

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:10 PM Wednesday: 7AM,

12:10 PM (livestream),

& 5:30 PM

Thursday: 12:10 PM Sunday: 7 AM,

9 AM (livestream),

11 AM,

5 PM (livestream),

& 8 PM

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This Week at OSP

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Sunday - February 19	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM
	Church
Encore Cafe	10:15 AM 625 W. Adams
Tuesday - February 21	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Divorce Recovery Group	6 PM 711 W. Monroe
Wednesday - February 22	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM
	Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM Church
An Evening of Adoration	6:15 PM Church
and Contemplative Music	
Thursday - February 23	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Sunday - February 26	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM,
(*RCIA Rite of Sending)	*5 PM & 8 PM
	Church
Go and Do Likewise:	10 AM 625 W. Adams
Living the Gospel	



This Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. Old St. Patrick's Church representatives will be offering ashes in the church from 7:30 am - 7:00 pm.

Mass times on Wednesday include 7 am, 12:10 pm, and 5:30 pm.

Please stop by campus to enter into the season prayerfully with the OSP community.

Join the OSP Community

Welcome to Old St. Patrick's Church! It is through your presence, Old St. Pat's is able to provide compelling educational programs, invaluable Outreach services, rewarding volunteer opportunities, and spiritual nourishment for all. We are gifted by your presence. Please scan the QR code to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

To learn more about Membership or to check your membership status at Old St. Patrick's, please contact Polly Mulhearn at pollym@oldstpats.org



Don't miss a thing!

Check out "What's Happening at OSP" on the Old St. Pat's website to stay up-to-date on



all upcoming events.
Find registration forms and more information on offered programming easily by scanning the QR code.

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Walking on the road with Jesus

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Walking on the road with Jesus." We invite you to see this year's appeal as an opportunity to reclaim our identity, a sense of ourselves, as God's pilgrim people who are on the way, on the road with Jesus. And as we walk together, we are changed.

Thank you to all those who have donated or made a commitment to supporting this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity yet to donate, please prayerfully consider what contribution you are able to make at this time.

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Annual Catholic Appeal 835 N. Rush St. Chicago, IL 60611

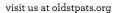


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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION



In the continuation of reading about the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to call us. His call isn't easy, but as Christians we see the beauty in being called to be the light of the world. When thinking of myself answering the call to be light, I immediately think about eliminating the wicked. But who are the wicked? They are also the children of God, my siblings, neighbors, even at points in my life I have been the wicked.

As the wicked and as a sinner, I am called by God to be more even when our individualistic society tells us, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." I am quick to anger and pride blinds me in situations when Jesus calls me to go the extra mile and be merciful. It is easy to react with vengeance, especially in our communities filled with division and generations of oppression. Jesus isn't necessarily telling us to always turn our cheek when the persecutors and enemies strike us, but to think of how to respond with mercy. So how does one pick up their cross and bring light to the world?

This Black History Month, we are reminded of those that have brought light into the world like Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's preaching of, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." We are reminded of St. Josephine Bakhita's forgiveness and love for those that enslaved and tortured her. We are reminded that amongst great darkness, they were light through their advocacy without resorting to vengeance or violence.

We strive to follow their example through OSP's vision of "leading a movement of change within the Catholic church marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship, and transformative kinship," Jesus calls us to dive into deeper discernment with great mercy and think about whether our actions towards our neighbors are feeding our pride or bringing light into the world.

So today we remember that...
We are ALL called to the table
We are called to be compassionate
We are called to be light
We are called to love

by Brenda Chávez Director of Young Adult Ministry and Neighborhood Engagement











An Evening of Adoration and Contemplative Music

For this Lenten season, Encounter Young Adult Ministry and Music Ministry are partnering at OSP to host a series of one hour of adoration and music to provide a space for deep reflection. They will take place in the church on:

Wednesday, February 22nd @7-8 pm (After Ash Wednesday Mass)
Wednesday, March 1st @7-8 pm
Wednesday, March 15th @8-9pm
Wednesday, March 29th @7-8 pm

Go and Do Likewise: Living the Gospel

We hear the Gospel proclaimed every Sunday. Perhaps we even read the Gospel as a personal spiritual practice. But where can we go if we just want to talk with others about what we hear in the Sunday Gospels?

Go and Do Likewise: Living the Gospel is a thirty minute session, scheduled for five Sundays in Lent, that invites us into dialogue with the Sunday Gospel and one another.

Resourced by new reflections written for us by theologian, poet and storyteller Jack Shea, each session will offer time for quiet reflection and conversation in small groups. In engaging in these dialogues with the Gospel and each other, we hope to surface new insights to help deepen our faith, as well as to identify new actions that will enliven and build up community among us.

Sundays: February 26, and March 5, 12, 19, 26 10:15 – 10:45 am Old St. Patrick's Fellowship Hall | 625 W. Adams Street

No registration is required. Join us as often as you wish. We welcome the conversation! For more information, please contact Bob Kolatorowicz at: bobk@oldstpats.org

Wedding Banns



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May the winds of heaven dance between you.

I. April 30, 2023 Ryan Antonio Rui Barrios & Ellengayle Henriquez







At The Crossroads Speaker and Discussion Series

The questions are just as thought-provoking as they are important.

We invite you to join us for three special evenings as together

with highly regarded thought leaders,

we explore questions of race, neighborhood, and church.

Old St. Patrick's Church Fellowship Hall 625 W. Adams Street | Chicago, IL

Doors open at 6:30PM for refreshments and informal gathering. Each program begins at 7:00 pm and ends by 8:15 pm. Limited free parking is available after 6 PM in the parking garage next to the 625 W. Adams building.

