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July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

NEXT WEEKEND'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Russell O'Reilly
Sun. July 5 - 10:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

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Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 28 - 10:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Barb Bundy, Kenneth Gorman

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Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM- Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. July 5 - 10:00 AM- Evie Koch, Estella Koch

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Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet, Connie Baker , NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, John Becker, Jane Becker, Jane Strasser
Sun. July 5 - 10:00 AM – Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Dolores Capriotti, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 5 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

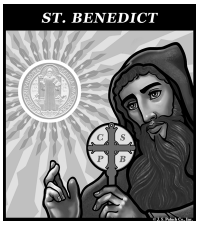
SCRIP

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger , Becky Merilli
Sun. July 5 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

DAILY MEDITATIONS: JESUS, THE HEALER – The focus of our website daily reflections this week will be the healing ministry of Christ – his miracles, his compassion with the sick and infirmed, and how that ministry has been lived in the life of the church. During this time of the pandemic, we seek Christ's healing presence! Please join us!

OUR NEW ABBOT AT ST. VINCENT - On the evening of June 22, 2020, the Benedictine monastic community of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe gathered at the monastery to elect a new major superior, the twelfth archabbot of Saint Vincent, Father Martin de Porres Bartel, O.S.B. Father Martin has been a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey for 40 years, and among his many assignments, had served as the 14th president of Saint Vincent College (1995-2000). He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., who, at the age of 75, retired and resigned as religious leader of the 173-year-old monastic community and as chancellor of Saint Vincent College and Saint Vincent Seminary.



OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK: As we acknowledge the election of a new abbot of St. Vincent's Archabbey, we honor on Saturday the founder of the Benedictine Order, St. Benedict of Nursia, believed to have been born around 480 in Norcia, Italy. He was the twin to his sister, Scholastica, also a canonized saint. He died in Monte Cassino, Italy, in 543.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT? - Diocesan guidelines require participants at Mass to **wear a mask, and to use hand sanitizer when entering the church**. Reception of Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged, given the infectious nature of the virus.

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY EVENING: All are most welcome to join our Tuesday evening zoom Bible study, which meets online at 7 PM. We typically review the readings to be done the coming Sunday, which allows all of us to be better prepared to hear God's word when we gather for the Eucharist. To join, please provide me with your email address.

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ONLINE GIVING - In these uncertain times, the financial support of your parish remains important. Have you considered online giving? Whether you are able to get to Mass or not, a direct deposit from your checking account to our parish account allows you to sustain your giving without interruption. Because of the pandemic, an increased number of parishioners have begun to utilize this important process of parish giving. We currently have 66 parishioners who give online, an increase of 10% since mid-March. We so much appreciate your continuing support of our parish!

Start giving online today!

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

1. Visit our church website at https://stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the online giving link on the left side of the homepage.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Please prayerfully consider giving online.

OUTDOOR MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES WITH BISHOP MARK: The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 19 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - 4:00PM
SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 10:00AM
MONDAY • WEDNESDAY • FRIDAY - 6:00PM
TUESDAY • THURSDAY - 8:30AM

Due to social distancing, our weekend capacity is limited, so please call the office (942-5503) to let us know which Mass you plan to attend.
We will continue to record Sunday Mass for those unable to attend and post it on Facebook and our website.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's psalmist sings with joy, "let all our works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you." A steward's life is grounded in giving thanks and being transformed into a person who lives with an "attitude of gratitude."
By handing our ordinary lives over to Jesus we can rest in the promise of Jesus that to labor in His name we will can learn to be humble and not act as if becoming a Christian steward is burdensome., "For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mat 11:30)

Stewardship at St. John's

June 21, 2020

Envelopes	$	6,062.00
Loose	$	1,095.00
Catholic Relief - Rice Bowl	$	41.00
Ascension of the Lord	$	5.00
Catholic Education	$	25.00
Peter's Pence Collection	$	30.00
Food Bank Donations	$	90.00
Subtotal	*$*	*7,348.00*
Online Giving	$	1,618.00
Total Offertory	**$**	**8,966.00**

Restore*Repair*Rejoice
Payments/Donations $147,660
Pledge Payment Committed $28,808
Total Pledges/Donations $176,468

Catholic Ministries Drive
Last Update: May 31, 2020
Target $ 44,423
Payments/Donations $ 32,655
Pledge Payments Committed $700
Total Gifts $ 33,355

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need*:

