

The Eagle's Nest

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Come Fly With Me



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we welcome the month of July, let us thank God for the gift of each new day.

Every sunrise is a

reminder of His faithfulness, His mercy, and the many opportunities He gives us to grow closer to Him. No matter what yesterday may have held, God continues to call us forward with hope, grace, and renewed purpose.

Our relationship with God is strengthened through prayer, trust, and a willing heart. Even in life's busiest moments, He invites us to pause, listen to His voice, and place our confidence in His loving care. As we open our hearts to Him, He gently shapes us into the people He created us to be, guiding us to live lives of faith, kindness, and compassion.

Jesus reminds us, "Remain in my love." (*John 15:9*). When we remain close to Him, we find the strength, peace, and joy to face whatever lies ahead. His love gives us hope, His mercy renews us, and His presence reminds us that we are never alone.

May this month draw you closer to Christ, strengthen your faith, and fill your heart with His peace, joy, and abundant blessings.

~Fr. Samy, Spiritual Director~

Founder's Message



The Sacraments – Part 3

(Continuation from our February 2026 issue on the Sacraments)

a) Holy Orders:

It is the sacrament of

apostolic ministry through which the mission entrusted by Christ to His Apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. It includes three degrees of Orders: the episcopate (*ordo episcoporum*), the presbyterate (*ordo presbyterorum*), and the diaconate (*ordo diaconorum*). Integration into the Order of bishops, presbyters, or deacons is through a rite called **Ordination** (also called **Consecration**) by the laying on of hands by the bishop. This confers the gift of the Holy Spirit, through which the authority of Christ Himself for His Church is bestowed upon them (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1536–1538; Matthew 16:18; John 20:22–23; 2 Timothy 1:6*).

Because "...there is one mediator between God and men..." (1 Timothy 2:5), and Christ is the "...high priest after the order of Melchizedek..." (Hebrews 5:10; Genesis 14:18), only Christ is the true Priest. Those who receive Holy Orders are His ministers, who act in persona Christi Capitis on behalf of men in relation to God (Hebrews 5:1–6),

In Focus

This month invites us to grow in holiness

Grow closer to Christ through lives of faith, prayer, and love. Holiness is not about being perfect—it is about trusting God, choosing what is right, and following Him each day. As we seek His will through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of kindness, we become a light to those around us. Every small step of faith draws us closer to God and strengthens our witness to others. May we embrace each day as an opportunity to grow in His grace and reflect His love in all that we do.

Fellowship Corner

June Recap: An Evening of Praise and Worship

Our June Faith & Fellowship Night was a beautiful time of coming together in prayer, worship, and fellowship through Zoom. Although we gathered virtually, our hearts were united as we lifted our voices in praise, prayed for one another, and experienced God's presence in a special way.

It was a wonderful reminder that the Church is not defined by a building, but by people joined together in faith and love. We are grateful to everyone who participated and look forward to growing together as a community, one prayer at a time.

Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry



Saint of the Month – St. Maria Goretti

Feast Day: July 6
St. Maria Goretti was born in 1890 in Corinaldo, Italy.

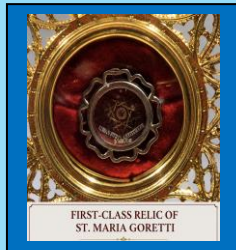
Even as a young girl, she was known for her deep love of God, her kindness, and her remarkable maturity. She spent time in prayer, loved the Blessed Mother, and carried a rosary with her wherever she went. Although she lived a simple life, her faith shone brightly and inspired those around her. At the age of twelve, Maria demonstrated extraordinary courage by choosing to remain faithful to God, even at the cost of her own life. Before she died on July 6, 1902, she offered one of the greatest examples of Christian forgiveness by praying for the man who had attacked her and expressing her desire that he one day be with her in Heaven.

Years later, her forgiveness touched the heart of Alessandro Serenelli. He experienced a profound conversion, sought forgiveness from Maria's family, and devoted the remainder of his life to God. Her witness reminds us that God's mercy has the power to transform even the hardest of hearts.

Today, St. Maria Goretti is remembered as a model of purity, courage, forgiveness, and unwavering faith. Her life teaches us that holiness is not measured by age but by a heart that trusts completely in God and chooses love over hatred. This month, we also reflect on the beautiful mural of St. Maria Goretti by Noah Buchanan, featured at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Alongside the mural, we share a photo of St. Maria Goretti's first-class relic as a reminder of her holy witness. Together, they invite us to reflect on her courage, forgiveness, and unwavering faith.

Historical information adapted from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mural artwork by Noah Buchanan.

~Andrea, Chairperson~



Founder's message continued.

as caput et membra—one Body.

b) Matrimony:

It is the matrimonial covenant by which a man and a woman establish a partnership of life for their mutual well-being, the procreation of children, and the education of their offspring. Indeed, man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). In the Book of Genesis, Adam proclaims that Eve is "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2:23).

Therefore, the couple is called to grow continually in communion through daily fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving (Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 5:27–28). This sacrament confers a matrimonial union between a man and a woman that is an indissoluble bond: "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6; Ephesians 5:26–32; Genesis 2:24).

~Vic Joseph, Founder~

1 Corinthians 12:27: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

Genesis 1:28: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it."

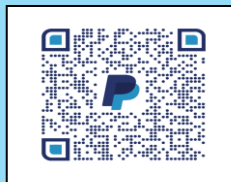
"Genesis 2:24: "Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh."

OUR PRAYER

Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.

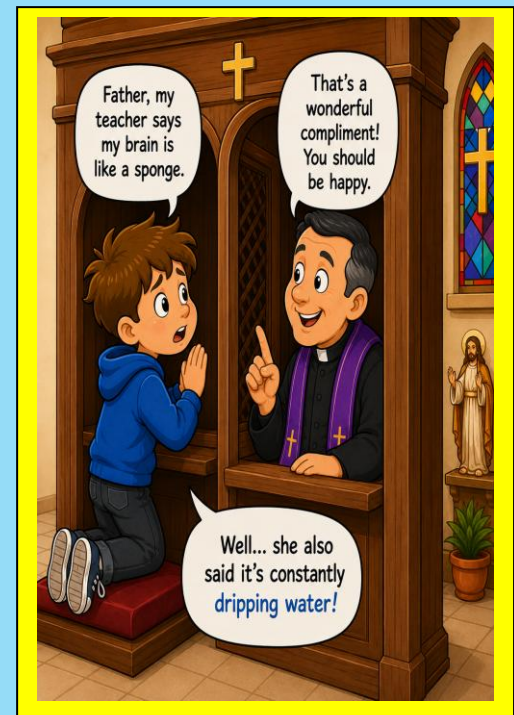
~Serviam~

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