

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



October 4, 2020

Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish serves all those who come to the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We profess our Catholic Faith, minister to others and welcome all, as founded on the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector and Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus

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Pastoral Associate

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Parish Evangelization

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

Edward J. Specht IV
Coordinator of Religious Education

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Santa Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND**

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

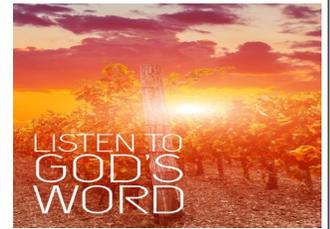
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 4, 2020

*"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain". JN 15:16*
R. Alleluia, alleluia



MASS Intentions

Oct. 3, Saturday, Weekday BVM

12:05 Patricia Tietjen
5:15 Patricia Zamorski

Oct. 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gladis Villanueva
11:00 Mary B. Donegan
12:30 Sonja Lopatynski
6:30 Quici, Galipo, Grecco
Family

Oct. 5 Monday, Weekday Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:15 Intentions of Thomas Chandy
12:05 Emeric Tedeschi

Oct. 6, Tuesday, Weekday Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

7:15 Steve Jun
12:05 Mary Harvey

Oct. 7, Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15 Gregorio Kim
12:05 Intentions of Chico Guzmán
Family

Oct. 8, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Claire Huang
12:05 Maddelena Leone

Oct. 9, Friday, Weekday St. Dennis and Companions, St. John Leonardi

7:15 Joseph B. Callaghan
12:05 Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Pyne

Oct. 10, Saturday, Weekday BVM

12:05 Michael Magnotta
5:15 Quici, Galipo, Grecco
Family

Oct. 11 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Edward M. Mahon
11:00 Angela Laino
12:30 Intentions of DeJesus Family
6:30 Quici, Galipo, Grecco
Family

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Second Reading for Mass today, from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (4: 6-9), reminds us of the importance of presenting all our needs, prayers and intentions to Almighty God. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God (Philippians 4: 6)." People are becoming weary of the anxieties and concerns that fill these present days and they are many. Let us trust the Lord that he is near to us and ready to hear and help us who belong to him. Can we dismiss our anxieties and trust in the provident love of God for us? With renewed faith, let us lean more and more on the Lord with all that fills our hearts.

October is Respect Life Month and today is Respect Life Sunday. Our Cathedral Parish has significantly increased its efforts to promote the sacredness of human life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Not everyone in the same way can participate in many of these efforts and opportunities. However, everyone one of us can pray for the intention of respect for all human life. Respect Life Month raises our awareness to do just this, to pray for life and especially its legal protection in our land. This intention will be remembered in the Sunday Universal Prayer during the month of October.

October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary. This is so because the Memorial of the Holy Rosary is observed on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. We have several opportunities to pray the Holy Rosary with others at the Basilica this month as noted in the Parish Bulletin. More importantly, please pray the Rosary whenever possible.

We have inaugurated a Faith and Justice Ministry here in our Cathedral Parish. The increasingly present need to confront racism and other issues of injustice makes it important to reflect upon the Gospel and our Catholic Christian response to these issues. I am very happy that our parishioner Marcelle McGuirk has assumed the coordinator role for this ministry. Please look for information in the parish bulletin for the Parish Faith and Justice Ministry.

It is time for the Parish Fall Collection. The *Parish Fall Collection* (formerly known as the Block Collection) and the *Keys and Sword* are the two principal fundraisers of the Cathedral Parish. Each registered member of the Cathedral Parish is asked to make a contribution of two hundred dollars, if at all possible. The donations from this collection go directly to operation fund for the Cathedral Parish. Also, a census update, if any updating is needed, will be included in the mailing for the *Parish Fall Collection*. In advance, I thank you very much for your generosity to this important and much needed fundraiser.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the fall maintenance needs of the Cathedral Basilica. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill,
Rector



CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

*The Blessed Trinity:
God the Holy Spirit*

Thursday, October 08, 2020, 7:00 PM

Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office 215-561-1313 or email Edward Specht at cathedralreligiouseducation@gmail.com



LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

Click [Here](#),

or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>

[Worship Aid](#)



Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine [Novena Brochure](#)

<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf>

TEXT TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH!

Text at any time, especially for your
Sunday Mass Offering

Please text **Cathedral** to 215-709-9955
and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for 2020-2021 will be held at SFX School

You may register by mail.

