



THE HOLY RING ~ SANTO ANELLO

A wedding ring symbolizes the infinite bond between a married couple. It has been a custom for 3,000 years. The quartz ring that is believed to be the one Joseph gave Mary still exists!

It is kept in a cathedral in Italy.

In our June 13th edition we wrote about "The Beauty of Marriage" on the cover of the FaithInWV e-bulletin. The story included St. Anne Catherine Emmerich's vision of St. Joseph and Blessed Virgin Mary's wedding day, including details of their ornate clothing. (You can read the article in our archives: DWC.ORG/FAITHINWV-BULLETIN/)

Saint Anne Catherine's visions, described and published in *The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: From the Visions of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich*, also led theologians to the Santo Anello - the holy ring - Mary's wedding ring.

According to her journals, on July 29, 1821, St. Anne Catherine said, "I saw the Blessed Virgin's wedding-ring; it is neither of silver nor of gold, nor of any other metal; it is dark in color and iridescent; it is not a thin narrow ring, but rather thick and at least a finger broad. I saw it smooth and yet as if covered with little regular triangles in which were letters. On the inside was a flat surface. The ring is engraved with something. I saw it kept behind many locks in a beautiful church. Devout people about to be married take their wedding-rings to touch it."

A few days later (August 3) she shared details about another vision, "Today I saw a festival in a church in Italy where the wedding-ring is to be found. It seemed to me to be hung up in a kind of monstrance



which stood above the Tabernacle. There was a large altar there, magnificently decorated, one saw deep into it through much silverwork. I saw many rings being held against the monstrance. During the festival I saw Mary and Joseph appearing in their wedding garments on each side of the ring, as if Joseph were placing the ring on the Blessed Virgin's finger. At the same time, I saw the ring shining and as if in movement."

Based on her descriptions, the wedding ring was found in a church in Italy - the Cathedral of San Lorenzo in Perugia. St. Anne Catherine had never been there. Just as she envisioned, the ring was displayed in a reliquary, which took 14 keys to open. The locals knew the ring was there, but it was either forgotten by the greater faithful or dismissed by others as fake.

Significantly, the dates of her visions are also the dates of the annual pilgrimage at Cathedral of San Lorenzo (less than 15 miles from Assisi, Italy), during the feast of the Holy Angels on August 2. It has become a custom that couples receive a special blessing if they touch their wedding rings to the Santo Anello.

Theologians believe that St. Anne Catherine's visions enabled her to see where holy relics were kept in the world, relics that were either forgotten or not well known by the faithful.

Pope Pius IX venerated the ring and celebrated a Mass at the Cathedral of San Lorenzo in 1857.

This story is shared after reading about the Santo Anello in *Consecration to St. Joseph, the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 2 KINGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Responsorial PSALMS 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. (cf. 16) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia JOHN 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, as we share the blessings we've received with those in need, multiplying our generosity through our collective work to house the homeless, support the impoverished, and feed the hungry, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who regularly go hungry, that they may have the plenty that provides them with as much as they want, with baskets of more left over, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For trauma doctors and nurses, paramedics and EMTs, and all first responders who care for those whose lives or health are in danger, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who suffer due to the extreme summer heat, and for all who provide shelter and assistance to them, 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

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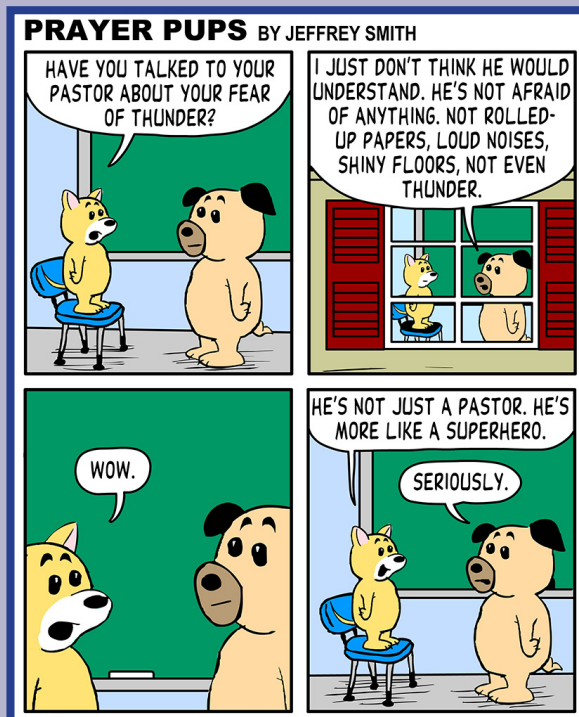
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