

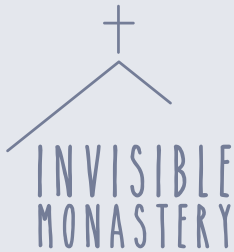


ST TERESA OF AVILA

THE *Summer* EDITION

JULY 15, 2018

WEEKEND MASSES: SAT 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM SUN 7:30 AM, 9AM, 10:30 AM, 12PM (Bi-lingual), 5 PM **DAILY LITURGIES:** MON - FRI 7 AM, 8:30 AM
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON, WED, THURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm TUES 8:30 am - 7pm FRI 8:30 am - 1pm SAT & SUN closed



Invisible Monastery is a weekly, summer series on spiritual themes. Each week, the STA bulletin will offer a group of materials based on a particular theme to help our parishioners reflect, meditate, and ponder. Summer often creates so many distractions, so Invisible Monastery can be an simple way to remind ourselves that God needs space in our busy lives. Indeed, that private time of reflection and meditation can be a wonderful way to reevaluate what gifts and themes are most impactful in our lives. By doing this, we become closer to the Lord and learn to appreciate His generosity more.

WEEK 2 SUFFERING

An Acceptance of Suffering by Bert Chezzi
published on LoyolaPress.com

We are tempted to believe that just by being good Christians we can make suffering go away. We imagine that God's promise of blessing means that he will spare us all pain. But it doesn't work that way. Jesus made suffering a normal part of the Christian life. He promised his disciples multiple blessings, but tacked onto the end of the good things he said they could expect was a promise of suffering: "There is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times as much, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land—and persecutions too—now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30). So suffering is not an option for Christians. It's a guarantee.

At root, the word suffering means enduring pain or distress, sustaining loss or damage, being subject to disability or sickness, and

ultimately submitting to death. It comes in all shapes. Daily nuisances frustrate us. Repeated failures discourage us. Bills we cannot pay pressure us. A disintegrating relationship racks us. Depression defeats us. Violence wounds us or harms a loved one. Illness ravages us or overtakes a family member. Suffering afflicts everybody.

Jesus not only promised suffering; he also made bearing personal crosses a daily requirement for all of his followers (see Luke 9:23, NIV). Making the sign of the cross proclaims our yes to this condition of discipleship. When we sign ourselves we are taking up our cross and accepting whatever suffering comes our way. With that ancient gesture we are saying that we welcome suffering on God's terms. And we are subordinating our will—that would rather not endure pain—to God, just as Jesus subordinated his will to his Father when he gave himself to the cross. So tracing Christ's cross over our body has serious consequences.

Safety in the Shadow of His Wings

Christians attempt to comfort sufferers by touting the benefits of suffering. "Suffering builds character," we say. "I don't want character," says the sufferer. "I want relief." Then come the inevitable questions: "Why does God let bad things happen?" and "Where is God when it hurts?"

The care that parents give their children suggests answers to both questions. For example, suppose a seven-year-old girl is taking her first ride on a bicycle. Her father, running alongside her, sees that she is about to hit a rough spot on the road but restrains his impulse to reach out and steady the bike. The dad wants his little girl to learn how to ride with confidence, so he does not prevent her fall. When the bike bounces off the bump, the girl panics, tumbles to the pavement, and scrapes her elbow and knee. The dad scoops her up into his arms and comforts her. Then he carries her into the house, cleans and dresses her scratches, holds her on his lap, and tells her a favorite story.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 14

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † Jack McCarthy and the Egan Family

Sunday, July 15

7:30 am † John & Mary Tanaskovic
9:00 am † Patrick Faccia
10:30 am † Carmen Massaro
12:00 pm † Rosa Minerva Duran
& People of the Parish
5:00 pm † Thomas Mignano

Monday, July 16

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

7:00 am † Charles Thomas
8:30 am † Ruth Pedler

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 am † John Jacobovics
8:30 am † Mike Kane

Wednesday, July 18 ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

7:00 am † The Taylor Family
8:30 am † Thomas Corrigan

Thursday, July 19

7:00 am † James Corscadden
8:30 am † Ralph Dellanno Sr

Friday, July 20

7:00 am † Marie Dunne
8:30 pm † Patrick Flanagan

Saturday, July 21

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † John Peter Puttress

Sunday, July 22

7:30 am † Jane Sauchelli
9:00 am † Letizia Cavallaro
10:30 am † Annie Doogan
12:00 pm † Manuel Sobral
& People of the Parish
5:00 pm † Lucy Carroll

"To Everything there is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A TIME TO BE HEALED" Parish sick:

Angela Amoia, Henry Finelli,
Judy Koziatek, Ryan LaPoff, Frances Larsen,
Jinovan Longa, Josephine Mancuso,
Rev Paul Manning, Brenda Nobil, Mary O'Cello,
James Verducci, William Witfield

"A TIME TO MOURN" Recently deceased:

May all the faithful departed rest in peace

God is like that dad. He lets us navigate our way, but he stays alongside us. He does not prevent bad things from happening because he wants us to learn to deal confidently with hardship. But when we suffer, God scoops us up and stays with us. He shares our pain, sustains us, and consoles us.

That's the message of the cross, and signing ourselves opens us to hearing it. God's only Son became a man in Christ. In his human nature, God himself suffered rejection, humiliation, ridicule, abandonment, buffetings, scourging, crucifixion, and death. He embraced suffering as a man so that he could comfort us in our suffering.

When we make the sign of the cross we invite the Lord to join us in our suffering. We touch our forehead and move down to our breast, telling the Lord with this gesture that we want him to bend down to us. Then we cross our shoulders in a movement that asks him to support us—to shoulder us—in our suffering. In many psalms, David sings of taking refuge beneath the Lord's wings, which the Church Fathers understood as a prophecy of our finding safety in the shadow

of his crucified arms (see Psalms 17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 63:7). The Lord's outstretched arms pledge that he understands our suffering and shares it with us.

Just as the psalms anticipate the grace of Christ's crucifixion, the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy provided another foreshadowing of the cross as a place of refuge. It reported Moses' farewell address, in which he seemed to describe the silhouette of the cross in the far distance. He assured Israel that the arms of the Lord would uphold them through all their troubles: "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27, RSV).

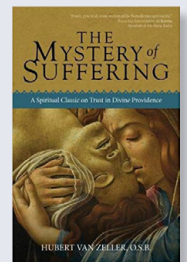
Today we see the cross clearly as a sign of God's mercy and consolation. I take advantage of the grace and support the Lord offers me with his outstretched arms. When trouble strikes, I sign myself often, saying, "Lord, scoop me up in your everlasting arms, carry me through this trial, and comfort me." Strengthened by his response to that simple gesture and prayer, I find the hardship endurable.

Prayer to Fourteen Holy Helpers:

Great princes and princesses of Heaven, Holy Helpers, who sacrificed to God all your earthly possessions, wealth, enjoyments, and even life, and who now are crowned in Heaven in the secure delight of eternal bliss and glory, have compassion on me, a poor sinner in this valley of tears. Obtain for me from God, Who loves you and for Whom you gave up all things, the strength to bear patiently all the trials of this life, to overcome all temptations, and to persevere in God's service to the end. So that, one day, I too may be received into your company, to praise and glorify Him, the supreme Lord, Whose beatific vision you enjoy, and Whom you praise and glorify for ever. Amen.

BOOK SUGGESTION:

The Mystery of Suffering
by Hubert van Zeller
via Ave Maria Press



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with follow-up sessions. The next weekend is August 24-26, 2018. **For more information please call: Family Life Office: 732.562.1990 ext. 4573 To register call: Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732.236.0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org**

St Teresa of Avila Apostolate of Mary invites the parish community to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** with a **HOLY HOUR** and **Investiture and Blessing of the Brown Scapular** on **Monday, July 16** from **7:30 pm - 8:30 pm.**

We will participate in a recitation of the Rosary and have the blessing and investiture of the brown scapular.



Congratulations Joseph & Balbiany!

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