Please provide a baptismal certificate for children new to our
PREP/CCD.

For more info visit: <http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/rechildren/>

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 5: 1-7

This "song" of the Lord's vineyard is actually a parable, which contrasts the lavish care of Yahweh for His people with the people's sinful response. It then speaks of future judgment.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9

God's peace is beyond our mental power to understand, but it accomplishes more than we can imagine. Paul commends his behavior as an example for his readers to follow.

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Matthew inserts a quote from Isaiah's "Song of the Vineyard" (Today's First Reading) and then gives us Our Lord's instructional parable. Ironically, the chief priests and elders render a harsh sentence for the wicked tenant that actually is intended for them. "The people" who inherit the vineyard also receive the promise of the kingdom.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH OUTSIDE THE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sun 4** 20th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Katharine Drexel, Cathedral, 11 AM
- Thurs. 8** Catechetical Session, Neumann, 7 PM
- Sat. 10** Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Healing and Peace, Cathedral, 12:00PM
- Sun. 11** Rosary Coast to Coast, Cathedral, 5:30 PM
- Sat. 17** Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral, 5:15 PM

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors.

The offertory collection for Sunday 09/27/2020 was :

First Collection: \$4,173.00

Second Collection: \$887.00

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Or go to: <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Michael Infanti, Dolores Hoffman, Greg Matulewicz, Mark Perry, John McKeown, Jr., Matthew Munafo, Joshua White, Anthony Evangelista, Rose Marie Bruno, Gloria Quici, Timmy Mulvenna, Fran Murray, Ted Johnston, Joan Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Gunson, Sharon Becker, Alan Havelin, Patricia Horton, April de Matto, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to:
sr.mrparadis@archphila.org, or call Sister Mary Raphael, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313 Monday through Thursday.

Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de Santos Pedro y Pablo

La Parroquia Catedral sirve a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia como una comunidad católica romana vibrante en el centro de la ciudad. Profesamos nuestra fe católica, servimos a los demás y damos la bienvenida a todos tal cual está escrito en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los Sacramentos de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, Abril 5, 2016

EVENTOS DE INTERES

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español **Octubre 25, 2020— 1:30 PM**

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; **Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para inscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente**, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 215-561-1313.

HORA SANTA PARA LA ELECCIÓN: 50 PERSONAS ~ 50 ESTADOS ~ UNA HORA

Únase a nosotros durante una hora de oración y adoración ante Jesús en la Eucaristía mientras pedimos gracia y bendición para nuestro país, especialmente pidiendo que se cumpla la voluntad de Dios en las próximas elecciones presidenciales. **Domingo, 1 de Noviembre del 2020 – 2:00-3:00 PM** en la Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, [Haga clic aquí para registrarse](#)
[Volante promocional](#)

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#),

or go to:

<http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/September->

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las **6:30 AM**

[La Santa Misa Grabada en línea](#)

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo séptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario. La Segunda Lectura de la Misa de hoy, de la carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses (4: 6-9), nos recuerda la importancia de presentar todas nuestras necesidades, oraciones e intenciones al Dios Todopoderoso. "Antes bien, en toda ocasión presenten sus peticiones a Dios y junten la acción de gracias a la súplica (Filipenses 4: 6)". La gente se está cansando de las ansiedades y preocupaciones que llenan estos días y son muchas. Confiamos en el Señor que está cerca de nosotros y listo para escucharnos y ayudarnos a quienes le pertenecemos. ¿Podemos descartar nuestras ansiedades y confiar en el amor providente de Dios por nosotros? Con fe renovada, apoyémonos cada vez más en el Señor con todo lo que llena nuestro corazón.

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida y hoy es el Domingo del Respeto a la Vida. Nuestra Parroquia Catedral ha incrementado significativamente sus esfuerzos para promover el carácter sagrado de la vida humana desde el primer momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. No todos pueden participar de la misma manera en muchos de estos esfuerzos y oportunidades. Sin embargo, todos y cada uno de nosotros podemos orar por la intención de respetar la vida humana. El Mes del Respeto a la Vida nos sensibiliza para hacer precisamente esto, para orar por la vida y especialmente por su protección legal en nuestra tierra. Esta intención será recordada en la Oración Universal dominical durante el mes de octubre.

