

EPIPHANY

A detailed oil painting of a hand reaching out from a white, draped cloth. The hand is rendered with realistic shading and texture, showing the fingers and palm. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a wooden surface or a wall. The overall mood is one of invitation and care.

July 9, 2023

"Come to me,
all you who labor"

Fourteenth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

**“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”**

The “rest” Jesus is talking about isn’t still waters and green pastures. We don’t get to hand over all our responsibilities, all our duties, all our obligations and say, “Jesus, take the wheel.” This isn’t a “Let go, and let God” thing.

Because it is important that we not let go. Letting go means letting go of each other. And “each other” is a responsibility worthy of a yoke. We are the people of God. God’s beloved. All of us. No exceptions. And we have a yoke to bear and work to do.

Jesus’ yoke in Matthew’s gospel included healing the sick, raising the dead, driving out demons, feeding the hungry, including the outcast, forgiving the sinner, and loving everyone. This is the yoke of action, this is the burden of carrying each other.

It takes a community to carry this yoke. It takes each and every one of us supporting each other . We may not hear God’s literal voice, we may not see God’s literal hand, but that does not mean God is not in our story. God is in every person making our world a better place. God doesn’t want to be the only actor in this story. God expects us to act too. All that’s required is we do the best we can with what we have. Remember, we aren’t called to be successful. We are called to be faithful.

That’s where we find rest. We give up fighting to make sure everything is run our way. We throw off the back-breaking weight of fixing the world. We crush perfectionism with forgiveness. We strive for grace. We find our calm center, we claim the promise that we are God’s people, and we take a chance, trusting that failure is not fatal. Then we take each other by the hand, and we work on what’s right in front of us.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jul 09, 2023

The unexamined life is not liberating

Interested in ministering, healing, and caring? Intrigued by dream analysis, speaking in tongues, or miracles? Seeking transcendence or the art of meditation? Does your attention reside at the intersection of faith and psychology? If any of the above concern you, there's a Morton Kelsey book with your name on it. Episcopal priest, Jungian therapist, and prolific author, Kelsey notes that we're controlled by what we assume and have never thoughtfully considered: "You can't come to a new point of view until you realize what your brainwashing has been." Take the first step toward inner freedom. Review your assumptions.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."*

Monday, Jul 10, 2023

Don't let setbacks throw you

The first bishop of Denver, Joseph Machebeuf, who died on this day in 1889, was the basis for the character Joseph Vaillant in Willa Cather's 1927 novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Machebeuf was born in France and his character's French last name means "courageous"—for promoting the faith, in his case. In real life, Machebeuf was thrown from a carriage and disabled from his injuries, but went on to found schools and hospitals while overseeing the enormous growth of the Catholic population in Colorado. May his life inspire you to be valiant in overcoming challenges in your service to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023

The Bible according to Benedict

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product—the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s—embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labor (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the Library of Congress website.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"I have seen God face to face," he said."*

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023

Foundation for a just society

The Knights of Peter Claver was incorporated on this day in 1911, the fruit of a collaboration between three Josephite priests and three laymen in Mobile, Alabama. The black Catholic fraternal order was founded for African Americans in an age when much of the U.S. Church was still segregated and many Knights of Columbus councils refused to accept black members. Named for the historic Spanish Jesuit missionary to South America, the order has since gone on to incubate justice-minded Catholics in the United States and also in Saint Peter Claver's own mission base of

Colombia. The organization added a Ladies Auxiliary in 1922, which now outstrips the men in membership and activity. If you're interested in the intersection of the Catholic faith and social justice, support the Saint Peter Claver Foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Thursday, Jul 13, 2023

Let it reign

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one "right answer." How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Friday, Jul 14, 2023

A touch of faith

"She who gropes her way" is an English translation of the Mohawk name Tekakwitha, Saint Kateri's second given name. That epithet is likely related to the fact that an outbreak of smallpox left Kateri orphaned, scarred, and visually impaired at the age of 4. As Kateri felt her way through her short life, she experienced the glories of nature, the riches of Catholic teachings, and the dignity of every soul. With help from family, friends, and a host of strangers, she discovered her true calling: to dedicate her life to God and give voice to God's truths. Pray to Saint Kateri that your vocation becomes crystal clear.

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."*

Saturday, Jul 15, 2023

What we leave behind

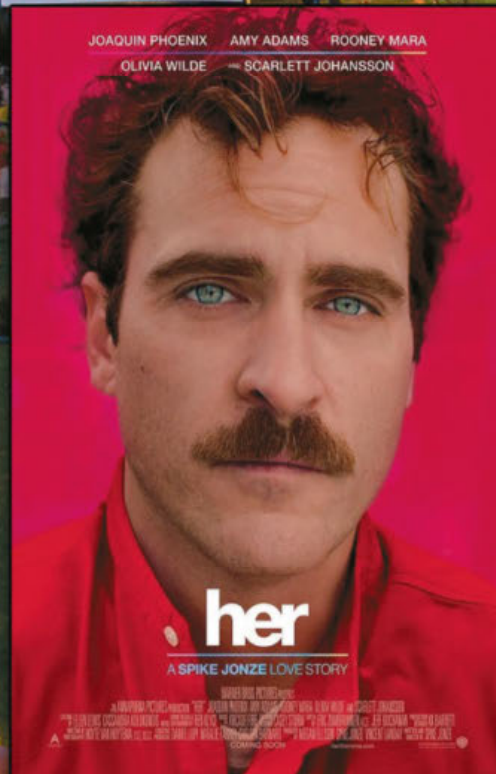
History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

Epiphany's Open Air Movie Night

July 15th at 8pm on the
Church plaza



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JUL 2 - JUL 9

EVENTS



11:00am Family Mass
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



9:00am Bible Camp
12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Medal novena
7:00pm Meeting God in the Dark



9:00am Bible Camp
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect



9:00am Bible Camp
12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word via Zoom



9:00am Bible Camp
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



9:00am Bible Camp
12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



4:00pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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\$41,300

We are required by NYC code compliance to effect a number of updates to our elevator. It will be a costly process - a real challenge for us. Please keep this in mind as you donate to Epiphany.

Sat/Sun, July 15-16

The Corona Self-Help center will speak at all Masses.

Dear Families,

The weekend of June 15-16, the Corona Self-Help Center will visit Epiphany to present a brief testimony and raise funds by offering religious t-shirts for sale. We are a not for profit mutual aid association. Our mission is to help individuals suffering with drug addiction by offering them our services free of charge. Our services are made possible through the help and support of the communities where we present our message of life & prevention.

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Educate Young Catholics

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 8

4:00pm Marie & Eugene Frein

Sunday, July 9

11:00am Robert Adams

7:30pm Mary Ann Sondag

Monday, July 10

12:10pm J. Courtney McGroarty, Jr.

Tuesday, July 11 *Memorial of Saint Benedict*

12:10pm Helen P. Brown & the Brown family

Wednesday, July 12

12:10pm George Memoly Jr.

Thursday, July 13

12:10pm Jack Warmbrand

Friday, July 14

12:10pm Lillian & Robert Gueydan

Saturday, July 15 *Memorial of Saint Bonaventure*

4:00pm Miguel Brzostovski

Sunday, July 16

11:00am King Phojanakong

7:30pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

Monday, July 17

12:10pm Joseph Skiba

Tuesday, July 18

12:10pm Ann Guglielmo

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