

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



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THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD  
DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“Come away by yourselves to a  
deserted place and rest a while.”**

MARK 6:30, 31

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**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA**  
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

# Parish Information

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am (*Polish*)  
9:00am  
11:00am (*Polish*)  
Weekday 8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 6:30am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 8:00am Mass

**NOTE: Schedule changes Jul 31/Aug 1. See page 8.**

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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** All are welcome! Visit our website [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org) to download our registration form or call the Parish Office for more information about our Parish.

**BAPTISM:** Visit our website [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org) to fill out a request form for a baptism or call the Parish Office for more information.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more info.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

**COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Contact the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

**PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Contact the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact our Parish Office for more information to plan a funeral service.

## PARISH OFFICE

1201 E Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074  
Phone: 847-358-6999; Fax: 847-934-4919; [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org)

### SUMMER Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9:00am—1:00pm

Rev. Kris Janczak, <i>Pastor</i>	<a href="mailto:fatherkris@stov.org">fatherkris@stov.org</a>
Rev. Marcin Zasada, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	<a href="mailto:marcin.zasada@yahoo.com">marcin.zasada@yahoo.com</a>
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## STV SCHOOL

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Owen Walsh, <i>Religious Ed Director</i>	<a href="mailto:owalsh@stov.org">owalsh@stov.org</a>
Lisa Lechowicz, <i>Religious Ed Asst. Director</i>	<a href="mailto:rec@stov.org">rec@stov.org</a>

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## Priests

Rev. Kris Janczak, *Pastor*  
Rev. Marcin Zasada, *Assoc. Pastor*  
Msgr. John Canary, *Weekend Assoc.*  
Rev. Tom Rzepiela, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Ray Yadron, *Pastor Emeritus*

## Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Breit  
Deacon Mark Duffey  
Deacon Tom Dunne  
Deacon Bill Karstenson  
Deacon Len Marturano  
Deacon Derek Oliver  
Deacon Rich Willer

## Pastoral Council

Pam Maloney, *Co-Chairperson*  
Barb Howell, *Co-Chairperson*  
Deacon John Breit  
Lexine Cramm  
Ann Johnson  
Norbert Krogstad  
Steve Lundell  
Gay Sladky  
Rev. Marcin Zasada

**Bulletin deadlines:** Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.

## Parish Information

### GUIDELINES FOR MASS AT STV

- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals.
- No registration needed to attend Mass / services.
- Please continue to sanitize your hands as you come into church.
- Sing! Sing! Sing!
- All entrance / exits to church will now be open for Masses.

We do not know when the Archdiocese will authorize parishes to return to offering the Eucharist via the reception of the Precious Blood.

At this time, the dispensation for Sunday Mass is still in place, so we will continue to livestream our Sunday Masses (9:00am English & 11:00am Polish).

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

# live-streaming SUNDAY MASS

*Join us virtually each Sunday for Mass.*

*9:00 am - English*

*11:00 am - Polish*



Look for the live-stream links in your Saturday Flocknote  
OR visit our live-stream website page at [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org).



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resources about  
our Parish.



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Saint Thomas of  
Villanova Parish- STOV

# A Letter From the Cardinal

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
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Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
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archchicago.org

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In Chicago, in the metro area, and even more widely across our nation, we face a profoundly painful moment in our life together. So many families are grieving the loss of loved ones to violence, and those loved ones include babies and small children. The grief is compounded by the senselessness of the loss. Fear accompanies many of us as we go about our daily lives. We are afraid of becoming a victim of gun violence, or a carjacking, or an assault. And we are afraid not only for ourselves but also for the people we care for.

As we recover from the pandemic and embrace a more familiar way of life, the comfort of normalcy we had hoped for is being spoiled by a menacing violence that threatens all of us.

Understandably, we want this horrifying situation resolved without delay. Government leaders and community activists have offered many ideas, for example: more effective policing, reforming the criminal justice system, stemming the flood of illegal guns, dismantling gangs, investment in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods, strengthening education and shoring up family life. I cannot claim special expertise in all these matters. But as a pastor, I can point to the underlying spiritual crisis that this violent and unstable situation has provoked.