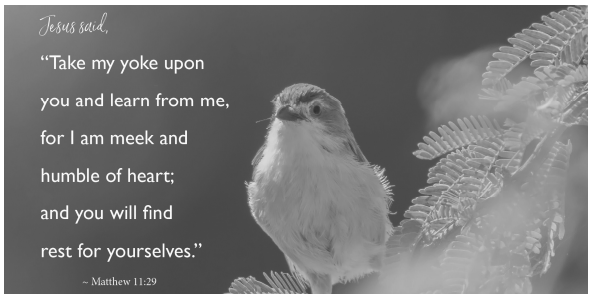
Baby Adam • Baby Aiden • Baby Maddie • Cari Ann
James Aubrey • Julie Beiswenger • Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon • Betty Dennis
Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy • Bernadine Farrell
Kathy Felty • Christine Finklestine • Mary Ann Flinn
Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Molly Grenfell
Ken Hartman • Denny Horton • Randy Horton
Brian Kopp • Lisa • Joan Litzinger • Sherri Maffettone
Louis Jack Mathias • Bryson Miller • Mildred Miller
Susie Miller • Barbara Moore • Donna Moyer
Ailani Myers • Nancy • Stan Neal • Patricia Olson
Mary Oricko • Linda Pletcher • Karen Price
Ron Peschock • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Vicki Riley • Allison Ritchey • Olga Romerowicz
Cari Roth • Mike Rudolph • Fr. Robert Rustin
Peggy Seiler • Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter
Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel • Rose Wargo
Lois Werfel • Carol White • William Wieland
Noah Wills • Milan & Family • Dorothy Yingling

Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List.

OUR COMPLICATED LIVES: We live in an age and a society that has never been more educated or had a higher standard of living, yet never have we carried as much debt. Many are living beyond their means. We have so many resources and time-saving devices at our hands, yet our lives are more complex than ever. While many people may not engage in extreme manual labor we rarely escape our jobs. Many are connected through phones and constantly receive calls, texts, and emails. Others spend hours in traffic on their daily commutes or pack on the frequent flyer miles.
We spend hours binge-watching our favorite shows. Many children are accustomed to being in front of a screen all the time and no longer know how to play creatively. The statistics for those who continue to leave the Church and all forms of organized religion also continue to rise. While there is no such thing as a "good old days" to return to, there was something to be said for sleeping soundly after putting in a good day's work, and for a family gathering around the table for a shared meal. For many, this model for eucharist rarely exists. Jesus knows and feels our pains, and calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

SCRIP SALES BEGIN AGAIN: This weekend we will begin filling scrip orders during the masses. Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for St. John's. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from us at face value, and we order those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for St. John's. It's really that simple!
Stop by the scrip table sometime this week and pick up an order form to see what is in stock and what can be ordered and picked up the following weekend.

MY OWN CHURCH: Help us keep our records up to date! Just visit our parish website and click on the My Own Church link on the left side of the page. Here you can log-in and update your information. If anything has changed, go ahead and update your info, and our staff will be notified. We really need to have current email addresses and phone numbers for all of our parishioners! Also, if you have not been receiving Monsignor's weekly phone messages, please call and let us know.
If you have questions, please call the church office at 814-942-5503. Thanks for helping us update our records!



Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is "meek and humble of heart." Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty?
Jesus' meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words "learn from me." We must learn to do God's will as completely as Jesus did. First, to be complete means that we do all that God wants from us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. For example, we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God's will completely means doing it without reservation.
Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God's will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

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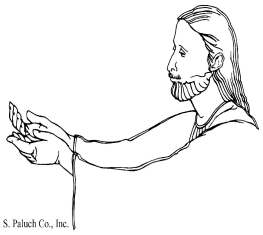

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020

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— Matthew 11:28

Schedule for the Week

Sunday July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM- Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by Mike Kwolek, Maryanne Burger & Joseph Dumm

Monday July 6 – Weekday
6:00PM- Mass for *Sophie Szarwark* requested by Richard & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday July 7 – Weekday
8:30AM- Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by Larry Cordek

Wednesday July 8 – Weekday
5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *David Petrak* requested by Alice Sturm

Thursday July 9 – Weekday
8:30AM- Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Dee Schmerbeck

Friday July 10 – Weekday
6:00PM - Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Saturday July 11 – Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Tiff Mickens* requested by Linda Weyandt

Sunday July 12 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
10:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Sunday Readings
July 5, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1
Zec 9:9–10
Thus says the LORD:
Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,
shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass.
He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim,
and the horse from Jerusalem;
the warrior's bow shall be banished,
and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.
His dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13–14
R. (cf. 1) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
or:
R. Alleluia.
I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
or:
R. Alleluia.
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.
R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
or:
R. Alleluia.
Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
or:
R. Alleluia.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
or:
R. Alleluia.