Octubre es también el Mes del Santo Rosario. Esto es así porque la Memoria del Santo Rosario se observa el miércoles 7 de octubre de 2020. Tenemos varias oportunidades para rezar el Santo Rosario con otros en la Basílica este mes, como se indica en el Boletín Parroquial. Más importante aún, recen el Rosario siempre que sea posible.

Hemos inaugurado un Ministerio de Fe y Justicia aquí en nuestra Parroquia Catedral. La necesidad cada vez más presente de enfrentar el racismo y otros problemas de injusticia hace que sea importante reflexionar sobre el Evangelio y nuestra respuesta cristiana católica a estos problemas. Estoy muy feliz de que nuestra feligresa Marcelle McGuirk haya asumido el papel de coordinadora de este ministerio. Busque información en el boletín parroquial del Ministerio de Fe y Justicia de la Parroquia.

Es hora de la Colecta Parroquial de Otoño. La colección de otoño de la parroquia (anteriormente conocida como la colección de bloques) y las *Llaves y la Espada (Keys and Sword)* son las dos principales actividades de recaudación de fondos de la parroquia de la catedral. A cada miembro registrado de la Parroquia de la Catedral se le pide que haga una contribución de doscientos dólares, si es posible. Las donaciones de esta colección van directamente al fondo de operaciones de la Parroquia Catedral. Además, una actualización del censo, si se necesita alguna actualización, se incluirá en el envío de la *Colección Parroquial de Otoño*. De antemano, les agradezco mucho su generosidad con esta importante y necesaria recaudación de fondos.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección estará dirigida a las necesidades de mantenimiento otoñal de la Catedral Basílica. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales a la Oficina Parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill,
Rector

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE



Saint John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neill, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, and The Little Brothers of The Good Shepherd, Saint Johns was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice is an independent 501c3 agency associated with the charitable work of Catholic Social Services.

Programs: Residence for over 250 homeless men each year in St. John's Hospice & Good Shepperd programs; Case management, medical and counseling for all residents and day service guests; Mail Room for over 900 homeless men; 160 showers with clean clothing, underwear & shoes every week; Over 3,000 meals each week to homeless & needy men; Emergency shelter for 27 homeless men where they can receive a meal & bed every night.

Donate: Monetary donations://saintjohnshospice.org/
Contact information 1221 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107
adicesare@chs-adphila.org (215) 563-7763

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 PM

(followed by Holy Mass at 6:30 PM)

Please join us in prayer for our nation and our world with the recitation of the Holy Rosary's in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. This rosary recitation, led by the rector of the Cathedral Basilica, **Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill** will mark the culmination of the Rosary Coast to Coast Novena which we encourage you to continue saying or can start now if you have not been saying it.

[View the Flyer](#)



On **Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM**, we will have a Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Healing and Peace in our City and Nation.

This is an opportunity for us to come before the Lord truly present to us in his Holy Body and Blood with the prayers that fill our hearts for healing and peace.

More info at: <http://cathedralphila.org/eucharist/>



LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, alone, and confused, and have no support. Our centers provide free services ~ pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, and advocacy so they can receive the truth with love and mercy! If you took an envelope and are unable to return it on the due date, you can mail it in or bring it to the rectory and drop it in the Legacy of Life Foundation donation box. Checks should be made payable to the *Legacy of Life Foundation*.

THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

~ www.legacyoflifefoundation.org ~

"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise" - St. Mother Teresa"

[Click HERE](#) to watch the video of Marie Joseph giving the message of LOLF.

Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 5:15 pm

Where: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

For more details [see the flyer](#) or to rsvp [click here](#).



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail us youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com. Please search for our Facebook page: [Young Adults at the Cathedral](#)).

FOR YOUR INTEREST: Readings at Mass

If you don't have a the missalette with you, just place your cell phone's camera to this QR Code to have today's reading.



40 days for Life Begins on September 23-November 1st!

Please consider praying outside of The Women's Center or Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia. If you have never prayed at an abortion clinic before and are nervous we can pair you with someone!

