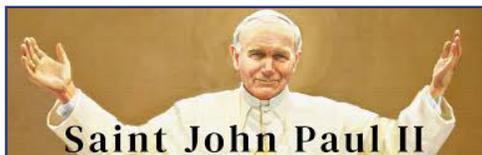




BELOVED SAINT JOHN PAUL II, PRAY FOR US CELEBRATE THIS FEAST DAY ~ OCT. 22ND

“Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is ‘the Way, the Truth and the Life!’”



This is the message that Saint John Paul II shared at the 12th World Youth Day in 1997. These were also words he lived by throughout his own life.

Saint John Paul II was born in 1920, as Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland (near Krakow). He was the youngest of three children born to Karol Wojtyla (a tailor and a non-commissioned officer in the Polish Army) and Emilia Kaczorowska Wojtyla (a schoolteacher). His parents raised him with morals that reflected their strong Catholic faith and structure mirroring his father’s military background.

He had a great love for the outdoors, sports, religion, and theater. He enrolled in a local university in 1938 to study drama. However, Nazi occupation forces closed the university a year later. To avoid being deported from his homeland he was forced to work in a quarry and later a chemical factory.

He knew suffering, loneliness, and grief all too well. His sister died before he was born. He lost his mother when he was a young boy. His brother died, when the saint was in third grade; and he was only 20, when his father died.

It was during the height of World War II tensions, when he said yes to the priesthood. He attended an underground seminary in Krakow, Poland. His ordination had to be held in a secret ceremony. In addition to pastoring his parish he taught theology at Lublin University. He was actually on an outing with his students in 1958, when he learned he was named an auxiliary bishop. In those days in Poland was gripped by the Polish Communist Party. Religious retreats outside of a church were illegal, so he was often seen on his excursions without a collar. Historians have said the naming Fr. Karol Wojtyla as bishop ended up being one of the most underestimated moves towards the fall of the communist party in Eastern Europe.



He wasn’t naïve to the fact that the Communist party followed him, as they did other Catholic leaders. It is true he owned and read Marxist literature, but said, “if you want to understand your enemy, you have to know what he was written.”

His love and faith in God were evident in his words and actions.

He knew of the significance of his papal election in 1978. He was the first Polish pope and the first pope in more than 450 years that wasn’t Italian. His papacy revived his country, giving them an energy, strength, and most importantly a voice. In his homily during his installation Mass

he told the faithful and the world, “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”



His first papal trip was to Poland on June 2, 1979. As he celebrated the vigil Mass of Pentecost before hundreds of thousands of Poles, he honored their history and renewed their hope for their future. He ended his address saying, “Let your Spirit descend. Let your Spirit descend and renew the face of the earth, the face of this land.”

The applause he received lasted more than 14 minutes!

The last photo of St. John Paul II was from the window of the Apostolic Palace on Easter Sunday. He was waving a blessing to the city and the world.

At his funeral Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who later became Pope Benedict XVI, said, “We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father’s house, that sees us, and blesses us. Yes, bless us Holy Father.”

St. John Paul II wrote many books readily available. Recommended readings about him include: *Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves* by Jason Evert; and *The Making of the Pope of the Millennium: Kalendarium of the Life of Karol Wojtyla* by Adam Boniecki.

See page 3 for an additional story about our beloved saint: Celebrate JP2 with the Family.

HONOR ST. LUKE ON HIS FEAST DAY - OCT. 18TH



This week we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke. He wrote the third book of the New Testament and the Acts of the Apostles.

Like Mark, he was not one of the original 12. He was however one of the dedicated followers after Christ's ascension.

Saint Luke left his profession as physician to become an evangelist with the other Apostles,

after Paul inspired him. He was intelligent and loved being immersed in the life of Christ. His writings make it obvious that he enjoyed talking to countless people who knew Jesus and witnessed his miracles. He is often referred to as one of the Church's first historians.

It is believed that the story of our Savior's birth he presents,

was based on St. Luke's personal conversations with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

He notes in the first lines of Chapter 1 in his gospel, "after investigating everything accurately anew..." Luke 1:3. He relates the teachings of Jesus with the early church as told in Old Testament.

His writings are descriptive and reveal Jesus' mercy. He writes as one who is convincing others that we should all know and love Jesus - our God. His illustrates Christ's mercy, healing, and compassion. He details how Jesus saved all people through the Passion and Resurrection.

His writings urge us to be Christian disciples and model ourselves after Jesus. He wants us to seek salvation and peace through prayer. He even used Jesus as the example in Luke 23:34, when Jesus asked forgiveness of his crucifiers.

Let us all be inspired by St. Luke, seeking to know as much as we can about the life of Christ and want to share that good news with others through our actions and words.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS BRING HOPE

This weekend is World Mission Sunday, when we are called to personally encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus.

