

# St. Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thomas Becket

### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:00am & 12:30pm 7:30am & 10:45am Polish Weekdays: 9:00am Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Friday—7:00pm Mass in Polish

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### PARISH STAFF

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A \$350 million campaign for strong parishes, Catholic education and faith formation in the Archdiocese of Chicago

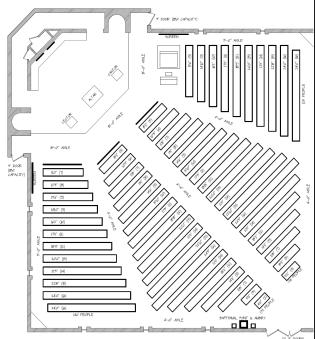
# Jakie korzyści odniesie nasza parafia z kampanii?

Naszym celem w parafii Św. Tomasza Becketa jest zebranie \$615,000. Jako parafia otrzymamy 60% zebranej sumy.

Otrzymamy również 100% wszelkich funduszy zebranych ponad nasz cel. Oznacza to, że minimalna kwota, którą otrzymamy na zaspokojenie lokalnych potrzeb, jeśli osiągniemy wyznaczony cel, wynosi \$369,000!

Fundusze, które pozostaną w naszej parafii będą wykorzystane na renowacje naszego kościoła, aby przywrócić go do kształtu zamierzonego w pierwotnych planach architektonicznych naszej świątyni. Prace te unowocześnią miejsce naszej modlitwy i sprawią, że będziemy mogli w pełni wykorzystywać jego potencjał. W ramach renowacji zainstalujemy nowe ławki, nową podłogę, projektory i system nagłaśniający. Sprawi to, że nasz kościół będzie otwartym i zachęcającym do odwiedzin miejscem, dostępnym i komfortowym dla wszystkich parafian i gości, którzy staną u naszych drzwi.

Nasze budynki byłyby niczym, gdyby zabrakło w nich ludzi. Dzięki duchowej formacji sprawimy, że nasi parafianie będą pozostawać w łączności ze swoją wiarą i otrzymają wiele propozycji służących odnowie duchowej. Dzięki temu zapewnimy, że nasza wspólnota parafialna będzie silna wiarą nie tylko dzisiaj, ale również dla przyszłych pokoleń.



# Aktualności kampanii

Z dniem 12-go października 2016 r, dzięki wcześnie złożonym zobowiązaniom 48 rodzin—wymienione obok—zebraliśmy dotąd kwotę \$254,835! **Serdecznie dziękujemy za entuzjazm, hojność i modlitwę!** Komisja prowadząca kampanię Uczyć, kim jest Chrystus w naszej parafii nie ustaje w zapraszaniu rodzin parafii do uczestnictwa w kampanii. Proszę, przyjmijcie ich zaproszenie i rozważcie na modlitwie to, w jaki sposób moglibyście służyć pomocą. Dar złożony przez Was zapewni dynamiczną przyszłość naszej parafii i edukacji katolickiej na terenie Chicago.

Cel parafii: \$615,000 Kwota zadeklarowana: \$254,835 Procent kwoty docelowej: 41%

Karte zadeklarowania można otrzymać od Ks. Krzysztofa lub w biurze parafialnym.

### How Will Our Parish Benefit?

As part of the total \$350 million goal, *To Teach Who Christ Is* will raise a minimum of \$150 million to support local needs in every parish across Chicago. Our goal at St. Thomas Becket is \$615,000. We will receive 60% of the funds raised. We will also receive 100% of any funds raised if we exceed our goal. This means that our parish will receive a minimum of \$369,00 for our local needs when we reach our goal!

Our share of the funds will be directed to restore our church to its original architectural plan. This effort will update our worship space and bring it to its full potential. The restoration will include new pews, flooring, projectors and sound system, making our church welcoming, accessible and comfortable to all parishioners and visitors who come through our doors.



All of our buildings are nothing without the people to fill them. Through spiritual and faith formation, we want keep our parishioners connected to their faith and provide opportunities for spiritual enrichment. This will ensure that our parish community is strong in faith not only today, but for the generations to come.

# Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, October 12, 2016 we have raised \$254,835 thanks to the early commitments from 48 families—listed below. **Thank you for your enthusiasm, generosity, and prayers!** Our *To Teach Who Christ Is* Team continues to invite more and more families to participate each week. Please accept their invitation and prayerfully consider how you might help. Your gift will ensure a vibrant future for our parish, and Catholic education across Chicago.

Parish Goal: \$615,000 Total Pledged: \$254,835 Percent of Goal: 41%

For a pledge card please see Fr. Chris or stop in the parish office.

**Anderson JoRene Campobasso Family Chmela Stephen & Camille** Chwala Wojciech & Anna Cisternino Giuseppe & Mary Conoscenti Linda Dzierzak Antoni & Jadwiga Friedrichs Michael & Cheryl **Garibaldi Thomas & Barbara Hetzel James & Debra** Jason Patricia Kalita Jan & Beata **Karpierz Roman & Christine Konkey Robert & Gloria** Kowalkowski Paula **Krol Gregorz & Marlena** 

Kulikowski Allan & Mary Larsen Antonia **Lawler James & Gail** Link Miroslawa **Ludtke Robert & Mary** Maciorowski Michael & Krystyna Marzec Marilyn McGeever Patrick & Gail McGrath William & Darlene **Orr Gale Pacenti Tony Prostko Jeffrey & Laura** Quirini Gene & Helene **Reynolds Patrick & Patricia** Rev. Kulig Krzysztof Rogowski Ronald & Wieslawa

**Rose Charlene Rushkewicz Bob & Lorrie** Schmid Allan & Anne **Skowron Henryk & Joanna** Snopko Halina Sosin Jacek & Renata Starzec Family Szwalec Stanislaw & Barbara **Theisen Maria** Versen Donald & Joan Walorski Frederick & Joyce Wilhelm Jolanta Woinicki Chester & Halina Women's Guild Wydmanski Peter & Edyta Wysocki John & Sarah

Connect with *To Teach Who Christ Is* and stay up-to-date on campaign news and events: Twitter - @ToTeachCampaign | Facebook - To Teach Who Christ Is www.toteachwhochristis.org

Questions about your pledge or payments? Call (312) 534-8500 or parish office: 847-827-9220



# **Feast of All Saints**

# Tuesday, November 1 - 9am Mass in English & 7pm Mass in Polish

All Souls Day Envelopes are now available in the lobby of the church.

Names of our deceased loved ones will be listed in the Book of the Dead.

This book will be displayed in the church throughout the month of November.

# Uroczystość Wszystkich Świętych

# Wtorek, 1 listopad— 9am Msza Św. w jęz. angielskim i 7pm Msza Św. w jęz. polskim

Koperty na WYPOMINKI znajdują się w przedsionku kościoła.

Książka z nawiskami naszych bliskich zmarłych wystawiona będzie przez miesiąc listopad w kościele. Nazwiska zmarłych będą również czytane przed i podczas polskich Mszy Św. przez cały listopad.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—ALL SOULS

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Thomas Becket would like to extend a very special invitation to everyone to attend a bilingual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7pm. During this Mass we celebrate those who have gone before us in death. Those who have lost their family member during this past year are receiving special invitations, but **everyone is most welcome to participate.** 



After Mass coffee and light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All are invited.

# WSPOMNIENIE BLISKICH ZMARŁYCH—DZIEŃ ZADUSZNY

W środę, 2-go listopada o godz. 7pm odbędzie się specjalna dwujęzyczna Msza Św. ku wspomnieniu naszych bliskich, którzy odeszli przed nami do wieczności. Specjalne zaproszenie otrzymują ci, którzy stracili członków rodzin w przeciągu ostatniego roku, ale **wszyscy są zaproszeni do wspólnej modlitwy**.

Po Mszy Św. zapraszamy do sali parafialnej na poczęstunek.

### An Opportunity to Serve our Parish

The Spiritual Life Commission is looking for parishioners who would like to be part of our commission. Our mission is to help plan opportunities for spiritual growth at St. Thomas Becket, and anyone who values his or her faith is welcome...no expertise or previous experience is necessary. Please prayerfully consider joining us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 pm. You may come and visit a meeting before you make a commitment or call JoRene Anderson (847-463-6322) or Pat Jason (847-394-0028) for more information.

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close, the Spiritual Life Commission offers these suggestions as ways to put Mercy into action. They are adapted from "Keenager News" published by Catholic Charities. We cover the Corporal Works of Mercy this week and will follow with the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Feed the Hungry— Make a meal for a family experiencing hardship.

Donate to Food for our Neighbors or a food pantry (3rd weekend of each month.)

Give Drink to the Thirsty— Outreach to those affected by drought through Catholic Charities. Sit with those who thirst for compassion and understanding Clothe the Naked—Donate to the Hat & Mitten Drive. Knit caps for cancer patients. Donate clothing to Catholic Charities or other organizations.

Shelter the Homeless— Offer a smile or money to a homeless person on the street. Donate food to St. Al's PADS when requested (1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month is STB's responsibility).

Visit the Sick— Offer to pick up prescriptions or drive someone to the doctor. Visit the lonely in nursing homes, hospitals or their homes

Visit the Imprisoned—Support efforts to end violence in homes and communities. Learn about restorative justice programs in prisons.

**Bury the Dead**—Visit cemeteries and bring flowers. Visit and comfort those who are grieving.

# Men's Club Meeting

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR - October 19, 2016 at 7pm.

That is the date/time of our next Men's Club meeting. Current members, we look forward to seeing you—interested men are encouraged to attend this meeting and discover what this active organization is all about. Discussion items include:

Parish Christmas Party (December 3)
Parish Capital Campaign
Year long plan of charities/donations
November Guest Speaker
Super Bowl Party / 1st comments

Cubs Sports Quiz (*crank up those memories, CUBS fans*)
Keep in mind; each paid member receives a ticket for each meeting they attend September-November in order to be eligible to win a turkey during the December meeting. Attend this meeting - get your ticket. I look forward to seeing you on October 19th.

Gerald Gregory

# St. Thomas Becket Women's Guild

Please join us for the October Women's Guild Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday October 24, in the parish hall. The meeting will begin at 7pm with the general business, door prizes split the pot and then dessert and coffee.

Gale Orr is our guest speaker filling us in on Home Remodeling Trends and Tips. Guests are always welcome.

## **ANNUAL HAT & MITT & COAT DRIVE**



It's that time of the year already and the cold weather will be here soon, and so is our <u>Hat & Mitt & Coat Drive</u>.

Your generous donations of hats, mittens, scarves and coats (new please) up to size 14 are being

collected for children in need at our area schools.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and will be used for purchase of these items. Please place your donations in the Bradle box by October 23rd.

Thank you for you generosity and May God Bless You.

Women's Guild & Open Door Committee

To już ta pora roku kiedy wkrótce będzie zimno i rozpoczynamy naszą coroczną zbiórkę CZAPEK, RĘKAWICZEK I KURTEK. Państwa hojne ofiary tych artykułów—prosimy aby kurtki były nowe do rozmiaru numer 14—będą zbierane dla dzieci z ubogich rodzin w naszym sąsiedztwie. Będziemy również bardzo wdzięczni za ofiary pieniężne na zakup tych potrzebnych ciepłych rzeczy. Prosimy zostawiać ofiary w przedsionku kościoła do 23-go października. Dziękujemy za Waszą hojność i Bóg Zapłać. Klub Kobiet i Komitet Otwartych Drzwi

### October is a month of the Holy Rosary

You are invited to pray the Rosary, before the daily 9:00am. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in October.

# Październik Miesiącem Różańca Świętego



Różaniec w jęz. polskim jest odmawiany w każdy dzień od poniedziałku do soboty o godz. 6:30pm. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy.



# Spotkania Biblijne

Zapraszamy serdecznie na spotkania biblijne na temat

"Poznajemy Ewangelię według św. Łukasza"

Spotkania odbywają się w październiku w każdy wtorek o godz. 7:00pm w sali parafialnej.

Spotkania prowadzi Krystyna Maciorowski.

# **Women's Guild**



# 2016-17 Membership Drive

All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Guild. The theme for this year's drive is "Time for Faith & Friendship." Please complete the form below and return it at church during our membership drive, our first meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, September 19, or at the rectory, even if you are a current member. The annual membership fee is \$20 - cash or check made payable to St. Thomas Becket Women's Guild. Of course, guests are always welcome. Contact Prudy at 847-827-7947 for more information.

The Guild meets monthly on Mondays in the parish hall. The dates are September 19, October 24, November 21, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 24 and May 15. It consists of the meeting (old business as well as new business is discussed), a raffle of two door prizes and split-the-pot (optional). Delicious treats are provided before our program.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Guild is: to promote personal spiritual growth through love of God and love of neighbor; to promote devotion to our Divine Lord and Blessed Mother through spiritual activities; to promote social interaction through attendance at monthly meetings, fund raisers and social functions; to perform acts of charity; to promote support of parish community through participation in ministry and assisting with special parish needs as requested by the Spiritual Moderator.

St. Thomas Becket Women's Guild 2016-2017 1321 N. Burning Bush Lane, Mount Prospect, IL 60056						
Name	Phone					
Address	Birth Month and Day					
City, State, Zip	Email					
Various collection drives, Spiritua	s : Hospitality, Fundraising al, Other					



# Knights of Columbus

Mount Prospect Council 6481

# Annual ID Drive 2016

Please Help Intellectually Challenged People in Our Community

This year, why not buy your Halloween candy from the Knights of Columbus? All proceeds will benefit intellectually challenged individuals in our community. Your candy purchase will help support organizations such as:

- Misericordia Home
- St. Alphonsus SPRED
- St. Raymond SPRED
- St. Thomas SPRED
- Special Olympics
- St. Joseph's Home
- Clearbrook
- Riverside Foundation

50 - .5 oz. Tootsie Roll Bars - \$10.00

300 - .5 oz. Tootsie Roll Bars - \$50.00

Tootsie Roll Candy Banks - \$2.00 ea.

(Filled with Bite-Size Tootsie Roll Candies)

Please leave a message for your order at 847-259-6108 or e-mail your request to Ed Janak <u>JanakFam1@aol.com</u>

Please be sure to include the number of items you would like and an address and phone number/e-mail address to confirm and ensure delivery

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6481.

To insure delivery before Halloween, orders must be received by 10/24/16.

As always, thank you for your support in this drive



Winning Numbers for the Week! Prize money will be mailed to the individual listed on the winning Becket 500 2016-17 ticket next week. Winning numbers are also posted at www.stthomasbecketmp.org

### TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Date	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Winning Number	453	349	135	431	109	068	295
Prize Amount	\$25	\$25	\$25	<b>\$50</b>	\$25	\$25	\$25



# COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16, 2016

11:45am H.S. Confirmation Class

11:45am Children's Choir

Food Drive

Hat & Mitten & Coat Drive

Monday, October 17, 2016

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

9:30am Bereavement meeting

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

7:30pm Choir (E)

Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:30pm SPRED

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

7pm Men's Club meeting

Friday, October 21, 2016

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

7pm Mass (P)

Saturday, October 22, 2016

12pm Baptism (P)

6:30pm Różaniec (P)

Hat & Mitten & Coat Drive

Sunday, October 23, 2016

11:45am Children's Choir

12:30pm Confirmation Enrollment

Hat & Mitten & Coat Drive



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCT 22/23

MASS TIME	PRESIDER	MUSIC/ CANTOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SACRISTAN
4:30pm	Rev. Chris Kulig	Kraig Z. Marie L.	Pete S.	Mira L. Fran G. Margaret M. Joe C. Maggie B.	Maggie B.
7:30am	Rev. Peter Wojcik	Adam W.	Anna C.	Teresa K. Anna C.	Teresa K.
9:00am	Rev. Chris Kulig	Kraig Z. Val G.	Brian W.	Pat W. Gail M. Bob D. Edyta W. Marlene P.	Kay P.
10:45am	Rev. Peter Wojcik	Adam W.	Antonina S.	Antonina S. Agnieszka A. Halina W. Wojciech G.	Jadwiga G.
12:30pm	Rev. Chris Kulig	Kraig Z. Val G.	Kamila K.	Gail L. Terry T. Helen B.	Bogdan Z.

## SUNDAY OFFERING / KOLEKTA

Each Sunday Budget \$ 7,700

October 9 \$ 6,740 Attendance at Liturgies—1,523

Oct E-Giving \$ 1,180

YTD Budget \$ 112,886 YTD Actual Collections \$ 116,677

# of Envelopes Sent 501

# of Envelopes Used 259



### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am & 12:30pm

7:30am & 10:45am Polish

Weekdays: 9:00am Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Friday—7:00pm Mass in Polish

### READINGS OF THE WEEK



Readings for the Week of October 16, 2016 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/

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Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/ Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/

Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/ Lk 18:9-14

Observances for the Week of October 16 Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: Luke, Evangelist Wednesday: John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Thursday: Paul of the Cross, Priest Saturday: John Paul II, Pope Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth: ttharayil@archchicago.org

Thomas Tharayil: 312-534-8267

Catholic Cemeteries: www:catholiccemeterieschicago.org 708-449-6100

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PARISH WEBSITE
www.stthomasbecketmp.org
PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesd

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm Thursday 8:00am - 2:00pm Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm Sunday Closed

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#### INFORMACJE PARAFIALNE

Parafia Świętego Tomasza Becketa zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.

Msze Św. w jęz. polskim—niedziela: 7:30am i 10:45am piątek: 7:00pm w jęz. angielskim—sobota: 4:30pm niedziela: 9:00am i 12:30pm

### Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Thomas Becket, are a community of believers united in Christ, who dedicate ourselves to proclaim the Good News and foster a sense of belonging.

As we gather together in prayer and worship, we draw our nourishment from His word and the Bread of His Table.

With shared responsibility we go forth to serve and affirm our sisters and brothers.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to build the Kingdom of God within and beyond our parish.

My, Parafia Świętego Tomasza Becketa, jesteśmy wspólnotą wiernych zjednoczonych w Chrystusie, którzy troszczymy się o Boże dziedzictwo i z oddaniem głosimy Dobrą Nowinę. We wspólnym gromadzeniu się i modlitwie, karmimy się Jego Słowem i Chlebem z Jego Stołu.

Z poczuciem wspólnego obowiązku podążamy w służbie naszym braciom i siostrom. Pod przewodnictwem Ducha Świętego dążymy do budowania Królestwa Bożego wewnątrz i poza naszą parafią.



Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:30am †Romualda Zima †Irena Lisek

**9:00am** †Margaret Mary McCarthy †Marianna Karas

**10:45am** †Józef Wąż †Paweł Bizub

SPECIAL: Małgosia Orwat—urodziny

SPECIAL: Zosia—5 urodziny SPECIAL: Jolanta Ignaciuk— 21 urodziny

**12:30pm** †Annamma John Arackaparampil

SPECIAL: Mili Guy– God's Blessings

Monday, October 17, 2016

9:00am †Francis Cardinal George

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

9:00am †Margaret Mary McCarthy— 1st death anniversary

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 9:00am †Rev. Frank Wachowski Thursday, October 20, 2016

Thursday, October 20, 2016 NO MASS OR SERVICE

Friday, October 21, 2016

*9:00am* Rev. Ralph Mollan

7:00pm For STB Parishioners

Saturday, October 22, 2016

4:30pm †Sophie Pietranek Sunday, October 23, 2016

7:30am †Leszek Damrat

9:00am †Margaret Mary McCarthy

†Lois Ryan †Boguslaw Karas

10:45am For STB Parishioners

12:30pm †Francis Cardinal George

# Peace begins with a smile.

--Mother Teresa

### TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH, FOR BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please call the rectory to make arrangements: 847-827-9220.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday: 6:15pm-6:45pm, Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm.

First Fridays of the month: 5:30pm-6:45pm and ADORATION: 5:30-6:45pm

### REJESTRACJA DO PARAFII, SAKRAMENT CHRZTU I MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu ustalenia daty: 847-827-9220.

PreCana - przygotowanie do Sakramentu Małżeństwa - obowiązkowe. Kurs w języku polskim w naszej parafii odbędzie się w dniach: 21 styczeń, 1 kwiecień i 20 maj 2017r.

#### SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Piątek: 6:15pm-6:45pm i Sobota: 3:30pm-4:15pm.

### PIERWSZE PIĄTKI MIESIĄCA

Spowiedź i Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu: 5:30pm-6:45pm, Msza Św. w jęz. polskim: 7pm



St. Emily parish invites you to a Three Part Series

# The Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, October 13, 20 & 27, 2016 7:00pm St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd, Mt. Prospect Fr. James Presta—pastor of St. Emily parish—will be giving a three part series of presentations on the Blessed Virgin

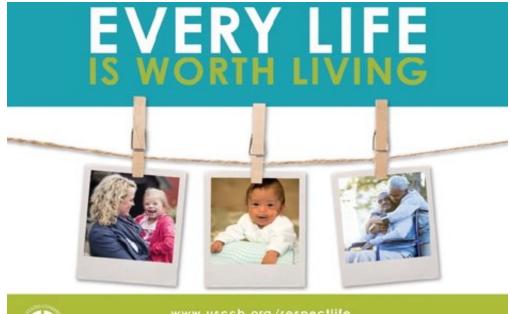
Mary during the month of October dedicated to the Rosary.

- Thursday, October 13 The Woman clothed with the Sun:
- Reflections on the Marian Apparitions at Guadalupe and Fatima
- Thursday, October 20 Living the Rosary: Finding your life in the Mysteries
- Thursday, October 27 Honoring Mary: Marian Feast days
   within the Church Year

  Admission is free Questions contact Melicsa at

Admission is free. Questions contact Melissa at (847)824-5049.







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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### Question:

Who is Ignatius of Antioch and what example does he offer us in Christian living as we celebrate his feast day on October 17?

#### **Answer:**

As Bishop of Antioch (the modernday city of Antakya, Turkey), Ignatius witnessed to the faith during the reign of Emperor Trajan, who ruled from AD 98-117. Persecution of the Christians broke out in Antioch, and Ignatius was captured and taken to Rome for martyrdom in the arena.

On his journey to Rome over land and sea, Ignatius writes seven letters to various churches. These letters give powerful glimpses into the theology and practice of the early church, along with insights into the role of a bishop as pastoral leader. Ignatius is the first to use the term "Catholic Church" to refer to the various Christian communities of the Roman Empire. The best known of his letters is the one he wrote to the Romans. Ignatius addresses influential Christians who might be tempted to intercede on his behalf, thus sparing him from martyrdom. As Christ willingly offered himself as witness to God's total love, Ignatius, too, desired to be "food for the wild beasts," so that he could become "the pure bread of Christ." Eucharistic living was so crucial to Ignatius that he was willing to die in order to model himself on the Lord who willingly offered all.