

# MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

## Spirituality Ponderings

### Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us continue our efforts to deepen our relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### St John Vianney:

"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do."

#### Our Lady of Vocations:

This title of Mary comes to the Church from the Rogationists Fathers and the Daughters of Divine Zeal whose primary focus (apostolate) is the promotion of vocation. Their founder, St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, founded these religious orders. There are many images of the Blessed Virgin Mary that fall under this title of Mary. Most of them deal with Mary inspiring and protecting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Archbishop Carlson has stated on a couple of different occasions that if each parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis would produce one seminarian every ten years, the shortage of priests would come to an end in our Archdiocese. (Please note that this is one seminarian and not one priest). We would think that each parish could produce one seminarian every ten years but sadly we are not. We therefore too should pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary to help increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We

can also help increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life by praying by name for an individual who we think maybe a good priest, inviting and supporting our young people to think about the priesthood and religious life, and by letting people know how much you value the Sacraments.

#### Prayer For Vocations:

Hail Mary, full of grace; all generations call you blessed. Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel to bear the Son of the Most High, filled with faith, you responded: "Let it be done unto me." Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana, you prompted your Son to perform his first sign. Be with us as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Holy Mother of the Savior, at the foot of the cross you mourned the death of your only Son. Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, turn your motherly care to this nation. Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the harvest in this land dedicated to your honor. Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the Sick, inspire vocations in our time.

Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim the

good news of everlasting life. Amen.



#### Prayer for Vocations:

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world! We humbly beg of Thee to manifest in Thy Church the Spirit Whom Thou didst so abundantly bestow upon Thy Apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy priesthood And to the religious life. And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen; may they be saints in Thy likeness, and may thy Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us priests and religious according to Thine own Heart! O Mary, Mother of Jesus! Obtain for fervent souls the grace to hear and the courage to follow thy Divine Son in the path of religious perfection. Queen of Apostles, pray for us. Queen of Virgins, pray for us

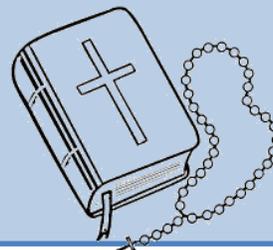
## Breaking Open the Word

**October 15, 2017 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 142 Gospel MT 22:1-14**

**Spiritual Reflection:** Country singer Kenny Chesney has a song entitled "Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven..." and the refrain goes as following: "Everybody wants to go to heaven - Have a mansion high above the clouds - Everybody want to go to heaven - But nobody want to go now." When we feel like this, it is because we do not truly understand what heaven is like. Heaven is not a place where all our earthly pleasures are fulfilled because even if we had all earthly pleasures fulfilled we would still be empty. Heaven is the place where we are simply loved for who we are.

### **Spiritual Questions**

1. What prevents you from wanting to go to heaven at this moment?
2. What is your image of heaven?
3. How does the Mass give us a glimpse of heaven?
4. What would it feel like to be totally assured that everyone loved you for you who you were?
5. How can you bring about heaven here on earth?



## Prayers for the Week

### **A couple of prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

THE PRAYER A SALUTATION TO MARY

(by St. John Eudes, C. J. M.)

Hail Mary, Daughter of God the Father;  
Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son;  
Hail Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost;  
Hail Mary, Temple of the Most Holy Trinity.  
Hail Mary, white Lilly of the resplendent and ever  
unchanging Trinity.  
Hail Mary, red Rose of Paradise.  
Hail Mary, Virgin full of sweetness and humility,  
from whom the King of Heaven willed to be  
born and to suckle at the breast.  
Hail Mary, Virgin of virgins.  
Hail Mary, Queen of martyrs, who spent  
Thy life for Heaven while on this earth.  
Hail Mary, Queen of my heart, my sweetness,  
my life and my entire hope.  
Hail Mary, Mother most amiable.  
Hail Mary, Mother most admirable.  
Hail Mary, Mother of fair love.  
Hail Mary, Mother of mercy.  
Hail Mary, conceived without sin.

Thou art full of grace,  
the Lord is with Thee;  
blessed art Thou among all women,  
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.

Blessed be Thy  
spouse, Saint  
Joseph.  
Blessed be Thy  
father, Saint  
Joachim.  
Blessed be Thy  
mother, Saint  
Anne.  
Blessed be Thy  
adopted son,  
Saint John.  
Blessed be Thy  
angel, Saint  
Gabriel.  
Blessed be the  
Eternal Father  
who elected Thee.  
Blessed be Thy Son, who has loved Thee.  
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, who has espoused  
Thee.  
And blessed forever be those who love Thee  
and bless Thee.  
O Blessed Virgin, bless us all, in the Name of Thy  
dear Son. Amen.



## A PRAYER OF ATONEMENT FOR NEGLECTING TO HONOR MARY.

Lord, forgive all reviling of Mary's name!  
We beseech Thee, hear us!  
Lord, forgive all contempt of her Immaculate Conception!  
We beseech Thee, hear us!  
Lord, forgive all coldness in the honoring of Mary!  
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Lord, forgive all contempt of Mary's pictures!  
We beseech Thee, hear us!  
Lord, forgive all neglect of the Holy Rosary!  
We beseech Thee, hear us!

Lord, forgive all indifference to Mary's Motherly love!