When violence prompts grief, fear, and a loss of hope, as it always does, people feel alienated from one another. On one level, the fractures appear to be along the lines of race, ethnicity, economic class, and political affiliation. But it runs much deeper than that. We seem unable or unwilling to comprehend that we are inextricably connected with each other. Yet we truly are *fratelli tutti*, as Pope

Francis put it — all brothers and sisters to each other. If we lose that sense of interconnectedness, we also lose our sense of compassion, empathy and responsibility for each other. And that counts as an incalculable spiritual loss, with profound consequences for how we live together as neighbors, as members of the same human family. In this light, I recall the prophetic words of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1964: “We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools.” (St. Louis, March 22, 1964)

The challenge, especially for believers, rests at the very center of the Church’s identity. At the beginning of the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Church, we see powerful and defining words: the Church is in the manner of a sacrament, that is, an effective sign of the unity of all humanity in God. If we, the people of God, are to remain faithful to our identity and our calling, we must respond to the challenge to human solidarity that violence has provoked. At the same time, we can legitimately ask ourselves: What can we do? What difference can we make? How can we bridge the divides that separate us?

Faith does not give us ready-made solutions to complex problems. Faith does give us hope that with God’s help we can move forward, and that we ought to move forward as best as we can. With that in mind, I want to propose to Catholics and to all people of good will five steps that we can take:

1. Ask questions: Explore our experience and seek understanding, but in asking questions, also be prepared to authentically listen, even when what we are hearing proves painful.
2. Dialogue: Seek honest exchanges with people of different backgrounds. No one person or group has all the answers, and when we speak with and listen to those who have experiences and expertise that differs from our own, we begin to move toward understanding. We cultivate empathy.
3. Pray: Ask for enlightenment, place

struggling people in God’s hands, and imagine Jesus walking with us, because he is.

4. Follow the prompts: If we truly open ourselves to God and to each other, and if we remain attentive, we will begin to identify where God is leading us. This is discernment.
5. Stay connected: The great temptation during a time of crisis is to retreat to what we consider a safe space. In fact, what we most need is to go out of our comfort zones and accompany one another, even when that calls for effort and even some risk.

For people of faith, no matter the severity of the crisis, the last word is trust in God. The stirring words of Psalm 91 have consoled me and strengthened my resolve these days:

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: “My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.”*

*It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.*

*You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.*

*A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.*

And finally, in the words of Pope Paul VI: “If you want peace, work for justice.”

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Card. Blase J. Cupich*

Archbishop of Chicago

# JOIN THE GREETER & USHER MINISTRY

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THIS COMBINED MINISTRY TODAY!

## MINISTRY LEADER

**We need a strong leader for this Ministry who will:**

- Solicit availability of members and create G & U schedules for our Masses
  - *New Ministry Scheduler online programing coming soon!*
- Train members on the roles & responsibilities of their job
- Provide ongoing communication to the G & U members via emails or phone calls
- Recruit new members

## MEMBER

**Your role is easy yet so vital to Mass because you will:**

- Warmly welcome all people as they enter our church
- Locate an available seat for those who ask for help
- Answer general questions or provide assistance before / during / after Mass
- Pass the collection basket, when we are able to resume this practice
- Dismiss pews for Communion
- Hand out bulletins and well-wishes as people exit church



**Were you previously a greeter or usher? Newly interested? Need more information?** Please contact the Parish Office ASAP, as we need to organize a schedule starting August 1!

Call 847-358-6999 or email [aduffey@stov.org](mailto:aduffey@stov.org).

*ROMANS 12:13: "SHARE WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY."*

St. Thomas of Villanova Church

**WELCOME**

**BACK TO CHURCH**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday at 5:00pm - English

Sunday at 7:30am - Polish

Sunday at 9:00am - English

Sunday at 11:00am - Polish

- See page 8 for upcoming changes.

**OTHER SERVICES & HOURS**

**DAILY MASS**

Monday thru Saturday at 8:00am

**CONFESSION**

Saturday from 8:30am - 9:30am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

**PARISH OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS**

Monday thru Friday from 9:00am - 1:00pm

**PRIVATE PRAYER**

Church open for private prayer during Parish Office hours. Please enter through the Gathering Area.

