and Family (liv)

Saturday, August 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gary Ayers (liv)

Saturday, August 9, Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

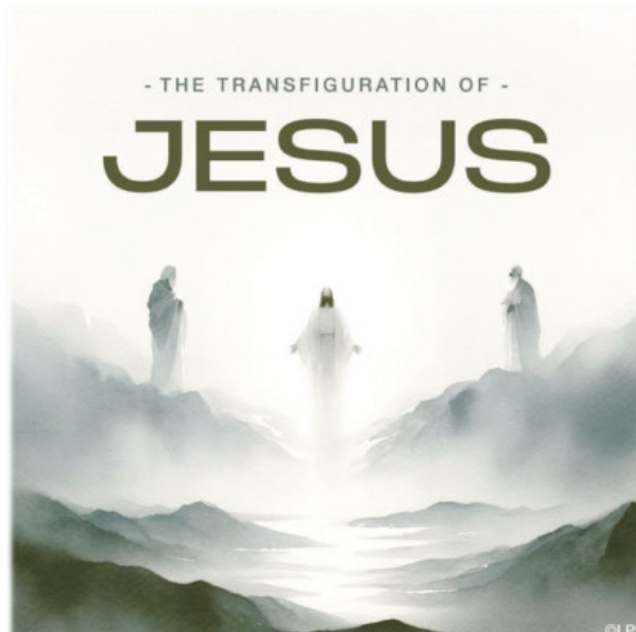
4:00 p.m. James, Matt, and Annette Lawler (dec)
and Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, August 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph and Dolores Ciminera (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Shirley Bunsey (dec)





August 15

Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times will be 8:00 am and 7:00 pm



August 15 is the 28th Anniversary of Fr. Wayne's Priestly Ordination. His unwavering faith, dedication, and service has been a true blessing to us. Thank you!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Gives Us What We Need

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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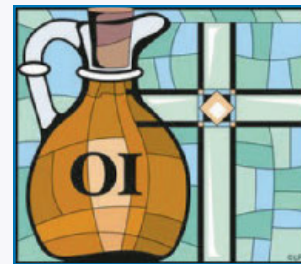
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