## Quotes of the Week – Quotes About Seven Deadly Sins

There is no sin nor wrong that gives man such a foretaste of Hell in this life as anger and impatience. - St. Catherine of Siena

It is almost certain that excess in eating is the cause of almost all the diseases of the body, but its effects on the soul are even more disastrous. - St. Alphonsus Liguori

This deadly cancer of anger from which so much harm grows: It makes us unlike ourselves, makes us like timber wolves or furies from Hell, drives us forth headlong upon the points of swords, makes us blindly run forth after other men's destruction as we hasten toward our own ruin. - St. Thomas More

Never rise from the table without having given due thanks to the Lord. If we act in this way, we need have no fear of the wretched sin of gluttony. - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. - St. Francis of Paola



## Catholic Trivia



### Last Week's Answers

Identify these Biblical Characters

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1. St. Paul                      2. Abraham and Isaac  
 3. Elijah and Elisha        4. Moses



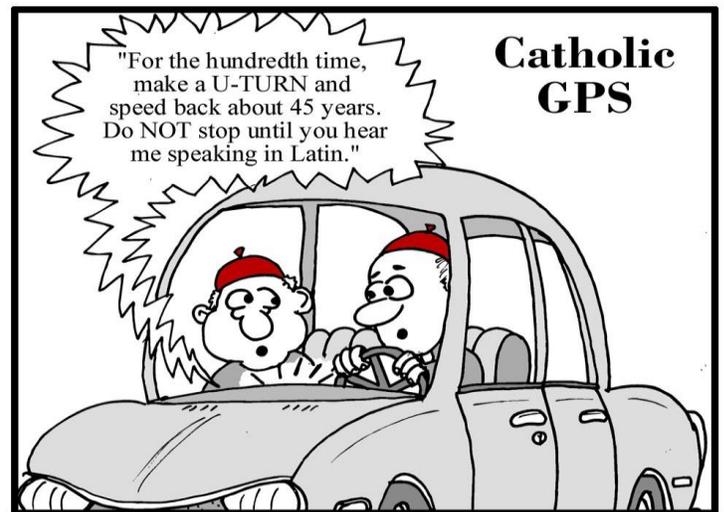
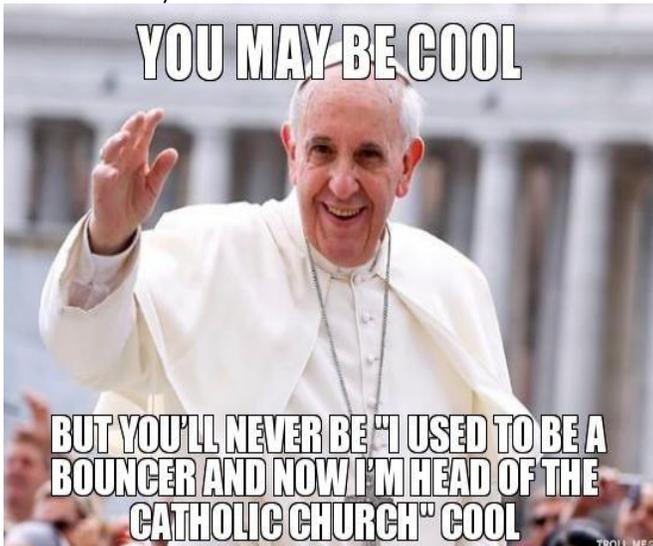
### This Week's Questions

Identify these Biblical Characters

1. What did St. Joseph in the Old Testament and St. Joseph in the New Testament have in common?
2. Who led the Israelites in rebuilding the Temple after the Jewish Exile?
3. Who was the Roman Emperor at the time of the Annunciation?
4. What was the name of John and James' father?

## Catholic Humor

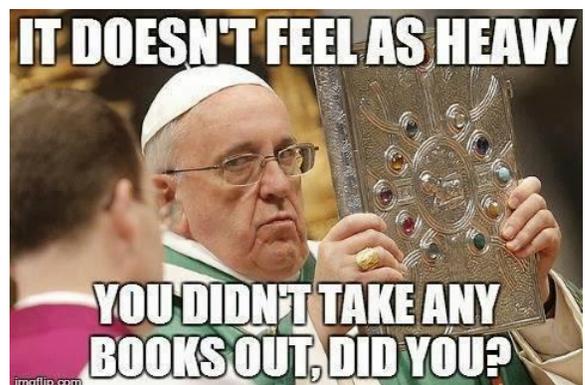
Some Funny Catholic Meme's



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## Saint Monica Society Prayer For October

O Jesus, Good Shepherd, You heal the sick and needy. I pray to You for all those people in my life who suffer from a lack of faith in You. You know what it is like to endure pain for them. Look kindly on them today and heal them. Restore them to your Church.

Give Your gift of wisdom to them so that they may come to know your divine truths. I pray that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do today even if they do not realize it. Bless them so that their hands will become Your hands even if they do not acknowledge You. Bless, in a special way those souls that are closest to death. O Jesus, grant us all Your healing grace of love and peace. Amen.

### **St. Monica Society**

Please join us in praying a special prayer each month for Catholics who have fallen away from their faith.

## Pro-Life Corner

Pro-Life Quote: I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born. —Ronald Reagan

### **Prayer for Those who have Lost a Child to Abortion by Fr. Frank Pavone**

Lord of all Life, You have entrusted us to the care of one another, And called us to be one Body in Christ. You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice, And to weep with those who weep. Hear our prayer today For our brothers and sisters who have lost children to abortion. Help us to understand The pain that is in their hearts, And to be a living sign to them Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing. Help them to undergo

with courage The process of grief and the journey of healing. Never allow them to feel alone; Always refresh them with the presence of Your Spirit And of their brothers and sisters in Christ. Console them with the sure hope That you love and care for their children. Give them new strength, That even while they grieve what they have lost, They may look forward to all the good That you still have in store for them. Lord of healing and hope, Give us all the forgiveness of our sins, And the joy of your salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen