

**LITURGIES FOR THE TWENTY –  
EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
AND THE TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 16 - 22, 2023**

**Monday, 10/16 † Weekday, Saint Hedwig,  
Religious; Saint Margaret Mary  
Alacoque, Virgin**

6pm: Aiden

**Tuesday, 10/17 † Saint Ignatius of Antioch,  
Bishop & Martyr**

8am: Ella

9am: A.S.-Peg Daly by Mary Serge

**Wednesday, 10/18 † Saint Luke, Evangelist**

9am: A.S.

6pm:

**Thursday, 10/19 † Saints John de Brebeuf &  
Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions,  
Martyrs**

8am: No Mass

9am:A.S. No Mass

**Friday, 10/20 † Weekday, Saint Paul of the  
Cross, Priest**

8am: No Mass

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Saturday, 10/21 † Weekday, BVM**

8:30am: Addie

**Saturday, 10/21 † Vigil, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: Jerome Janik by Neftalie Alva, Jr.

**Sunday, 10/22 † Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

7:30am: Finley

9am: A. S. Rosie & Olivia (Birthdays) by Great  
Grandma

11am: Parishioners

Reminder, Father Terry will be on vacation from  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and will return October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Thurs., Oct. 19– 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Oct. 19– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Oct. 22– 9:30am – Religious Education

The Piarist Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasactius in Rome in 1617. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Piarists take a fourth vow to educate youth. They operate between 195 and 200 schools in 32 countries around the world. One of those schools is located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

We are asking for your support in helping us not only in our educational work in Appalachia but also in our many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains. A second collection will take place at all masses, please be generous.

The three Piarists stationed in eastern Kentucky minister to the Catholics in four counties. Catholics number less than ½ of 1% of the population.

Please welcome Father Thomas Carroll, Sch.P.

We are now collecting photos for the remembrance table for the month of November. If you would like your departed loved one included, there is a basket in the back of the church to place your photos.

CSA UPDATE: Great news! We have surpassed our assigned goal of \$12,681. At this point, we have paid \$ 16,100 of the \$16,600 pledged making our current rebate \$3,419. We are now in the last quarter of the 2023 campaign but there's still time to increase our rebate. Many thanks to those who have already contributed! If you have not yet given, please consider doing so using the envelopes in the back of the church or online at [www.dcgary.org/csa](http://www.dcgary.org/csa)

## K of C Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Dinner will be held in the Church Parlor Sunday, November 5, 2023. Dinner will be served from 11:00am – until sold out.

All Tickets are: \$15.00

Drive thru carry-out only

# Dear Padre

October 15, 2023

***My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?***

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

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# Good News!

October 15, 2023

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Isaiah 25:6-10a / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 /

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid**, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God. ●

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*"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." -  
Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

## **‘God showed up in a very powerful, powerful way’: Archdiocese of Hartford investigating possible eucharistic miracle**

(OSV News) March 27, 2023 — The Archdiocese of Hartford is investigating a possible eucharistic miracle at one of its parishes, where Communion hosts seemingly multiplied during a March 5 Sunday Mass.

Father Joseph Crowley, pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Thomaston, Conn., said in a YouTube livestream of his March 12 homily that an unnamed extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at the previous week’s liturgy had begun to run out of Communion hosts — only to find that “all of a sudden there (were) more hosts in the ciborium.” The St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is comprised of three church locations — St. Thomas, Immaculate Conception and St. Casimir — and the alleged multiplication of Communion hosts took place at St. Thomas.

The minister continued to distribute the hosts to some “100, 150 people in the congregation,” after which “there was the same amount, if not more hosts” in the ciborium, said Father Crowley, who had celebrated the March 5 liturgy. “What happened is Our Lord multiplied himself. ... I have no doubt. I know what I gave the person. I know what (was) returned (to the tabernacle). It was just very obvious and plain to me as to what happened.”

Father Crowley said in his March 12 homily he wanted to tell parishioners “from the horse’s mouth as to exactly what happened,” and “stick to the facts” to avoid confusion.

In a livestream video of his post-Communion remarks at the March 5 liturgy at St. Thomas, a visibly struck Father Crowley said the experience was “very powerful, very awesome, very real, very shocking.”

David Elliott, associate director of communications for the Archdiocese of Hartford, said the archdiocesan judicial vicar, Father George S. Mukuka, “has been looking into the possibility of a Eucharistic miracle” at the parish.

