

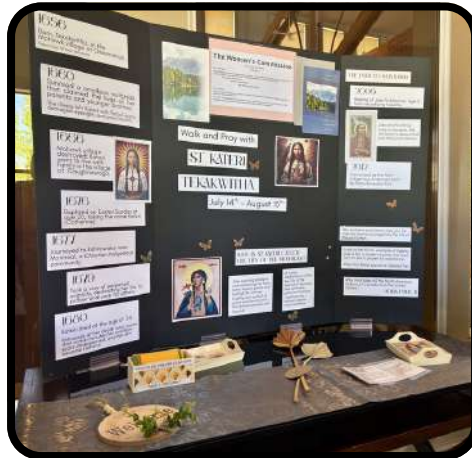


## Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

### ST. KATERI PRAYER WALK



Photos by **Rose McAvoy**

### Walking with St. Kateri: A Month of Prayer, Reflection, and Community

On July 14, the *Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha*, the *Women's Commission* opened a prayer walk through the Kateri Prayer Garden. The evening included a casual dinner, frozen treats, a poem by Sharon Sullivan (read by Kathy Wickward), and a blessing from Father Carlos. The walk will remain open for a month. Visitors are invited to reflect as they walk and make a twig "Kateri Cross" to leave behind. The crosses will be presented at Mass on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.



## Our Mission

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.  
-Ephesians 4:1-6

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name!  
Grow in God's Time!  
Go in God's Spirit!

## Mass Times & Confessions

(check weekly schedules for holiday times)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p

### Sunday Masses

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish  
2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)  
8:00p Spanish

### Weekday Masses (in chapel):

Monday 9:00a  
Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a  
(Spanish Mass on Wednesday at 7:00p)

### Confessions:

Saturday 3:00p to 4:30p (Main church)  
Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:30p

### Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

### Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a  
Thursday at 6:30p  
1st Friday Spanish 7:30p

### Word & Communion:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

### Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

## Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p  
Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p  
Sunday & Monday - Closed



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### **Sunday**

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)  
Swahili Community  
Centro Rendu  
Cursillos (Spanish)  
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

### **Monday**

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)  
Food Pantry  
Small Christian Communities  
Grupo de Oración  
Youth Group  
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

### **Tuesday**

Young Adult Choir (Spanish)  
Adult Confirmation  
Small Christian Communities  
Grupo de Oración  
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish)  
HS Youth Group  
Terrific Tuesday Meals

### **Wednesday**

Young Adult Group (Spanish)  
Knights of Columbus  
Pastoral Council  
Bible Study (Spanish)  
RCIA/OCIA  
English Class

### **Thursday**

Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)  
Holy Hour for Vocations  
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)  
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)  
Small Christian Communities  
Bible Study Communities  
Grupo de Oración Leadership Meeting

### **Friday**

Grupo de Oración  
Bible Study Communities  
Baptism Prep (Spanish)

### **Saturday**

Choir Rehearsal (7pm Spanish)  
Young Adults (Spanish)  
Small Christian Communities  
Grupo de Oración



### **Sunday, August 3**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
**Mass - 11:30 am**  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**

### **Monday, August 4**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Spanish Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Council - 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, August 5**

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Safe Car Team - 2:00 pm  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, August 6**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Divine Will Prayer Group - 10:00 am  
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Guatemala Team - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, August 7**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Adult Faith Formation Committee - 11:00 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am  
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm  
La Hora Santa - 5:00 pm  
**Mass - 6:30 pm**  
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

### **Friday, August 8**

Funeral for **Annie Petines** - 10:00 am  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, August 9**

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**

## Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

**Gary East, Kelly Elaine Green  
Lucas Martincic, Isaac Malsam  
Tia Bailey, Joseph van Zutphen**

and those who have **died**:

**Mathew Pariso** (nephew of Angie Santiago)  
**Cesar Perez Veluz**

## Annual Catholic Appeal Goal Achieved!

Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our regional Church by supporting this campaign. As of July 31, **we have met our goal!** Thanks to your donations and pledges of **\$140,171.28**, we surpassed our goal by **3%**, which will come back to our parish in the form of a rebate in 2026. There were 322 **parish households participating** out of 1172 registered. What a wonderful community we have!

## Celebrate Father Crispin!

**Father Crispin's** 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the priesthood is coming! We are celebrating with two parties - both on **Sunday, August 24, 2025**.

The first one will be a breakfast held at St. John the Baptist McMullen Center after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. (That counts as one party!) If you would like to assist with this celebration, please bring pot luck breakfast items. Help will also be needed to set up and clean up. Please contact **Marilou Bickel** at the office if you can help with food and setting up or cleaning up.

The second celebration will be hosted by the Swahili and Spanish speaking communities at Holy Spirit after the 2:30 pm Mass the same day. It will take place in the parish hall located in the school building. To assist with this celebration, please contact the Holy Spirit office.

## Holding a Church Key? It's Time for a Quick Check-In!



Do you have a church key that has been assigned to you? If so, please read on.

With our new key system soon to be in place, the church staff is asking that any unused keys be turned into the office. If you are no longer in need of entry to the church outside of office hours, please return the key to the church office. You can drop the key in the key box by the office window, but please be sure to **place it in an envelope with your name on it**.

If you have a key that has been checked out to you, please email the office at [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org), so your key agreement can be updated and keep your "key status" current.

Thank you in advance for your help.

## Sacred Steps: A Prayer Walk in the Light of St. Kateri

(by **Karen Triplett**)

On a warm summer evening, parishioners gathered on the patio for a picnic, sharing laughter and fellowship.

Near the grape arbor, **Father Carlos** offered a beautiful prayer of blessing and invitation while **Kathy Androes-Downs** shared the story of St. Kateri's life, and **Kathy Wickward** read **Sharon Sullivan's** reflective poem to open the prayer walk.

Pilgrims moved quietly through the six prayer stations. Along the way, **Father Carlos** and several children paused to notice the garden's small creatures, delighting in the discovery of a tiny, bright green tree frog - no taller than a quarter.

The evening drew us into deeper connection with creation, one another, and with the Lord. We thank the *Women's Commission* for designing the prayer stations and reminding us to use our garden as a sacred space.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha - pray for us!

## Donated Golf Clubs Find a New Home With Local Veterans



Whatever happened to those golf club sets that sat for a long time in the McMullen Center after the yard sale? Well, the Yard Sale Team is happy to announce that the 11 sets of golf clubs with bags were donated to the American Lake Veteran's Golf Course in Lakewood, WA. This course is designed to be played by disabled veterans and maintained entirely by private donations.

The clubs will be refurbished and put into sets for residents at the Veteran's Administration Hospital and to veterans needing a set or looking for something new to do. The veteran will get the golf clubs for free after completing two golf lessons and playing three 9-hole rounds.

There were a lot of golf club sets received and sold at the Yard Sale. What wasn't sold went to a worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated these gold clubs!

## Test Your Mass Awareness

What does the priest do during the consecration at Mass? If you think you know the answer, email **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org). Names of those who answer correctly will be published in the next edition of the bulletin.



## Let's Play Soccer!



Players from within and beyond the St. John the Baptist (SJTb) community are invited to form a new 5v5 recreational soccer group. There are no fees to join, and members will mutually organize/schedule games. This is an informal effort to connect people and help kick start the initiative, potentially forming an SJTB soccer team in the future.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. You can also email [cglusa2024@gmail.com](mailto:cglusa2024@gmail.com).

## Seal of Confession Preserved

You might have already heard that a federal court blocked a new Washington state law that would have forced Catholic priests to face jail time unless they break the sacred seal of confession. This law would have required clergy to report abuse shared within the sacred confines of the confessional.

After a July 14 hearing, a US district judge issued a preliminary injunction, temporarily halting the enforcement of the law. The judge further argued that this law is likely unconstitutional, because it arguably violates the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment and places clergy in the position of choosing between their religious beliefs and potential criminal penalties. If this law - Senate Bill 5375 - was enforced, it threatened to impose penalties of up to 364 days in jail, a \$5,000 fine, and potential civil liability on priests who uphold the seal of confession and obey God's command.

The Catholic Church in Washington state has spent years strengthening its approach to protecting minors and vulnerable adults through its *Safe Environment* programs, background checks, and reporting policies. Across the Archdiocese of Seattle, all Church personnel are already required to report suspected abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies. These policies cover archdiocesan parishes, schools, and other ministries. The Church supports mandatory reporting except in the narrow instance of the sacrament of confession.

**What's next?** The injunction **temporarily blocks the law's enforcement** related to confession **while the legal case proceeds to a full trial** where the constitutionality of the law will be further examined.

Sources: [Becket](#) Religious Liberty for All; [National Catholic Reporter](#)

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**There will be  
NO Word and Communion Service on  
August 8  
due to a funeral starting at 10:00 am.**

## Pencils, Prayers, and Purpose: Supporting Students Together

Last week, we prepared you to be spiritually ready for back-to-school. This week, it's time to start thinking back-to-school **supplies!**

The season of sharpened pencils and fresh starts is here! While some of us may not have to think twice about buying school supplies, many of our neighbors are struggling just to afford groceries - let alone the extra cost of back-to-school essentials. Let's make sure every student starts the year with the tools they need to succeed. While you're shopping the school supply sales, grab a few extras to donate!

All supplies are accepted, but the **most needed** are:

- Glue sticks
- Pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- Two-pocket folders
- Dry erase markers (dark colors)
- Highlighters
- 24-count crayons
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Sharpies
- Composition books



Please drop items in the collection bin in the narthex. Items will be accepted **until August 31**.

Your simple act of generosity can make a big difference in a student's life. Whether you donate one item or a whole backpack full, you're helping a child feel seen, supported, and ready to learn.

## Why Are There No Times on Holy Spirit's Weekly Schedule?

Several parishioners have asked for more detailed information about Holy Spirit's weekly events, such as times, similar to what is provided for St. John the Baptist. The bulletin team is currently working with Holy Spirit to receive this information consistently. We appreciate your patience as we work through these growing pains together.



Join Bishop Schuster to help us commemorate the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan at our annual Mass for Peace.

**August 6, 2025  
12:10 pm to 1:10 pm  
St. James Cathedral, Seattle**



## IMPORTANT: YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!!!

Dear Parish Family 30,

August is here! And with it, we begin to sense the end of the summer season. At the parish office, that means gearing up for a new year of sacramental preparation and formation.

As you know, *Partners in the Gospel* is a three-year process of discernment to identify how we can work together and set a shared vision for the future. Most changes in staff, ministry, and liturgy will take place gradually, following prayerful consultation. However, some changes will happen more organically and faster as circumstances arise. With that said, I want to share an **exciting** development in our **youth ministry**.

After two years on staff, **Peter Guthrie** will be moving on to the next chapter in his vocational journey. He has been accepted to begin formation with the **Jesuits**! Peter's dedication, creativity, and sincere love for our youth have laid a strong foundation for future ministry. We are thrilled for him and trust that this parish community has played an important part in his discernment. Please join me in congratulating Peter and praying for him as he continues to respond to God's call with generosity and courage. August 1st was his last day on staff.

Peter's departure has opened the door for us to make youth ministry our **first shared ministry in Parish Family 30**. I approached **Veronica (Vero) Nava**, who has been serving as part-time youth minister at Holy Spirit, and asked if she felt called to full-time ministry. With faith and courage, she discerned this call and has made the bold decision to leave her position at Amazon to **serve the Church!**

As of July, Veronica is now the **full-time Youth Minister for Parish Family 30**. Over the past 1.5 years, she has demonstrated a deep love for Jesus, strong motivation, and a wonderful rapport with our youth and families. She is fully bilingual and bicultural, and has begun the Christifideles Program to continue growing in her ministry skills and theological formation as she transitions into this new career path. I will be working closely with her as she takes the lead in re-envisioning our middle school and high school formation programs, including youth confirmation. While the content and structure of youth ministry will remain consistent at both parishes this year, we will be adjusting the meeting days to best serve the needs of both communities.

Her priority this year will be to get to know the St. John community, build relationships with families and volunteers, recruit additional youth ministry leaders, and work toward a new vision for the future of youth ministry. Please keep Veronica in your prayers as she begins this important new role. Let us give her a warm welcome to the Parish Family 30 team!

In Christ,  
Fr. Carlos



**THANK YOU PETER!**

&



**WELCOME VERO!**



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



SPANISH ON REVERSE

# **¡¡¡ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL MINISTERIO JUVENIL!!!**

Querida Familia Parroquial 30,

¡Llegó agosto! Y con él, empezamos a sentir el fin del verano. En la oficina parroquial, eso significa prepararse para un nuevo año de preparación y formación sacramental.

Como saben, Compañeros en el Evangelio es un proceso de discernimiento de tres años para identificar cómo podemos trabajar juntos y establecer una visión compartida para el futuro. La mayoría de los cambios en el personal, el ministerio y la liturgia se realizarán gradualmente, tras una consulta en oración. Sin embargo, algunos cambios se producirán de forma más natural y rápida según surjan las circunstancias. Dicho esto, quiero compartir un avance emocionante en nuestro ministerio juvenil.

Tras dos años en el equipo, Peter Guthrie dará un nuevo paso en su camino vocacional. ¡Ha sido aceptado para comenzar su formación con los jesuitas! Su dedicación, creatividad y sincero amor por nuestros jóvenes han sentado una base sólida para su futuro ministerio. Nos alegramos mucho por él y confiamos en que esta comunidad parroquial ha desempeñado un papel importante en su discernimiento. Les pido que se unan a mí para felicitar a Peter y orar por él mientras continúa respondiendo al llamado de Dios con generosidad y valentía. El 1 de agosto fue su último día en el equipo.

La partida de Peter nos ha abierto las puertas para que el ministerio juvenil sea nuestro primer ministerio compartido en la Familia Parroquial 30. Me acerqué a Verónica (Vero) Nava, quien ha servido como ministra de jóvenes a tiempo parcial en Holy Spirit, y le pregunté si sentía el llamado al ministerio a tiempo completo. Con fe y valentía, ella discernió este llamado y tomó la valiente decisión de dejar su puesto en Amazon para servir a la Iglesia.

Desde julio, Verónica es la Ministra de Jóvenes de tiempo completo de la Familia Parroquial 30. Durante el último año y medio, ha demostrado un profundo amor por Jesús, una gran motivación y una excelente relación con nuestros jóvenes y familias. Es completamente bilingüe y bicultural, y ha comenzado el Programa Christifideles para seguir desarrollando sus habilidades ministeriales y su formación teológica mientras se adapta a esta nueva trayectoria profesional. Trabajaré estrechamente con ella mientras lidera la reestructuración de nuestros programas de formación para secundaria y preparatoria, incluyendo la confirmación de jóvenes. Si bien el contenido y la estructura del ministerio juvenil se mantendrán constantes en ambas parroquias este año, ajustaremos los días de reunión para satisfacer mejor las necesidades de ambas comunidades.

Su prioridad este año será conocer la comunidad de San Juan, forjar relaciones con familias y voluntarios, reclutar más líderes para el ministerio juvenil y trabajar en una nueva visión para el futuro del ministerio juvenil. Por favor, tengan a Verónica presente en sus oraciones al asumir este importante nuevo cargo. ¡Démosle una cálida bienvenida al equipo de la Familia Parroquial 30!

En Cristo, P. Carlos



**¡GRACIAS PETER!**

**&**



**¡BIENVENIDA VERO!**





BRING YOUR BEST HAWAIIAN SHIRT  
AND SOMETHING TO SHARE TO



# FR. CARLOS'S BIRTHDAY & PEDRO'S SEND OFF

Bring your favorite finger food to our potluck  
to share and enjoy an evening of treats, music,  
and good company.

**August 8, 2025**

**4:00 PM - 7:00PM**

**At St. John the Baptist, at the Garden  
25810 156th Ave SE, Covington**

Utensils will be provided.  
Bring your picnic chair or blanket.





A collage of various school supplies on the left side of the page. It includes a stack of colorful pencils (blue, orange, yellow, green, pink, purple, red, brown, white), several paper clips in different colors (blue, pink, yellow, red, white), a blue pushpin, a yellow pushpin, a blue ruler, a spiral notebook with a green and white striped cover, and a composition book with a green and white striped cover. The supplies are arranged in a way that they appear to be scattered or piled together.

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

- Pencil boxes
- Crayons 24
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- No. 2 pencils
- Mechanical pencils
- Glue sticks
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Spiral notebooks (wide & college rule)
- Composition books (wide & college rule)
- Highlighters
- Sharpies
- Dry erase markers
- Rulers
- Plastic 2-Pocket folders
- Graph paper
- Backpack (sm & lg)
- Lunchbox

**\*\*Please no binders, liquid glue, or loose leaf paper**

*Supporting Communities in Schools of South King County  
for students in the Kent School District.*

# MEN'S 5V5 SOCCER



## Interested in Recreational 5-a-side Soccer?

Scan the code below to join our Kent, WA group

We're bringing together a small group of players who can commit to regular practice games and are willing to stick to a 5v5/6v6/4v4 format that avoids overcrowding and ensures a quality experience for all. Participation is free (no fees) and games are mutually planned. While geared toward men over 30, all ages and skill levels are welcome so long as you play clean and respect your teammates. Once we have the required numbers, new additions will be restricted to ensure existing members get enough game time.



**HOW WE PLAY:** The intent is to organize regular games with an inclusive style of play where everyone has an opportunity to participate. That means greater emphasis on "team" aspects of the sport such as passing – and avoiding solo ball hogging dribbles and potentially dangerous contact. Ideally, no more than 5 touches or keeping the ball for longer than 5 seconds. We play without a goalkeeper and all 5 on-field players take turns rotating positions as part of a fluid formation that encourages movement and shared possession in a quick passing "tiki-taka" system. Being fairly competitive is fine provided things don't go beyond arguments and escalate into foul play, bad tackles or violence. This is an informal setup with no definite rules or structure, so we rely on common sense, mutual respect, maturity and understanding. At the end of the day, we're just hoping to have fun, get some exercise and improve our game.

**SCHEDULE:** For the summer, we try to organize daily games at 7pm @Wilson Playfields or other locations in Kent based on availability of players and venues. Attendance is flexible via RSVP. Cleats, turf shoes or any suitable footwear works. All updates and communication are posted on the group.

**OUR EXPECTATION:** We're not necessarily looking for the best or most skillful players, nor trying to assemble a professional or highly competitive team; just folks who want to play and let play. So if you enjoy a more tactical medium-paced game that prioritizes passing and team involvement with controlled impact/intensity, this is for you. If you're over 30, have lost a couple yards of pace and/or had major injuries/surgeries (ACL/MCL reconstructions, Ruptured Achilles, etc), you are an ideal fit. While there are several other teams that show up for impromptu games at Wilson Playfields and other neighborhood parks, it's usually unplanned, uncoordinated and extremely crowded often with way too many players in very close quarters. As you can imagine in this scenario, most people barely get a chance to play, few pro/semi-pro players dominate the game, many prefer excessive dribbling/individual showboating over passing to a teammate, and the risk of injuries are amplified through unnecessary rough play. That's why we're trying to get a smaller, more exclusive group together that understands and appreciates the value of a fulfilling soccer experience. As a collaborative community, we're evolving and always happy to incorporate suggestions on the format, schedule, rules, etc. or any constructive feedback that can help us be better. Questions? Just ask. See you at the next game!

Email: [cglusa2024@gmail.com](mailto:cglusa2024@gmail.com) | MeetUp: [www.meetup.com/mens-5v5-soccer/](https://www.meetup.com/mens-5v5-soccer/)



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil  
and anxiety of heart  
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

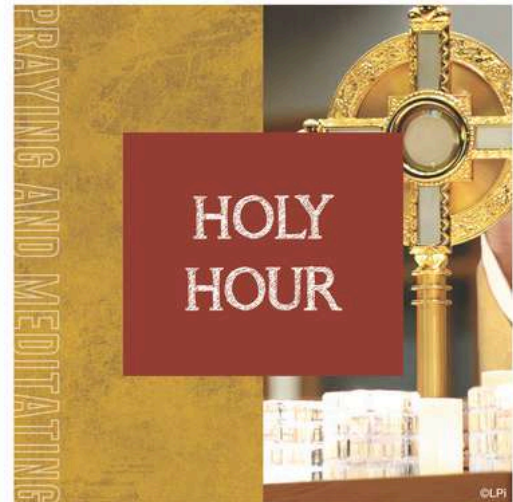
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

## Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

## Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,  
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.  
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.  
Help me to live according to Your invitations.  
Amen.

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Please send us content at least two (2) weeks before publication.

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