Reading 2
Rom 8:9, 11–13

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel
Mt 11:25–30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue in short supply in today's world. And yet our reading from the prophet Zechariah describes Israel's coming king, in whom we Christians see Jesus, as humble, riding on a colt, the foal of an ass. No great procession for our Lord and God, for he comes not on a golden chariot with banners and a great procession of soldiers and riches, but on a humble beast of burden. What a contrast to our world of designer clothes and cars; of mega-mansions and architectural embellishments. Humility is not bragging about our worldly goods or our accomplishments. Neither is it the false humility of denying that what we do well is "nothing." It is the acknowledgment of our faults and our successes, with a humble "thank you" to compliment or criticism.

FROM THE RIVER TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

How we long for peace in our world! It seems we are surrounded by constant news of death and destruction, whether in our own country or abroad. We hear and we grieve, we try to give shelter to those fleeing war and crime in their own countries. We pray for them and for ourselves, that fear may not overtake us and make us do foolish things or abuse innocent people. For "[God] shall proclaim peace to the nations" (Zechariah 9:10). We can rely on this promise of peace, if we become peaceful people ourselves and do not give in to revenge or deep anger. "You are not in the flesh . . . you are in the spirit" (Romans 8:9).

COME TO ME

Some of the most comforting words in the Gospels appear in today's reading. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest . . . For my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matthew 11: 28, 30). Sometimes we carry what seem to be impossible burdens; we carry our cross. But we might be carrying the wrong cross. Our cross, we are promised, will be easy and our burden light. This might not seem to be true when we suffer the loss of a loved one, a job, our home, or our livelihood. But if we turn to Jesus, we will always find the comfort and loving kindness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The children look to us adults for comfort and support, for "although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones" (Matthew 11:25). We can learn from children about our dependence on God.

So Jesus says to us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Again, the Lord's humility reveals neither bragging nor false denial of his power, but an acknowledgement of his love for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Zechariah 9:9–10
Psalm 145:1–2, 8–11, 13–14
Romans 8:9, 11–13
Matthew 11:25–30

When we have troubles and problems
we need to ask Jesus to help us work them out.
Put the pillows in number order to find out
what Jesus said he would give us in return.

"_____ (1) _____ (2) _____ (3)
_____ (4) _____ (5)."

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God's Word for Children

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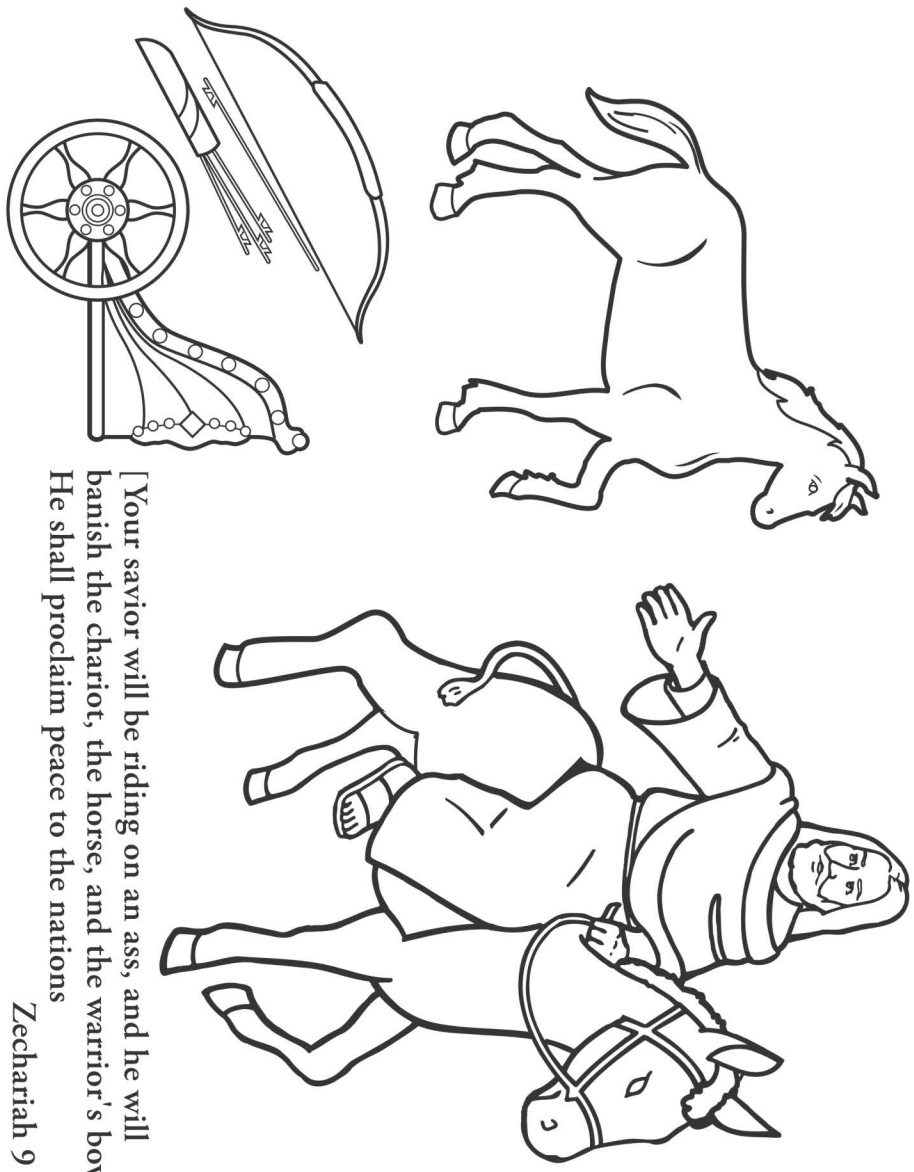
Do you spend quiet time thinking about
how wonderful God is?
Use the heart code to find the missing words.
Then read this passage from the book of Psalms in your Bible.