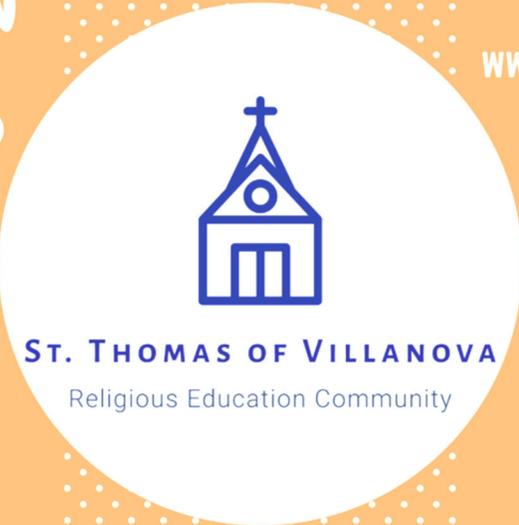


**WE'RE OPEN FOR YOU!**

The church lighting project is complete and the church is now open for many of the pre-covid services. Please see all the changes listed on this page.

**REGISTRATION  
FOR 2021-22  
RELIGIOUS ED  
CLASSES**

**NOW  
OPEN!**



**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA**  
Religious Education Community

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REGISTRATION  
FORMS

847.358.2386  
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**ATTENTION**  
**We need in-person  
Catechists!**

Please contact REC to learn more about the role of a Catechist and how you can help children grow closer to God.

**Helping a Loved One with Mental Health Issues**

Do you have a family member struggling with anxiety, depression or another mental health condition? Are you struggling to understand what they are going through and how to help or cope?

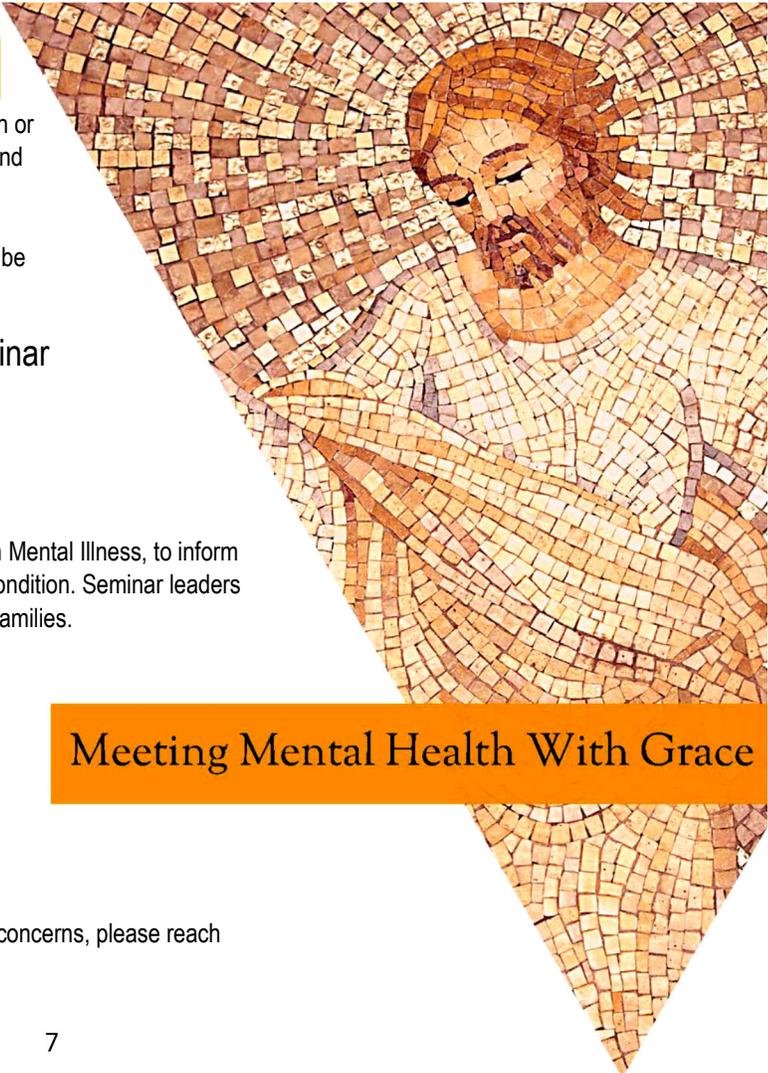
You are not alone. Come join us to learn about what they might be experiencing and ideas on how you can be supportive.

**NAMI Family & Friends Education Seminar**  
**Thursday, July 22nd**  
**7-9pm via Zoom**  
Click [HERE](#) to register

This free seminar was created by NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, to inform and support people who have loved ones with a mental health condition. Seminar leaders have personal experience with mental health conditions in their families.

