

~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi on Fatima:

"The apparitions of our Mother Mary at Fatima brought & continues to bring God's blessing to the people of God. This year is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions. The final public apparition occurred on October 13, 1917.

In observance of this great event of God's grace, I am asking for an archdiocesan observance on Friday, October 13, 2017. To the extent possible, I am asking that there be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on October 13 of this year in all churches & chapels of the archdiocese.

Let us join in prayer on this 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Fatima. May this day of archdiocesan observance honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary by honoring her Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of sinners & the hope of salvation. Let this day remind us of our need to pray, to repent, do penance, & to renew our resolve to live in the dignity of the children of God."

Birth of Mary

This feast is derived from the dedication of the Church of Mary's Nativity in Jerusalem at the end of the 5th century. In the 600s, it spread to Constantinople & Rome. From the 1400s, the celebration assumed significant importance, as it became a feast. Naturally, the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception precedes it by 9 months. The Church of Mary's Nativity is on the location of the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

Michael (meaning "Who is like God?"), Gabriel ("God's Strength"), & Raphael ("God's Remedy")

St. Michael is the patron of security forces, grocers, mariners, radiologists, & the sick. We invoke him to defend us in battle that we may not perish.

Gabriel is the patron of telecommunications & the postal service. We invoke him for salvation through the protection of angels.

Raphael is the patron of travelers, nurses, physicians, & the blind. We call upon him to heal our ills & to guide & protect us on life's journey.

Food & Fellowship September 24th – Bring a dish to share!

Seafood Dinner & Draw-Down to Benefit COPE Pregnancy Center

**\$10,000 in Cash Prizes Saturday, October 28, 2017
6:30 PM**

Dolly Barranco Center at Montgomery Catholic
5350 Vaughn Road, Montgomery
Tickets are \$100 each and Includes Dinner for 2
\$75 tax-deductible donation
May bring your own beer or wine!

Only 300 tickets to be sold.

Contact Karen in the Church office to purchase your tickets today!

Letter to the Hebrews

Classes are each Wednesday, 9 AM & 6:30 PM, in the parish hall. Books are available in class. This composition forms a substantial part of the Roman Catholic priesthood. Classes will end in November.

Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

Classes are each Thursday, 9 AM & 6:30 PM, in the parish hall. Books are available in class. This is the 1st of 4 parts in the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It satisfies requirements for RCIA.

Commitment: Embrace the Fullness

We hear the word "commitment" often. So often, in fact, that it has come to mean a simple agreement or perhaps a promise. The dictionary definition of commitment, however, notes something more: "Commitment: devotion or dedication to a cause, person, or relationship". How perfectly this definition fits our commitment of financial support, made in devotion to our generous God & in dedication to our faith, as lived out through the ministries of our faith community.

We have all been blessed abundantly, & this weekend "We Are Called" to embrace the fullness of our giftedness & reflect our joy back to God as we share our abundance to strength in our parish ministries. Through our commitment, we are living as God intended. Through our commitment, we are ministers of the gospel message. Through our commitment, we acknowledge that as Catholics, "We Are Called" to a higher purpose in this life – building the kingdom of God.

Every gift is valued & needed. Thank you for your future pledge of financial support for our parish & its ministries!

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

He was called from his duties as tax collector to follow Jesus. Tax collectors were the scum of Jewish society, as they extorted money from their own nation to give to a pagan government. His gospel was intended for a largely Jewish Christian audience. It sought to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition & was a continuation of it. Supposedly, Matthew preached in Judea & in Ethiopia where he was martyred. He is symbolized in art as a winged human being. Mentioned in the Roman canon, Matthew is the patron of accountants & customs officers.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Also known as the Triumph of the Cross, this feast indicates that the Cross was shown to people as a sign of salvation & victory over evil. It commemorates the finding of the Holy Cross, the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection on the site of the Holy Sepulcher, & the recovery of the relics of the Cross that had been carried off by the Persians in the early 600s. For us, it should have a profound meaning, for on the Cross Jesus overcame the power of evil. So, no longer is the Cross the sign of shame or defeat, but of victory & salvation.