This collection in our parishes around the world show our love and mercy. It is Catholic Social Teaching in action, resulting in hope and peace.

Today we are sent out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. Our financial support in collections this week helps

significantly. A \$25 donation supports catechists for a month in remote Latin America; \$75 provides for the work of religious

Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa; and \$100 assists poor children in safe boarding schools in Asia.

As always, our prayers are our most treasured gift to the Missions. The prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.



Please continue to pray for these missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus.

NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

By: Trina Bartlett, Catholic Charities West Virginia Eastern Regional Director

Before Paulette arrived at Catholic Charities West Virginia's Martinsburg office, she had, in her own words, "been in several shelters, homeless programs, counseling, jail and the psych ward." The first assistance Catholic Charities provided for Paulette was acquiring a C PAP machine in March 2019, and a few months later she met case manager Luci Hernandez and decided she wanted to participate in case management.

When she entered case management in November 2019, Paulette had three goals: to obtain her high school equivalency, to find a better place to live, and to improve her health.

The first task Paulette undertook was finding better housing. She was living in a substandard apartment, and the toilet didn't work. She attended budgeting classes with Catholic Charities partner

organization, Telamon, and was able to find a more adequate apartment in a better location. She continues to work on her other goals.



When talking about her experience with Catholic Charities, Paulette said:

"I didn't have family here. I did not have the genuine family support, and I now see Catholic Charities like a family. I feel supported and accepted here. I came across a community event and met Ms. Luci. She had a booth with different

things that Catholic Charities did. As we began to talk. I felt more comfortable speaking to a woman of color. Little did I know the beautiful working relationship that we would have. Being in case management gives me the motivation to work on myself knowing that I have someone that supports me. I feel empowered going into my meetings and getting a chance to get out of my home and into the community."

Paulette and Luci have continued to meet weekly even throughout the pandemic.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit 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.

CELEBRATE JP2 WITH THE FAMILY

The world was and still is fascinated by Saint Pope John Paul II. Marvel Comics even presented his life's story in a comic book!

He's affectionately referred to as John Paul the Great and "JP2" quite often in conversations, news media, and published writings.

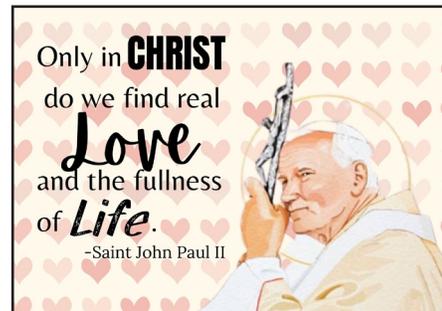
In his 27 years as pope he canonized more than 400 saints, visited 129 countries, instituted Divine Mercy Sunday, began the World Youth Day events, spoke 12 languages, and he added the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary.

After being declared Pope he visited his homeland of Poland to celebrate Mass before a crowd of 300,000. They gave him an enthusiastic ovation lasting nearly 15 minutes non-stop!

He loved to read and write - poems, letters, books, and religious documents. In fact, the Vatican reported he wrote more than 3,000 pages a year while pope.

He was a pope for all people. He considered traveling the globe as shepherding all nations like Jesus.

He is considered a hero in the Respect Life and Pro-Life community by making it very clear we need to be a "Culture of Life" and resist being a "Culture of Death." He said what kind of people we are is completely revealed by how we treat "the weakest and most vulnerable members of the human family - the unborn, the frail elderly, the poor, and the infirm."



Celebrate him with your family. A plethora of activities can be found online. The Catholic Icing even has recipes. Find all their activities, printables, and more [HERE](#).

Search for your favorite JP2 quotes and make them into artwork to frame like we did. Get more inspiration from CatholicAllYear.com. You can print their versions by [CLICKING HERE](#).

MASS READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading **ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial **PSALMS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10**

R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he,
beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of
nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory
and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts,
and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the
earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the
peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading **1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5B**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all
of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling
to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance
in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were
chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much
conviction.

Alleluia **PHILIPPIANS 2:15D, 16A**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of
life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **MATTHEW 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap
Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the
Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful
man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the
truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for
you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your
opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me,
you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them,
"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied,
"Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may continue to
recognize God's work in the world today and
point to God as the ultimate source of all we
have, we pray . . .

For our elected leaders, that they may be ever
aware of the privilege they have and exercise
their power for the benefit of all whom they
serve, we pray . . .

For all those who continue to be affected by
natural disasters, i.e. hurricanes, floods, storms,
droughts and fires, we pray . . .

For an end to the COVID-19 Pandemic, for
healing for all those who have been infected
with the Coronavirus, and for safety of health
care workers, we pray . . .

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.

Liturgy of the Hours

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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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.

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/)