- Topics covered include:
- Understanding diagnoses, treatment and recovery
  - Effective communication strategies
  - The importance of self-care
  - Crisis preparation strategies
  - NAMI and community resources

We hope you can join us. If you have questions or registration concerns, please reach out to Tracy at 847-867-5744 or tsherva@gmail.com.



**Meeting Mental Health With Grace**



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA  
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY

# NEW MASS SCHEDULE

*Beginning July 31 / August 1, 2021*

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## SATURDAY

5:00PM- Mass in English

## SUNDAY

7:15AM- Mass in English (No music)

8:30AM- Mass in Polish (No music)

10:00AM- Mass in English

11:30AM- Mass in Polish

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## Parish News & Updates

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES—BACK IN ACTION!

Were you part of a Liturgical Ministry before and would like to resume helping again? Each Ministry leader is beginning to contact their volunteers to re-start their role. Here is a summary of what's happening:

- **Greeter & Ushers**
  - See page 5 for details because we are combining the two ministries and need both volunteers and a leader!
- **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**
  - Our EM Leader, Marian DeGroot and our Lector Leader, Jim Hajost, have tried to contacted all previous EMs and Lectors. If you haven't received their communications, please contact the Parish Office, so we can help make the reconnection for you. They are already scheduling EMs and Lectors to begin July 31 / August 1 weekend. At this time, the Archdiocese has not published a training schedule for NEW EMs or Lectors, so we'll have to wait to bring on any new recruits.
- **Altar Servers**
  - This Ministry needs some time to recruit and train / re-train our servers before they can be added to the Mass schedule. Tomm Smithe, our Altar Server Leader, will be starting to recruit after school is back in session. Keep a look out for more details soon.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER HELP

The Social Justice Committee announced helping at an upcoming Catholic Charities Dinner on Tuesday, July 27. At this time, Catholic Charities is only allowing 3 volunteers to help pack the food due to COVID restrictions. Volunteers can contact Marilyn Marturano directly at 847-712-8130 to help. The next Catholic Charities dinner date is in December, and they expect to be fully open and serving dinner inside again. At that time, we will need 10 volunteers to help serve. Thank you for understanding.

### UPDATE ON OUR "SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED" BABIES

It's been almost 14 weeks since we as a parish "Spiritually Adopted," through prayer, two newly conceived babies in danger of abortion. We named them Jude & Margaret and have been praying for them and their mothers daily. Please pray: **"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

If you've forgotten to pray, don't fret; God exists outside of our time. Pray today! [www.SpiritualAdoption.org](http://www.SpiritualAdoption.org)



**A note from Margaret and Jude:** *Hi! I've been growing for a little over 3 months already. There have been so many amazing things happening! I'm about 4 inches long. I've got fingernails, my own unique fingerprints, eyelashes, and I can hear Mommy's voice. It makes me smile, which I do a lot every time I think about you praying for me. Thank you!*

- Facing an unintended pregnancy? **You are not alone.** Call 1-800-712-HELP [www.OptionLine.org](http://www.OptionLine.org)
- Hurting from abortion? **You are loved.** Call 1-888-456-HOPE [www.HopeAfterAbortion.com](http://www.HopeAfterAbortion.com)

### FALL ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly starting Monday, September 13 to Monday, November 1 from 7-9pm at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass on Tuesday, November 9.



*This Photo* by

Registration forms will be available July 12 on [www.vic1chicago.org](http://www.vic1chicago.org) or by contacting Lorie Crepeau at [lcrepeau@stedna.org](mailto:lcrepeau@stedna.org), 847-398-3362, ext. 325. Zoom sessions will be offered if necessary, on Thursday evenings during the same weeks as in-person sessions.



# Stewardship

## FISCAL YEAR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

(7/1/2021—6/30/2022)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$19,000.00
July 4	\$ 14,215.00	\$ 4,558.00	\$ 18,773.00	(\$ 227.00)
July 11	\$ 10,496.00	\$ 2,966.00	\$ 13,462.00	(\$ 5,538.00)
July 18				
July 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 38,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 34,385.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 3,615.00)

THANK YOU!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH!**

Our weekend collections are vital to provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses and the salaries of our STV staff. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings. Here are various ways to contribute:

1. If you attend Mass, place your donation in the offertory basket or box at the church entrance or exit.
2. Sign up online using GiveCentral. [www.givecentral.com](http://www.givecentral.com).
  - Click "**FIND YOUR CHARITY**"
  - Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture.
  - Choose a fund to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "**ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET.**"
  - You may click "**CHECKOUT**" at any time, or add more donations.
  - Click "**CONTINUE,**" then "**COMPLETE PROFILE**" to register.
  - Complete the registration form, then click "**REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT.**"
  - *You're registered!* Look for a confirmation email from GiveCentral.
3. Use the Archdiocese of Chicago Universal Offertory Program online. Visit our website: [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org) and click on the GIVING PAGE to find this link. If you do choose to donate through this universal program, please be sure to select "St. Thomas of Villanova" to credit your gift.
4. Mail your sacrificial offering envelope directly to our Parish Office:
 

*St. Thomas of Villanova  
1201 E Anderson Dr  
Palatine, IL 60074*

THANK YOU!

# BLOOD DRIVE



## Saint Theresa Catholic Church Blood Drive

SUNDAY, JULY 18

7:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

VITALANT BLOODMOBILE

To schedule an appointment please call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [Vitalant.org](http://Vitalant.org) and use group code: A216.

Masks Required. Appointments Strongly Encouraged.



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Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

**vitalant.** 

# Our Weekly Prayers

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 19**

8:00am All Who Are Sick

**Tuesday, July 20**

8:00am ☩ Maryann Mills  
☩ Rita & Argo DaValle

**Wednesday, July 21**

8:00am All First Responders

**Thursday, July 22**

8:00am ☩ David Sladky

**Friday, July 23**

8:00am For the Sanctity of Life

**Saturday, July 24**

5:00pm ☩ Magdaleno del Mar, Jr.  
☩ Sylvia del Mar  
☩ Eric del Mar

**Sunday, July 25**

7:30am Mass—POLISH  
9:00am ☩ Noel Soleno  
11:00am Mass—POLISH

## DAILY READINGS

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6;  
Mt 12:38-42

Tue: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12,  
17; Mt 12:46-50

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;  
Mt 13:1-9

Thu: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Mt 13:24-30

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;  
Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

## PRAYER SUPPORT

STV Prayer Ministry can provide Healing Prayer via phone or Zoom. All prayer is confidential. Email your prayer requests to: [stv4prayer@gmail.com](mailto:stv4prayer@gmail.com). A Prayer Ministry member will respond to set up a prayer time with you. *NOTE: Healing Prayer does not replace the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick.*

## FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Elizabeth Ann Lopez*

## FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton  
Barbara Amato  
Lisa Antonelli  
Baby Aubrey  
Helene Behrman  
Alex Bingham  
Lauren Clark  
Carmen Cline  
Jason Dean  
Dan DeGroot  
Dan Diewald  
Nona Dix  
Jeanne Formanski  
Jaime Forseth  
Steve Fortunski  
Bill Gerl  
Phil Gerould  
Tommy Glaser

Grace Gorska  
Judy Gott  
Janet Hedrick  
David Hicks  
Barbara Kerlin  
Mary King  
Roswitha Kist  
Mary Alice Kobler  
Susan Kordell  
Frank Koss  
James LaCapra  
Louis LaCapra  
Sue Langowski  
Gene Lazich  
Mary Margaret Lazich  
Robert C. Lee  
John Lenz  
Harold Lewis

Alan Loden  
Ron Magnuson  
Alexa Rae Mang  
Elayne Maruska  
Timothy Matchen  
Brunilda Melendez  
Joanne Moser  
Paul Moser  
Jeff Moskala  
Lana Murley  
Earl F. Nicholas  
Baby David Paprocki  
Amie Parisi  
Emily Piscitelli  
Jean Pope  
Barb & Bob Ridge  
Brad Rohrsen  
Dick Samojla

Jane Samojla  
Adam Serena  
Eric Serena  
Shirley Serena  
Virgilio Sotto  
Kristina Sromek  
Richard Steelman  
Joseph Suchowski  
JoAnn Swanson  
Robert Szott  
Sharon Tadsen  
Jack Treanor  
Alfreda Wasilewska  
Luke Wilberding  
Susan Wilberding  
Deacon Rich Willer  
Charmaine Zuchel  
Erin Zwadoo

## IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### U.S. Air Force

- A1C Arick Duffey
- MSGT Dan Fialek
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

### U.S. Army

- Lt. Col Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- SFC Brian J. Dankowski
- SPC Jack Davis
- SSG Christopher M. Fedrick

- MAJ Jon Meier
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- MAJ James Ruetsche, Ranger

### U.S. Coast Guard

- CPO Nick Gaines
- LT Kevin O'Brien

### U.S. Marine Corps

- LCpl Nicholas G. Dean
- WO2 Thomas Grygowski
- SGT Cameron Miller
- SGT Kyle Rich
- CAPT Jake Schlenbecker

### U.S. Navy

- LT Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- PO3 Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- PO1 Konrad Otachel
- AP James Steining

And all those serving in the Middle East.

