



CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE LENDING LIBRARY

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Our Mission

To provide Christian resources that will spark spiritual growth and development for every St. Luke parishioner.



Our Community Library Policies

Our Lending Library works on the honor system. Choose a book that you are interested in reading, log it out on the sign-out sheet and once read, return the book in the BOOK RETURN basket.

- Books can be signed out for up to a month, but we ask that you return them once read (extended time frame allowed for Lent and Advent book selections).
- Because we are a small library with a limited number of books, we ask that you only take one book out at a time.
- Each book contains a Lending Library bookmark. There is a space at the top of the bookmark where you can write the date that the book should be returned by.
- Please do not underline, highlight or write in the books.

We honor you by providing the best of Catholic reading. Please honor us by returning the books promptly so that they can be shared among all parishioners.

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The Forgotten Language - How Recovering the Poetics of the Mass Will Change Our Lives

by Rev. Michael Rennier

Poetics is a forgotten language that represents the art of living. For the Christian, it also demonstrates the art of learning to live as a saint, exploring what it means to claim that God is remaking us through grace.

This delicate and delightful book is the meditation of a man who is moving uncertainly from chaos toward beauty and is seeking to connect earth to Heaven—and who found the poetry hidden in the form and beauty of the Mass, and of life itself.

With profound insights, Fr. Rennier illuminates the things of earth with the eyes of Heaven. He will help you add shape, structure, and heart to your prayer life as he reflects upon the meaning behind the actions in the Mass, the sacred objects, and the sacramentality we find in daily life.

The Rocking Chair Prophet

by Matthew Kelly

Latest Release from
Matthew Kelly!

Listening to that voice is the difference between happiness and misery, wonderful memories and heartrending regrets. *The Rocking Chair Prophet* is a transformational story about reclaiming that voice and the unmitigated joy that comes from following it.

The Rocking Chair Prophet is a rich exploration of life and the human condition. It's an invitation to rediscover yourself and reorient your life. Matthew Kelly has masterfully woven into the story a piercing wisdom that is thought-provoking on a life-changing scale. It is stunning that one book can have something so meaningful to say on so many topics. This is destined to be a book readers return to time and time again, a book that speaks to us anew in every season of life.

July's Devotion: The Virgin Mary

The Most Precious Blood of Jesus

The month of July traditionally honors the **Most Precious Blood of Jesus**. It is the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from sin-- therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power.

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

July Dates to Remember

- 07/01/23: St. Junipero Serra-Patron of Missionaries
- 07/03/23: St. Thomas the Apostle-Patron of Architects
- 07/06/23: St. Maria Goretti-Patron of Teenage Girls, Purity
- 07/11/23: St. Benedict-Patron of Temptations, Dying
- 07/12/23: Sts. Louis & Zélie Martin-Patron of Married Couples
- 07/14/23: St. Kateri Tekakwitha-Patron of Orphans
- 07/15/23: St. Bonaventure-Patron of Intestinal Problems
- 07/22/23: St. Mary Magdalene-Patron of Women
- 07/23/23: St. Bridget of Sweden-Patron of Widows
- 07/25/23: St. James the Apostle-Patron of Equestrians
- 07/26/23: Sts. Joachim & Anne-Patron of Grandparents
- 07/29/23: St. Martha-Patron of Cooks
- 07/31/23: St. Ignatius of Loyola-Patron of Educators

St. Anthony of Padua



This statue is located at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, Maryland.

One day, a heretic told Anthony that he would believe that Christ was truly present in the Eucharist only if his mule bowed down to it.

They established that the test should take place in three days. The heretic starved his mule for the next three days. When the appointed time had arrived, Anthony stood off to one side with the consecrated host in his hands, while the heretic stood to the other holding some fodder for the mule to eat. The mule, ignoring its own extreme hunger, went before the Eucharist and knelt down to adore the Blessed Sacrament.

There are many other miracles associated with Anthony's ministry, but they should not distract our attention from the fact that most of Anthony's ministry was performed in simple everyday ways. It was his fervent life style, his prayer, his gentleness, his humble use of his great learning that brought people to conversion.

So the question is ... if a mule believes in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, how can we not believe?

Ordinary Time is Anything But Ordinary

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and miracles while on this earth.

Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods:

- The first span of Ordinary Time begins on Monday after the Sunday following January 6th, and continues until Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.
- The second span of Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after Pentecost and ends before evening prayer of the First Sunday of Advent.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is not special or less significant but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent).

The season of Ordinary Time that occurs in the warmer months may prompt us to link our daily prayers with the enjoyment of nature: pray outdoors when taking a walk, wake up early and enjoy the sunrise and Morning Prayer (*Lauds*), or incorporate a family prayer time, such as the Rosary on summer outings.

The goal of Ordinary Time is to order our life to Christ's so create new family rituals to keep your faith vibrant!

August's Monthly Devotion:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

During the Fatima July apparition, Our Lady gave the children a short prayer to say often, especially while making a sacrifice to save sinners:

"O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

The Pope's Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

August Dates to Remember

- 08/01/23: St. Alphonsus Liguori-Patron of those suffering from Arthritis
- 08/02/23: St. Peter Julian Eymard-Patron of devotion to Holy Eucharist
- 08/04/23: St. John Vianney-Patron of the Poor
- 08/06/23: Transfiguration of the Lord**
- 08/08/23: St. Dominic-Patron of Astronomers
- 08/11/23: St. Clare of Assisi-Patron of Eye Disease
- 08/14/23: St. Maximilian Kolbe-Patron of Families
- 08/15/23: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity-Holy Day of Obligation)**
- 08/22/23: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 08/23/23: St. Rose of Lima-Patron of Gardeners
- 08/28/23: St. Augustine-Patron of Theologians