Following the investigation, the judicial vicar will prepare a report for Hartford Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, “who will make a determination from there” regarding the event’s supernatural nature, said Elliott.

Several of the seemingly multiplied hosts had been distributed at daily Mass March 6 and 7, but were then kept in reserve as the archdiocesan investigation is still underway, said Father Crowley in his March 12 homily. He said that the incident — which he described as “one of those moments where God showed up in a very powerful, powerful way” — had stunned him.

“I haven’t been praying for anything like this,” he said. “I’ve heard of this happening. I don’t know of any person out of my 20-plus years of dealing with the church ... (and) dealing with hundreds of priests ... hundreds, thousands of people, (and) many, many bishops. I know that the Lord can do anything. He does all things for nothing is impossible for God.”

At the same time, “the real miracle is the fact that we’re able to take simple bread and wine, and through the prayers of the church, through the hands of the priest, Christ is made present through transubstantiation,” said Father Crowley. “Our Lord then becomes the flesh and blood hidden under the mere presence of bread and wine.”

Through the apparent multiplication of hosts, “Our Lord gave us one of the best moments of reflection this Lent about himself, about the Eucharist,” said Father Crowley.

Father Crowley acknowledged that people often go through situations where “God seems so removed, so hidden ... not part of our everyday moment because we don’t see him.”

“It’s sometimes hard to see a God that seems to be so hidden,” he said. “Perhaps the Lord had done this before, where you just give Communion out and all of a sudden there’s plenty of hosts and you just keep going. But to ... be made aware is part of the miracle.”

A local saint in the making also may have played a role, Father Crowley said, since Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, served as pastor of St. Thomas Church from 1884 until his death in 1890.

“I think in a very profound way that ... because of Blessed McGivney’s life here ... it shows that this is a very special place. And it’s important to God,” said Father Crowley. “And I think good things are coming. I think great things are coming.”

## Archbishop Viganò, Mel Gibson sound alarm over ‘genocide’ of Armenian Christians

(LifeSiteNews) Sep 28, 2023 — Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò is calling on the international community to assist the more than 60,000 ethnic Armenians fleeing war-torn Nagorno-Karabakh, an autonomous, heavily disputed region in the Shiite Muslim majority nation of Azerbaijan that was conquered by that country earlier this month.

His Excellency’s message was supported by Traditional Catholic actor Mel Gibson, who has described the events as “ethnic cleansing.”

“Where is the international community, always ready to welcome Islamic migrants of military age, fleeing war zones or funding a proxy war in Ukraine under the pretext of Russian invasion?” His Excellency asked. “Where is the petulant Bergoglio, according to whom no ethnic replacement is taking place?”

### How did the situation get to this point?

Also known as the Republic of Artsakh, Nagorno-Karabakh was a former satellite of the USSR before the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Since that time, its 99% Christian population has suffered through three significant conflicts with Azerbaijan — one in 1994, another in 2020, and now the current situation.

During the First World War, the Turks committed genocide of Christian Armenians in the Ottoman Empire, leaving more than 1 million dead. Gibson has said that in this instance “history tragically repeats itself.”

Despite Russia spending extensive diplomatic and military resources to ensure peace for the approximately 120,000 Armenians who had been living in Nagorno-Karabakh, with President Vladimir Putin’s attention turned toward the war in Ukraine, an opening was left for Turkish-backed Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev to capture the region.

On September 19, Aliyev’s forces launched what his government called an “anti-terror” operation with artillery and drones. In less than 24 hours, Karabakh Armenians were overrun, including civilian casualties. More than 50% of the population has sought refuge in Armenia, which can only be accessed via the Lachin Corridor, a long and winding road that was previously blocked for 10 months by the Azerbaijan government. The U.S. State Department immediately denounced the attack.

Reports from numerous outlets indicate that fleeing Armenians need up to a day or more to traverse the road, sometimes by foot, thanks to traffic delays and fuel shortages allegedly caused by Azerbaijani bad actors seeking to inflict even more suffering on those who are leaving. Many of the refugees are short on water, medical, and food supplies.

### Archbishop Viganò calls out world leaders

In a post on X dated September 27, Archbishop Viganò expressed great sympathy for the Armenian people. He also noted the hypocrisy of the “international community” for not doing more to help the fleeing Christians but who are “always” eager to assist Muslim migrants.