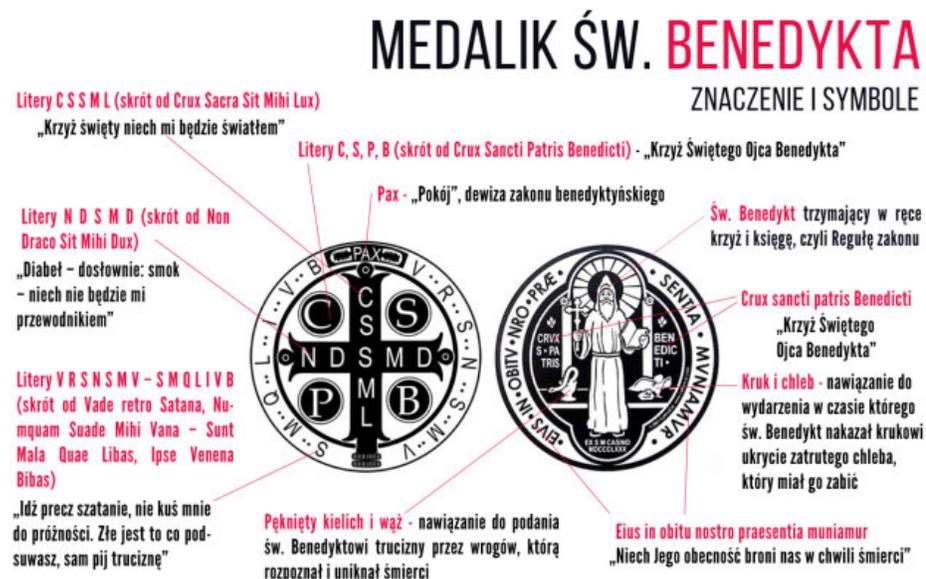
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oprac. Michał Lewandowski

### Medalik św. Benedykta nie jest amuletem, który chroni nas od złych mocy...

Zaraz po śmierci Benedykta do jego grobu zaczęły pielgrzymować rzesze ludzi potrzebujących nadzwyczajnej pomocy w trudnych sprawach. Dziś, mimo że minęło prawie 1500. lat, wielu z nas nosi na szyi medalik z krzyżem św. Benedykta. Po co to robimy?

Czy to św. Benedykt wymyślił medalik?

Zaczął się od interwencji mnicha. W XI w. wąż ukąsił młodego człowieka i dostępne wówczas medykamenty nie pomagały w powrocie do zdrowia. Chłopak umierał. W agonii zobaczył starca, który dotknął krzyżem rany po ukąszeniu. Młodzieniec wyzdrowiał, a w starcu, który go nawiedził, rozpoznał św. Benedykta. Doświadczenie zaowocowało decyzją o wstąpieniu do zakonu. Wiele lat później młodzieniec został papieżem i przyjął imię Leona IX, a jego opowieść o krzyżu, który widział w dłoni świętego, dała początek odtwarzaniu wizerunku w formie medalionu.

Największą popularność, poza klasztorami benedyktyńskimi, medalik zyskał w XVII w. Zachowały się przekazy o tym, jak św. Wincenty z Paulo zalecał siostrzynom zakonnym nosić go przypięty do różańca. Znana jest też tradycja wkładania medalika do grobu zmarłego – w uznaniu św. Benedykta za patrona dobrej śmierci.

W XVIII w. papież Benedykt XIV zatwierdził jego symbolikę i od tamtej pory medalik z krzyżem, na mocy papieskiego breve, ma dwie strony – awers i rewers, niezmiennie w treści i

przesłaniu. Rozwinięcia wszystkich liter to myśli zapisane po łacinie.

Znaczenie liter na medaliku św. Benedykta Awers przedstawia św. Benedykta ubranego w strój zakonny z kapturem. Mnich trzyma w prawej ręce krzyż, a w lewej księgę, regułę zakonu. Po tej stronie medalika umieszczony jest napis: Crux sancti patris Benedicti, który tłumaczy się: Krzyż świętego ojca Benedykta. U nóg świętego mnicha widać kruka oraz mitrę, symbol władzy opata.

Na rewersie całe pole zajmuje krzyż oraz litery: CSPB. Każda na jednym z czterech pól, które wyznaczają ramiona krzyża. Każda to początek słowa ze wspomnianego już zdania: Crux sancti patris Benedicti. Nad krzyżem widać jeszcze grecki hierogram imienia Jezusa – IHS lub słowo PAX – pokój.

Na pionowej belce krzyża litery CSSML oznaczają: Crux sacra sit mihi lux – Krzyż święty niech mi będzie światłem.

Litery NDSMD znajdujące się na poprzecznej belce oznaczają: Non draco sit mihi dux – Smok (czyli diabeł) niech nie będzie mi przewodnikiem.

Są jeszcze litery VRSNSMV – S M Q L I V B, na obrzeżu medalika. To skrót od słów w zdaniu: Vade retro Satana, numquam suade mihi vana – sunt mala quae libas, ipse venena bibas – Idź precz szatanie, nie kuś mnie do próżności – złe jest to, co podsuwasz, sam pij truciznę.

I dla istoty i głębi tego ostatniego zdania wielu sięga po medalik z krzyżem św. Benedykta, widząc w nim realną obronę przed Złym.

Czy wystarczy nosić medalik, by być świętym?

Dobrze, że sięgamy po ten pełen symboli i duchowych treści medalik z krzyżem. Musimy jednak pamiętać, że Kościół uczy nas, katolików, że żaden medalik wiszący na szyi sam z siebie niczego nie zmienia w naszym życiu. To nie amulet, któremu przypisuje się określoną moc.

Medalik, obok obrazków i różańca, to z jednej strony tzw. dewocjonalia, czyli przedmioty, które ukierunkowują nas na Boga (od łac. devovere znaczy poświęcić). Z drugiej, z racji kapłańskiego błogosławieństwa, to sakramentalia, czyli ustanowione przez Kościół znaki, które służą uświęcaniu naszej codzienności. To 'przedłużenie' sakramentów, ale nie sam sakrament. Tych niezmiennie jest siedem.

Co 'może' medalik?

Sam z siebie, jako kawałek blaszki z symbolami, zupełnie nic. Noszenie medalika nie 'załatwi' nam odpuszczenia kar doczesnych. Każdy, kto zakłada lub nosi medalik z krzyżem św. Benedykta sądząc, że stanowi on magiczną osłonę przed złem, grzeszy pogaństwem. Troska o to, by trwać w łasce uświęcającej i przystępowanie do sakramentów mają dla naszego życia i zbawienia znaczenie fundamentalne. Noszenie medalika – poboczne.

Jeśli jednak dar medalika obudzi w nas choćby tylko ciekawość i zaczęmy podążać śladami ukrytej w nim duchowej zagadki, może się okazać, że nasze serce dotknie tajemnica świętych obcowania i łaski płynącej z błogosławieństwa medalika.

Szatan nie lubi medalika św. Benedykta

Wielu propagatorów noszenia medalika z krzyżem św. Benedykta podkreśla wypisany na obrzeżu rewersu tekst egzorcyzmu. Owszem, zdania tego warto nauczyć się na pamięć i korzystać z niego, gdy trawią nas różne pokusy. Jednak gdy podejrzewamy, że ktoś uległ opętaniu, nie powinniśmy zaczynać naszej pomocy od kupna medalika dla tej osoby. Lecz najpierw trzeba skierować ją do doświadczonego w tej dziedzinie psychologa i egzorcysty. Medalik, pobłogosławiony przez kapłana, możemy podarować potem.

Medalik z egzorcyzmem jest wielką pomocą w odpieraniu ataków złego ducha. Ale tylko wtedy, gdy naszą podstawową troską jest dbanie o stan łaski uświęcającej i częste przyjmowanie Komunii Świętej. Jeśli sądzimy, że w walce z szatanem większe znaczenie ma kawałek metalu niż życie w łasce, pozostajemy w głębokim konflikcie z nauczaniem Kościoła.

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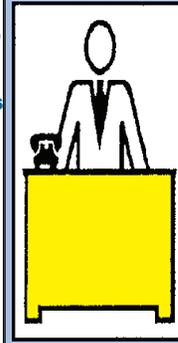
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