

EPIPHANY



August 7, 2022

**“Blessed are those
servants whom the
master finds vigilant
on his arrival”.**

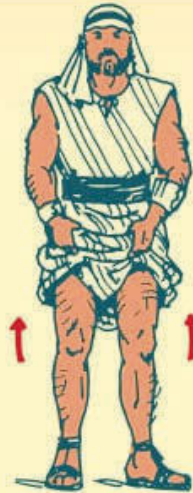
**Nineteenth
Sunday Of
Ordinary Time**

WELCOME to Epiphany

How to GIRD YOUR LOINS



1. The tunic wouldn't allow you to do heavy labor or fight in battle, necessitating the "girding" of one's loins.



2. First, hoist the tunic up so that all the fabric is above your knees. This will give you mobility.



3. Gather all the extra material in front of you, so that the back of the tunic is snug against your backside.

MAKING THE HOUSE READY FOR THE LORD

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice—it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? And I still believe you will come, Lord; You will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose. Know that really I am speaking to you wherever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon:
Come in. Come in.

~Mary Oliver



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Aug 07, 2022

Tap into the power of faith

"The power of faith is enormous," Church Father Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."*

Monday, Aug 08, 2022

Kick off your shoes

You may have seen the term *discalced* before—in the names of some religious orders, such as the Discalced Carmelites—and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for "unshod," or barefoot. Members of discalced orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic traveled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn't believe he'd convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up."*

Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022

Never forget

The United Nations designates today International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It's also the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta—a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun—is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II chose words that also pertain to marginalized indigenous populations: "I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!" Pray that this be so.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones."*

Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022

Seek the treasure that lasts forever

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. He followed the future Pope Sixtus II to Rome and was ordained a deacon after the pope's election in 257. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence—ordered to hand over the church's money—gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead,

calling them the "true treasures of the Church." He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

Focus on essentials, not the extras

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laser-focused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"*

Friday, Aug 12, 2022

Look on the bright side

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order of nuns, advised her followers to let go chronic guilt: "We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough." Accept your imperfections (you're human!) and take a moment to feel gratitude for the good in your life.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."*

Saturday, Aug 13, 2022

Make it a policy to help the widowed and orphaned

When Blessed Father Michael McGivney was a parish priest in Connecticut 150 years ago, he was moved by the plight of migrant families where the breadwinner had died and left a widow and young children without resources. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, to support these struggling families. McGivney devised an insurance plan for the Knights to administer that would pay families a death benefit. Today that insurance company is still going strong with more than 2 million policies representing \$100 billion in coverage. McGivney's feast day is today. Pray for his canonization.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Medal
Novena**



**12:10pm Mass
2:30 Prayer Corps
(zoom)**



**12:10pm Mass
12:40pm Our Lady of
Perpetual (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



**12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha**



**12:10 Mass
1:00pm Legions of Mary
6:30pm Sant'Egidio
Prayer Group (Church)
7:00pm Bubbly Beach Party**



4pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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Pray The Rosary Aug. 6 at 3:00pm

A deep prayer life and a commitment to an attitude of gratitude and joy can be contagious as we face the contentious atmosphere surrounding us in the world today. We offer the prayer that Mary gave us in gratitude for the new protections of the unborn and voiceless

Collections for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa Aug. 6-7

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize.

The Corona Self-Help Center Aug. 13-14th

The Corona Self Help Center Representatives will visit epiphany on Aug. 13-14th, and speak at the masses. Their mission is to rehabilitate people suffering from the consequences of Substance Use Disorders, focusing on their physical, mental and spiritual aspects by contributing to the individual's social and family reintegration in a dignified and efficient way.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6 *Feast of the transfiguration*
4:00pm Michael Gargiulo

Sunday, August 7
11:00am David Holmes
7:30pm Charles Marquardt

Monday, August 8 *Memorial of Saint Dominic*
12:10pm Loreto Xuereb

Tuesday, August 9
12:10pm Helen Verlin

Wednesday, August 10 *Feast of Saint Lawrence*
12:10pm James A. Verlin

Thursday, August 11 *Memorial of Saint Clare*
12:10pm Estelita Diomampo

Friday, August 12
12:10pm Mary & Edward Mallon

Saturday, August 13
4:00pm Charles Marin

Sunday, August 14
11:00am Sarah Marie Callahan
7:30pm God's blessings for Jeter Heaney

Monday, August 15 *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
12:10pm Ethel Barrett Dillon

Tuesday, August 16
12:10pm Josefina Tabile

**Sanctuary Lamp
August 7 - August 13**

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**May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace.**



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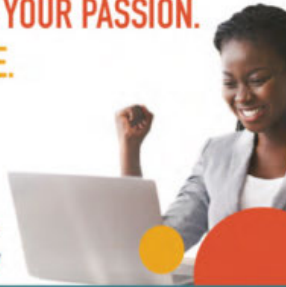
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