Ushers
September 17
 10:00 AM Bennie Ryan
 Ken Hutchinson
 Open
 Open

September 24
 Bobby Spotswood
 Carmine Roberto
 Open
 Open



Lectors
 10:00AM Mike Petrof

Randal & Michelle
 Beesley



Please pray for:

Lori Riggles	Gladys Bracken	Dana Libby
Jane Bruton	Ed & Loretta Martin	Cal Libby
Shannon Young	Kathleen Faulkner	Helen Rayburn
Clarice Goodin	Tom Somerville	Jim & Pat Guest
Lesly Somerville Simon	Cammie Moreno Shaddock	

Montgomery Area Adoration Chapel

Call Priscilla Berry, 288-3292.



Adoration Chapel's open hour:

Sun: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM.
 Mon: 2-3 AM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM.
 Tues: 6-7 PM, 12-1 PM, 7-8 PM.
 Thurs: 9-10 PM.
 Fri: 10-11 PM.
 Sat: 10-11 PM.

Prayer Partners needed:

Mon: 6-7 PM.

Adoration Chapel

St. Therese tells us that the great "thirst" Jesus spoke on the Cross was not just a physical thirst, but a thirst for souls, souls who would love Him as He loves us.

"The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation...to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world." ~ USCCB, "Married Love and the Gift of Life," c2006
We pray for the times we have taken God's gift of life for granted. May we seek forgiveness with confidence in God's faithful and merciful love.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sun, Sept 17	10:00 AM, OLQM Parishioners
Mon, Sept 18	6:30 AM, Julia Loosbrock
Tues, Sept 19	8:15 AM, Lorenz Family (L)
Wed, Sept 20	8:15 AM, Adam Meyer (L)
Thurs, Sept 21	8:15 AM Iris & Oscar Rickson
Fri, Sept 22	8:15 AM, Gavin Duke (L)
Sat, Sept 23	9:00 AM, (Draper) Dale Rickson Sr.

Parishioners of OLQM will be leading a rosary before each 10:00 AM mass. The rosary will begin 25 minutes before each regularly scheduled mass. We would like to invite all you to come and pray together with us.

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Catholic News Sources:

EWTN.com; CtholicCulture.org; Catholic World Report.com; www.cardinalnewmansociety.org & USCCB.org (official website of the US bishops)

Eucharist Ministers:

Sept 17 10:00, Jamie & Dawn Damato	Sept 24 10:00, Mary Loftin Mike Kitchens
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Oct 1 10:00, Randal & Michelle Beesley	Oct 8 10:00, Daniel Phillips Karen Franklin
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Weekly Tithing Report:

Sept 17, 2017

Year's 2017 Budget: \$208,000.00
 Budget to Date: \$148,000.00
 Sun Collections to Date: \$144,131.50
 Sun Collection Last Week: \$1,841.00
 Building the Future: \$75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is currently seeking a Food Service Manager for our Middle/High School campus located at 5350 Vaughn Road. The position is part-time and requires 20-25 hours per week, Monday-Friday, August - May. Responsibilities include: Liaison with food and supply vendors, menu planning, procurement of meals & snacks, daily kitchen set-up, stocking and clean up. Compensation based upon experience. Start date is October 1, 2017. An Employment Application is available at www.montgomerycatholic.org/employment. Applications can be emailed to Anne Ceasar, MCPS president at aceasar@montgomerycatholic.org or dropped off at the Middle/High School campus. For questions, please contact Mrs. Ceasar at 334-272-7221 ext. 11.

Water Cooler Catechism

Fr. Pat Driscoll from Holy Spirit Parish & Tom Riello from Montgomery Catholic Prep are on WMGY (800 AM) at 8 AM, Sunday mornings, & online at archangelradio.com & the Archangel Radio app.

Natural Family Planning

In order to help couples live out the Church's beautiful teaching on marriage & family life, the Couple to Couple League offers classes on natural family planning. To find out more info, go to www.ccli.org & search for classes in your ZIP Code. Or, call Brian & Vicki Petters, 334-356-5357.