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul are signed up on the following dates: **October 22nd** at Planned Parenthood (12th and Locust, Phila Pa) from 8AM-5PM.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE](#),

or go to: <https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/>

Holy Hour for the Election: 50 People, 50 States, One Hour

Join us on **November 1, 2020** at 2-3 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

[View the flyer](#) [Click here to RSVP](#)

St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation October 10th and 11th, On-Line Event

Event: "After Divorce Conference On-Line" with Rose Sweet, Dr. Christopher West, Dr. Ray Guerendi, and other Great Speakers

Smart Catholics On-line is hosting a free on-line event with Rose Sweet, Dr. Christopher West and other Catholic speakers on healing "after divorce". This two-day event is free, and an on-line community with resources is available for just \$10 along with other tiers offered. Topics include healing for those affected by divorce and adult children of divorce.

Location: www.smartcatholics.com/after-divorce/

To learn more: www.smartcatholic.com/after-divorce/ or email director.srnf@gmail.com

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center

You are invited to join our **October Series on Zoom** ~ Four Outstanding Women Saints! Each Tuesday in October one woman saint will be presented.

• **Tuesday, October 6, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT will give a presentation on **St. Teresa of Avila**.

• **Tuesday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Mary Ann Henagan, MSBT will present to you **St. Josephine Bakhita**.

• **Tuesday, October 20, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Faith Okerson, S.B.S. will give a presentation on **St. Katharine Drexel**.

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom. Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT will present **St. Edith Stein**.

You are welcome to join an individual night or all four in the series!

How? To register, email Mother Boniface Spirituality Center at mbcrtreat@msbt.org. The program will be on Zoom. We will confirm your registration and send you a link to participate in the Series.

When? From 7:00-8:30 pm on the four Tuesdays in October.

October 6, 13, 20 & 27.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANONIZATION OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

20 years ago, On October 1, 2000, Mother Katharine Drexel, was declared and canonized a saint by St. John Paul II. St. Katharine Drexel is the foundress of the Sister of the Blessed Sacrament whose distinct charism is focused on ministry to the Native American and African American peoples, especially in the Southern and Western regions of the United States. In 2018, the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel at the former Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Cornwells Heights, PA moved to the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul and has been frequented by many in and around the Philadelphia area and beyond.

The 20th Anniversary of her Canonization provides us an opportunity to reflect upon St. Katharine's own holiness and what we might imitate in them as we seek to be where they are one day, in heaven. Author Thomas Dubay, in a little book he wrote on the Saints noted several attitudes that seem to run through the lives of these holy ones generally and certainly through St. Katharine Drexel particularly.¹ As consider how they were manifest in St. Katharine Drexel we might imagine how they can become a part of our lives too.

Saints are *totally God-centered*. If one wants to understand what makes them tick, they need only look to the Lord whom the saints loved and love even now. St. Katharine Drexel's devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament fueled the work of her and her Sisters. The Bread of Heaven was that which fed her works and sacrifices the whole of her life. St. Katharine's Rule of Life as a Religious helped her and her sisters resist the attraction of a shallow activism for genuine Christian service. For the genuine follower of Jesus, prayer must undergird every good work.

Saints are *determined and dauntless in faith*. The process of founding a religious order is not an easy one. St. Katharine, in founding her order needed to first enter religious life of an established congregation before being able to found her own. Her faith in God's will for he enabled her to persevere through the trials that inevitably came and maintain the path he was leading her down. Saints are utterly *Church-centered and logically consistent*. St. Katharine Drexel saw the need of the Native American and African American peoples and while challenged to begin a new work in the Church, always did so in orderly manner and with the Church's guiding hand made apparent through her leaders (even when they could be difficult).

The saints are *joyously enthusiastic, on fire and welcome the cross*. As St. Katharine Drexel pondered her final days here on earth she once reflected: "*My dying is eternal life with Christ. To the extent which I comprehend Christ in faith, to the same extent I shall embrace Him in love.*"² Lastly, Saints are *fully alive*. The love St. Katharine Drexel brought to her Sisters, their missions and all she encountered was one first found in God. As the Bishop who preached at her funeral observed: "*Hers was a love primarily of God, practiced with her whole heart, her whole soul, and her whole mind...*"³ As we remember St. Katharine Drexel in these days, would that someone could say the same of us on our last day. *St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.*

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ Thomas Dubay, S.M., *Saints: A Closer Look* (Cincinnati: Franciscan Publishing, 2007), pp. 21-30.

² Lou Baldwin, *St. Katharine Drexel: Apostle to the Oppressed*, (Philadelphia, Catholic Standard and Times 2000) p. 194

³ *Ibid.*, p. 194