

Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the warm welcome you extended to **Deacon John Brannen** of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, last weekend. He remarked at how hospitable you were as a community and how grateful he was to visit Saint Alexander. If you weren't able to make an offering last weekend to support the important work of the Church in Appalachia, there is still time! **Make checks payable to Saint Alexander's Church and write "Mission Appeal" in the memo line.** Those offerings can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please mark your calendars now for a few upcoming events. First, I am inviting you to the October session of **Theology Uncorked**, which has become a popular adult faith formation series here in Warren. We will gather on **Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30pm** in the lower church of Saint Mary of the Bay for a wine and cheese reception (other food and drink options available!) and to listen to a presentation on the **Catholic literary imagination**. Daniel McQuillan, who teaches literature at Portsmouth Abbey School, will be our guest speaker. At the September gathering of Theology Uncorked, I was pleased to see a number of faces from Saint Alexander. I hope you will consider joining us for wine, food and discussion on an interesting topic!

Next, on **Wednesday, October 12, at 7pm**, we'll be hosting the first of what will be a **monthly traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour** here at Saint Alexander. I hope you will join us for some reflective time spent before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

Lastly, please mark your calendars for an **open, parish-wide meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30pm** in the main church. With Fr. Masello's retirement and change coming—as it did—at an unexpected pace, people have had questions about the status of our parish and its operations. Others have expressed a desire simply to meet me as your new administrator in a less formal setting than weekend Mass. I hope we'll be able to discuss operations and to get to know one another better as we move ahead together in the fulfillment of our mission as a parish family. If you know of someone who hasn't been attending Mass at Saint Alexander, but might be interested in our conversation, please give them a head's up and invite them to join us. I'll be looking forward to it!

Until next week,

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am
Saint Alexander

Saturday Vigil at 4pm
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay

Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay

Holy Days as Announced



TRUSTEES & AUDITORS

Nancy Urban, Trustee
John Saviano, Trustee
Patricia Dugan, Auditor
John Flynn, Auditor

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

October 2, 2022

9am: Anthony F. Urban
45th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by his loving wife, Nancy

October 9, 2022

9am: John & Karolina Karcz
Requested by Anonymous

∞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ∞



Bruno, born in 1030, is also known as Saint Bruno the Carthusian for the monastic order he founded. He studied in Reims and was ordained in Cologne in 1055. In 1057 he went back to Reims to lead the school, a post he kept for almost 20 years. He was made chancellor of the church of Reims in 1075 but left soon after in protest of the behavior of new bishop Manasses de Gournai who

was finally deposed in 1080. Bruno refused the nomination to replace de Gournai as it was his intention to retire to live in solitude and prayer. He had a vision in a dream to go with Bishop (later Saint) Hugh of Grenoble. Bruno, Hugh, and five other religious settled at Chartreuse and founded the Carthusian order in 1084.

This first period of monastic life was not to last long. Bruno was called to help Urban II, a former student of his, against the antipope Guibert of Ravenna and the hostile Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV. While working with Urban II, he rejected another offer to become bishop, this time of Calabria. Eventually Bruno was allowed to return to monastic life. Count Roger of Sicily and Calabria befriended Bruno and the monks of his order, granting them the land where they founded St. Mary's at La Torre. The order was known for its strict asceticism, poverty, and prayer and its unique organization combining the life of the hermit with that of the collective life of traditional monks.

Saint Bruno wrote several commentaries on the psalms and on St. Paul's epistles. He died on October 6, 1101, and was never formally canonized because his order renounces all public honors. However, Pope Leo X gave permission for Carthusians to celebrate his feast in 1514 and his name was added to the Roman calendar in 1623.

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

From today's First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

Consider: **The prophet Habakkuk complained to the Lord about the violence and misery that existed in his time. In response, the Lord instructed Habakkuk to record the vision he sent him, and to be patient in waiting for its fulfillment. Where are you waiting for the Lord's vision or direction in your life?**

From today's Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord. (2 Tm 1:7-8)

Consider: **Paul urges Timothy to see his life and work as a model for passing on the faith, especially in times of hardship. Where do you feel it is hardest to talk about Jesus in your life?**

From today's Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17: 6)

Consider: **When the apostles ask Jesus to "increase our faith," Jesus challenges them to adopt the attitude of a servant. How do you think being a loyal servant to the Lord can increase your faith?**