“The Armenian people, for centuries persecuted by Islam and the Communists for their Faith, are once again the target of vicious ethnic replacement,” he said. “Thousands of Armenians are leaving their country, driven from their homes, considered strangers in their homeland.”

“Where is the international community, always ready to welcome Islamic migrants of military age, fleeing war zones or funding a proxy war in Ukraine under the pretext of Russian invasion?” he asked. He continued, “I appeal to the institutions of all countries to act promptly by giving aid and protection to the Armenians, opening a humanitarian corridor to receive them, and above all by taking immediate diplomatic action so that the exiles can soon return to their homes.”

“I invoke the intercession of St. Gregory the Illuminator, Patron of the Armenian Apostolic Church, that he may protect the persecuted Catholics and confirm them in the heroic witness of Faith that has animated them for centuries.”

### **Vatican peace efforts have failed**

In 2016, Pope Francis visited Armenia and Azerbaijan, which is believed to have less than 300 Catholics. He also met with Azerbaijan's leader in 2020. During a sermon at St. Peter's Basilica with the head of the Armenian Orthodox Church in April 2015, Francis said that "the first genocide of the 20th century" was "against you, the Armenian people." The statement caused the Turkish government to recall its ambassador to the Vatican for 10 months, as the nation has long rejected the accusation it committed targeted killings. On September 20, Francis called for peace but to no avail after the Azerbaijani military launched its campaign on Nagorno-Karabakh. It is believed the attacks have left hundreds if not thousands of ethnic Armenians dead. Survivors fear for their lives as the "reintegration" of Nagorno-Karabakh into Azerbaijan is set to begin on January 1, when the republic will be officially dissolved.

### **Mel Gibson makes note of the media's silence**

Mel Gibson amplified Archbishop Viganò's message with a recorded video message that His Excellency posted on X. The actor observed the similarities between the Armenian genocide of World War I while also calling for "safe passage" for those who are fleeing the region.

"History tragically repeats itself as we witness a modern-day genocide unfolding. Yet the media silence on this issue is deafening," he stated. "The Armenian people, who have endured centuries of persecution due to their faith, find themselves once again subjected to a brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing."

"In the grip of Azerbaijan and Turkey, countless Armenians are enduring unspeakable horrors: loss of life, forced displacement, starvation, and isolation from essential supplies," he continued. "These are the same Armenians whose roots run deep in a land they called home for generations."

"I implore the international community across all nations to take swift action, extend a helping hand to the Armenian population, offer them the protection they desperately need, and create a humanitarian corridor for their safe passage."

"Most importantly, let's engage in immediate diplomatic efforts to ensure that these exiled individuals are returned to their rightful homes without delay. To the Armenian people who still suffer, I say don't lose heart. God is with you."

### **Continued fallout and reaction across the world**

The Azerbaijan government has predictably denied that it is conducting any sort of "ethnic cleansing." It says that those who are leaving are doing so on their own accord. It has also stated that Armenian claims that they are relying on Turkish mercenaries are also untrue.

Although Azerbaijan's president has said that those who stay will have their rights protected, international experts remain skeptical, apparently with good reason. The president previously called Nagorno-Karabakh's leaders a "criminal junta" that needed to be brought to justice. Moreover, the former president of the Nagorno-Karabakh government was arrested earlier this month as he was escaping via the Lachin Corridor. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has said that his country is preparing to "welcome our sisters and brothers of Nagorno-Karabakh to the Republic of Armenia with all care." Armenia currently has a population of around 2.8 million.

CNN reported that there are temporary refugee camps set up in the border towns of Goris and Kornidzor. The outlet also related that during a visit to Armenia, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) chief Samantha Power warned that refugees were suffering from "severe malnutrition."

Catholic humanitarian activist Gia Chacon has also raised awareness about the situation.

"Another CHRISTIAN genocide is underway in Nagorno-Karabakh!" she posted on X. "The world's first Christian nation — Armenia — is facing a SECOND GENOCIDE."

"This is one of the darkest pages of Armenian history," a 33-year-old Armenian priest similarly told Reuters. He was visiting the border to provide spiritual support for those fleeing Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Armenian Apostolic Church is the national church of Armenia and belongs to the Oriental Orthodox community. Armenia is home to many churches and monasteries, some of which date to the fifth century. The Eastern Rite Armenian Catholic Church is in communion with Rome. It has more than 600,000 members worldwide. Both churches recognize St. Gregory the Illuminator (c.257-c.328) as their protector.