

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Prayer

Teach us, O Saint Joseph,
to fulfill our daily tasks with perfection,
to work for God and not only for people,
with care and honesty,
and to accept contradiction and rejoicing
in a Christian spirit.

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1. Take a visit to Saint Joseph's Oratory using the link below
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Joseph%27s_Oratory
2. View a video of Saint Joseph's Oratory:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Joseph%27s_Oratory



Dear Friend of Lent

Put on a hair shirt,
chains with handy whips
at the ready.
If the hair shirt itches,
refrain from screaming “Ouch!”

Recall the monk who loved sausage.
So for Lent what did he do?
Hung one over his desk
to bid his sins adieu!

Week after week he salivated,
and for Easter he patiently waited.
Good Friday came with sorrow galore,
and the monk went berserk and ate the
sausage,
screaming, MORE, MORE, MORE!

The moral? I never *sausage* an event!

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—
a timeless formula for loving God
and loving my neighbor as myself.

The gospel states in Matthew:
“Beware of practicing your piety
before others in order to be seen...
do not look dismal...your Father,
who sees in secret,
will reward you.”

—**Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC**



REPORT FROM ST. ANDRE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON BROTHER CHARLES DREVON'S SUPPORT



1. INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS

St. Brother Andre Senior High School in Ghana is an educational institution established in 2017 and conducted by Brothers of Holy Cross. The school trains both local and international students in the tradition of Holy Cross.

The school has modern infrastructure and amenities ...

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STUDENTS VISIT HOLY CROSS IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

In February, students and chaperones from Archbishop Hoban High School visited La Luz, a sister parish of Santa Cruz in Monterrey, Mexico.

Students spent seven days following Padre Pedro Carreño, C.S.C., and Padre Armando. The young adult groups (ages 13-35) from La Luz parish had a dinner and meet-and-greet to welcome the travelers.

Hoban students sorted and passed out non-perishable foods to those in need from the community at San Matias Church. They delivered the food to homes of parishioners who could not make it to the church themselves and spoke with these community members to learn about their lives.

Students prepared a party for younger children in PSR classes at San Matias church, bringing stickers, coloring books and coloring supplies to play with the kids and to send home with them. Students had the opportunity to view the different programs offered by the churches, like medical services, Bible study, and even had a day to tour Monterrey and take in its beauty as well as to eat at some local “taquerías.”

Each evening the group had time to reflect on the day’s events at Mass with Padre Pedro. Students were able to use their Spanish skills to communicate and to learn about the people and the community of La Luz.

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**Bible Study Group
LaLuz 2024**



**Reflection
Padre Pedro
end-of-day**

Party for PSR class



Young Adult Group Welcomes Hoban

Holy Cross Maple Syrup

Columba Hall has benefited from the collection of syrup from the sugar maple trees that can be seen near the hall. Below is a picture of Columba Hall's kitchen manager, Chef Gail Pursell, holding a bottle of Holy Cross Maple Syrup.

Check out the Notre Dame Magazine article, **What It Boils Down To**, by clicking the link below.

<https://magazine.nd.edu/stories/what-it-boils-down-to/>

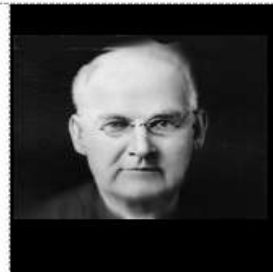


Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

Servant of God

Website

<https://brothercolumba.com/>



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Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Nicodemus

As cited in Evangelist John's Gospel, Nicodemus, leader of the Jews and a Pharisee, has three encounters with Jesus. In each he appears to evidence, unlike his colleagues, a more receptivity toward Jesus and His preaching and good works.

During the first encounter (John 3; 1-21), Nicodemus approaches Jesus late at night and asks Him about spiritual rebirth. Although Nicodemus listens attentively, he seems to experience difficulty in adequately understanding Jesus' explanations.



The second encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus occurs on the Feast of Tabernacles in the Temple area when Jesus, placed at great risk by a crowd agitated by the presence of His adversaries, is seriously challenged about His authority to preach (John 7:1-53).



Nicodemus comes to Jesus' defense, arguing that all should consider fairness in their judgment, saying, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" (John 7:51). In this instance, Nicodemus here may very likely be seeking a firmer confirmation of his own growing belief in Jesus..

The third and final encounter of Jesus and Nicodemus takes place at the burial of Jesus. The following citation from John 19:39-40 describes Nicodemus' role; "Nicodemus, the one who had come to Him at night, also came bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial clothes and also with the spices . . .," a gesture which has been interpreted as a complete conversion on Nicodemus' part and eventual discipleship.



According to the Roman Martyrology Nicodemus is venerated as a saint in both the Western and Eastern rites of the Catholic Church. The discovery of his remains is commemorated on August 3rd.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Prophetic Dialog

Who are the prophets of our times? Are they not those who can read the signs of the times and relate what is happening now to the eternal truths that are always basic? They call us to reach out to the needs of all of humanity and express these truths in new ways that speak with relevance to people today. Who are today's prophets? Do not all of us share in a prophetic role? At our baptism we received the charisms of being priest, prophet, and king. Each of us has our own truth to share. It becomes wisdom when we reflect on our experience and how God has worked in our lives. In dialog with others in the community and with the universal Church, we become a Church that is alive and can give direction and attract others to join us in our quest to bring about the kingdom of God.

Pope Francis has initiated a process called synodality in which all members could express what is important and needed in the Church today. Groups from around the world were asked to contribute. These contributions were expressed in a working paper which was reflected on at meetings in Rome and will be finalized and given to the Pope at the synod which will meet this fall. This process was not meant to change doctrine but to express it in new ways that help meet the needs of people today.

Pope Francis is calling us to an adult faith that goes beyond the old saying that the role of the laity is simply to pray, pay, and obey. Acknowledging our prophetic role brings about a new level of maturity.

- Are you aware of the charism given to you at your baptism?
- Do you feel the role of the laity goes beyond the saying, "pray, pay, and obey?"
- How do you express your thoughts about the Church?

O God, give me an understanding of how to activate my prophetic charism.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



On this auspicious day, may joy and love guide you.
~Anonymous

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