♥=gracious ♥♥♥♥=good ♥♥=compassionate
♥♥♥♥♥=kindness ♥♥♥=merciful

"The Lord is _____ (♥) and _____ (♥♥♥),
slow to anger and of
great _____ (♥♥♥♥♥). The Lord
is _____ (♥♥♥♥) to all and
_____ (♥♥) toward all his works."

Psalm 145:8-9



[Your savior will be riding on an ass, and he will banish the chariot, the horse, and the warrior's bow.] He shall proclaim peace to the nations

Zechariah 9:10

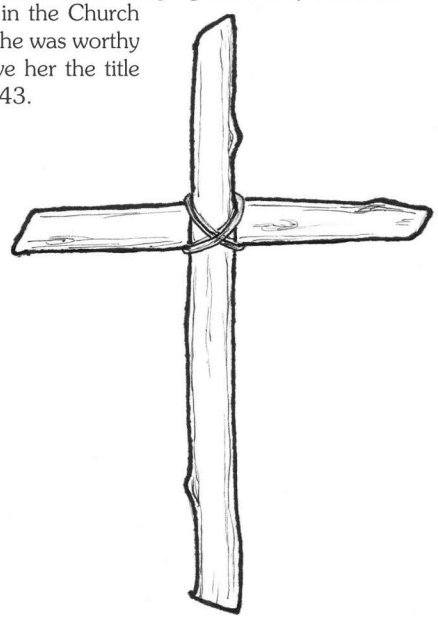
CATHOLIC CORNER

BECOMING A SAINT

How does someone become a saint? A person doesn't have to be perfect to become a saint. In fact, saints are people who sometimes fail at doing what God wants, but they keep trying. A person need not be famous or rich or important to become a saint. What all saints have in common is that they love God, try to follow Jesus, and repent for the times when they don't succeed.

Many people who have died are saints, but some are named saints by the Church so that we might look to them as examples for our own lives. The Church designates a saint in three steps. First the person is named Venerable, then Blessed, and finally canonized as a saint.

Kateri Tekakwitha is one of these saints. Her name means "She who bumps into things," because she was partially blinded by smallpox as a child. Kateri was a Native American woman born in 1656 in a Mohawk village in upstate New York. She became a Catholic at age nineteen and lived a good life devoted to teaching prayers to children and helping the elderly and those who were sick. Sometime after her death officials in the Church researched all the good things she did and thought she was worthy to be a candidate for sainthood. Pope Pius XII gave her the title Venerable, which means "worthy of respect," in 1943.



To be declared Blessed requires that two miracles, attributed to the saint's intercession before God, be credited to her name. Kateri was named Blessed by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized, meaning she has been "raised to the full honors of the altar," by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. She is the first Native American saint. Her feast day is July 14.

Read about the life of Kateri in the library or online and then take an online tour of her shrine at www.katerishrine.com. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is often pictured holding a simple cross made of two sticks tied together. If you do not have a cross in your bedroom you might make one like hers.

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