



## ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI ~ FEAST DAY JULY 21 CHILD PRODIGY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Imagine a kindergartener from your parish getting up to the lectern to preach about his faith so enthusiastically that it moves you to be a better Catholic. That was Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, who was considered a child prodigy for his intellect and his ability to capture an audience.

In his day, to honor the bible story of child Jesus preaching in the Temple, Italian boys would preach during the Christmas season in public. When Saint Lawrence was six years old, he delivered a heartwarming sermon on the Child Jesus in his cathedral, which “deeply affected” his congregation and theologians reported it inspired those in attendance to be more faithful Christians.

Saint Lawrence was the son of William and Elizabeth Russo, who named him Julius Caesare. Today we know him as one of only 36 Doctors of the Church for his influential research, study, and writings, which advance the Church’s knowledge and mission.

He was taught by the Capuchin friars and as a young teenager, after the death of his parents and encouragement from his uncle, Saint Lawrence chose to enter the Franciscan priesthood. He was incredibly smart and able to speak Latin, Hebrew, German, Syriac, Bohemian, Spanish, and French, in addition to his native Italian. He adored the Blessed Mother and credited that devotion to his intellectual strength and captivating preaching.

According to one account of his life, “While he was saying holy Mass in Munich in the chapel of the duke of Bavaria, our Lord appeared after the elevation in the form of a resplendent Child, who lovingly caressed the saint. Frequently Saint Lawrence of Brindisi was so affected during the celebration of holy Mass that he shed copious tears. Altar linens thus



moistened with his tears were later used on the sick, and they were cured as were the faithful by the kerchiefs of St Paul.”

Speaking from St. Peter’s Square in 2011 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, “Even the simplest members of the faithful, those not endowed with great culture, benefited from the convincing words of Lawrence, who addressed humble people to remind them all to make their lives consistent with the faith they professed.

“Lawrence urged everyone, and not only priests, to cultivate a life of prayer, for it is through prayer that we speak to God and that God speaks to us: ‘Oh, if we were to consider this reality’ (St. Lawrence exclaimed in his writings). ‘In other words that God is truly present to us when we speak to him in prayer; that he truly listens to our prayers, even if we pray only

with our hearts and minds. And that not only is he present and hears us, indeed he willingly and with the greatest of pleasure wishes to grant our requests.”

Saint Lawrence was born July 22, 1559, and on his 60th birthday, he died. His works are published in 15 books, 11 are based on his sermons on Sacred Scripture.

Read more about the saint on Catholic websites or The Franciscan Book of Saints by Father Marion Habig, OFM.

### ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRAY FOR US.

Teach us to love the Word of God, to seek to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and actions.

Through your intercession may our Lord enter our hearts so we may be a strong witness and lead others to God and ultimately His heavenly kingdom.

Amen.



## NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

### BATHROOMS RENOVATED AT THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

By Mark Phillips, CCWVa Northern Regional Director



A neighbor signs up for a shower during breakfast at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.

Thanks to the support of local donors and community partners, the restrooms and showers at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling are once again open to neighbors.

At the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Shining a Light on Hope Gala in March 2020, local donors pledged over \$20,000 to renovate the restrooms at

the Neighborhood Center. Due to the pandemic, the renovations were delayed until the beginning of 2021. The restrooms and shower replace the outdoor shower station trailer, which throughout 2020 was located in a parking lot across the street from the Center.

While the Neighborhood Center is still closed to the public, showers are available by signing up during breakfast service. The showers are being staffed by CCWVa employees as well as recovery coaches from Project Rebound.

Mehdi Ayari, Case Manager for Homeless Outreach at the Neighborhood Center, is also available to help neighbors apply for social security or disability, secure an ID or license, and connect to local housing options.

“A hot meal or a warm shower may be the beginning of a conversation,” said Ayari, “but hopefully a relationship develops where they trust us to work with them on their journey.”

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

*The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.*

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A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

10:00am - 5:00pm

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV



Schedule includes:

- Keynote speaker Todd Faller
- Mass with Bishop Mark E. Brennan
  - Breakout sessions
- Reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances
- Opportunity to get more involved with TEC WV
  - Making new friends
  - Lunch

Please visit [dwc.org/tec-reunion](http://dwc.org/tec-reunion) to register.

The “Fourth Day” of TEC Never Ends!

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

## Responsorial PSALMS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## Second Reading EPHESIANS 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

## Alleluia JOHN 10:27

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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## Gospel MARK 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For God's holy Church, that we may be shepherded by wise and righteous leaders who will do what is just and right, bringing us ever closer to the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That leaders around the world may rule and govern wisely, bringing peace, justice, and mercy to their people, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who feel lost or adrift, searching for meaning in their lives, that they may find in the kindness and compassion of others a glimpse of the Shepherd's loving care, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may uphold the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

# LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

*Liturgy of the Hours*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

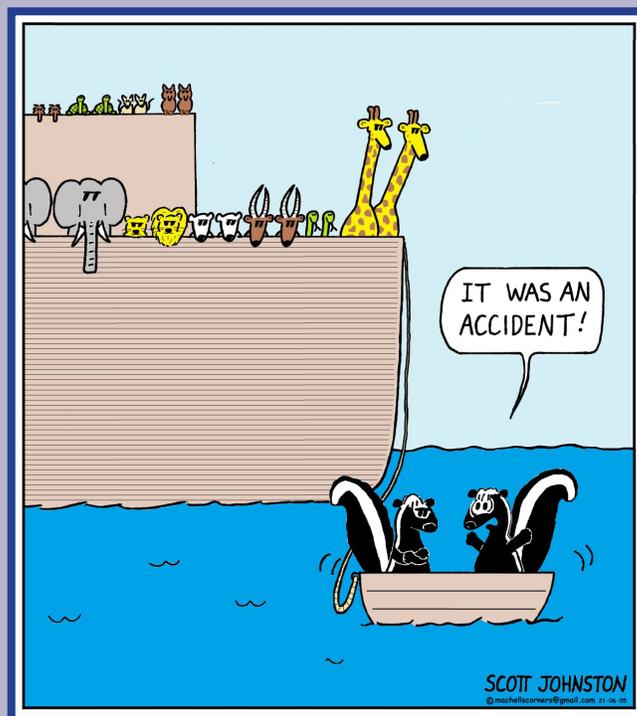
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## MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at [DWC.ORG](http://DWC.ORG).

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)