For more information and to register please visit: oldstpats.org/at-the-crossroads

March 8th | 6:30 PM | 625 W. Adams

Chicago is routinely recognized as one of the most segregated cities in our nation. Is it possible to consider new ways of being neighbors?
Is it possible to re-consider what it means to be a neighborhood?





Tonika Johnson, Social Justice Artist



Janell Nelson, Design Leader. Englewood Arts Collective

The acclaimed Folded Map Project visually connects residents who live at

corresponding addresses on the North and South Sides of Chicago and investigates what urban segregation looks like and how it impacts Chicago residents. What started as a photographic study quickly evolved into a multimedia exploration with video interviews of residents. The project invites audiences to open a dialogue and question how we are all socially impacted by racial, economic, and institutional conditions that segregate the city.

March 22nd | 6:30 PM | 625 W. Adams

Is it possible that the church can help us think about the human community in a new way?



A priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Ken has served in a variety of ministries that have included: Associate Pastor at St. Michael in Orland Park, Vice Rector and Dean of Formation at Niles College Seminary, Chaplain/Director of the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University, Pastor of Saint Clement in Lincoln Park, Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests, and most recently, Administrator of Old St. Patrick's Church. Concurrently, Fr. Simpson has also worked as a firefighter and EMT and served as a Chaplain to several Fire Departments.









Come rock the block at Old St. Pat's and have a pint at **The Irish Pop-Up Pub**

(a heated tent, entrance on Adams & Desplaines)

March 11, 2023 • 11:30am-5:30pm

Tickets Now Available Online! Scan the QR codes below:

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\$125 VIP Ticket

Includes entry to VIP area & access to VIP porta potties, drinks & 1 meal.

\$50 Pub-Pass Ticket

Includes entry, 4 drink tickets (beer, wine, spiked seltzer or soda) & 1 meal.

Only available in advance!

General Admission

\$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Food and drinks for purchase. Kids 6-10 - \$5 Includes a meal

Kids 5 and under are FREE

Winners Announced on 3/11 Grand Prize - \$20,000!!

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Encounter Lenten Small Groups Registration

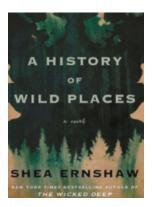


Join us in building community and deepening your relationship with Christ this Lenten season every Sunday (February 26th-April 2nd) from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Ministry Center (Rectory). No sacraments or prior knowledge are necessary and if you are a single parent, married, divorced or single, you have a place in our ministry!

Everyone between the ages of 18 and 39 are welcome. Food will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Chávez at brendac@oldstpats.org



Encounter OSP Book Club



February 27 | 6:30 PM Book Cellar, Lincoln Square

Join us for the OSP Book Club! We will be reading "A History of Wild Places" by Shea Ernshaw. For information or questions,

For information or questions, please contact Rachelle Lindo at rachelle.lindo@gmail.com

World Youth Day 2023



LISBON, PORTUGAL AUGUST 1-6, 2023

Join Encounter on pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal on July 29th-August 7th, 2023, joining millions of other young adults worldwide while fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

bit.ly/OSPWYD2023







Call To Action!



Our friends at Fourth Presbyterian Church have found themselves graciously hosting migrants from Central and South America. Approximately 370 migrants arrived last week via Texas and are currently being offered a place to stay at the former Tremont Hotel on Chestnut Street. Fourth Presbyterian was not given advance notice of the migrants' arrival, and in turn, is looking for the Chicago community's assistance to help welcome these asylum seekers.

The Fourth Presbyterian Social Service Center and Meals Ministry are working with these families to provide them with food and clothing. Donations of clothing, blankets, winter coats/gloves/shoes, and food are greatly appreciated.

Please visit <u>www.oldstpats.org/ospirm</u> to volunteer or make donations. Let's work together to create communities of welcome, hospitality, safety and hope for our immigrant brothers, sisters and siblings in Christ

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry

A Lenten Faith Journey

February 22 - 25, Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday

Begin this Lent with ashes and fasting for the social and personal sins that deny dignity to immigrants. If we are to be "ambassadors of Christ" we must "... be reconciled to God." [See 2 Cor 5:20-6:2]





Thursday

Today's reading has God's people entering a new land. [See Dt 30:15-20] Today's refugees and asylum seekers come from Venezuela, Haiti, Ukraine, and many other countries. This Lent learn their stories: Venezuelan migrants - https://cmsny.org/venezuelan-migrants-return-acosta-092022/

Friday

- "This rather is the fasting that I wish... releasing those bound unjustly." [See Is 58:1 9a] Learn about inhumane and unjust deportation that continues in Title 42* and new Biden policies**. Pray for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
- * <u>immigrantjustice.org/press-releases/scotus-ruling-title-42-case-means-asylum-seekers-will-continue-be-denied-access</u>
- ** immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/recycling-trumps-asylum-bans-expanding-title-42-how-bidens-new-policies-threaten

Saturday

"...Remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;" [See Is 58:9b] To accomplish this tall order we must begin with ourselves. When have you leaned on power, lies and gossip? Repent!

You are invited to view or download the entire Archdiocesan and Pastoral Migratoria Lenten Calendar here: <u>bit.ly/PMLENT2023</u>





Black Catholics on the Way to Sainthood





Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)

Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charitable works, was born a slave in Haiti and brought from Haiti to New York as an apprentice under a popular hairstylist in the city.





Servant of God Mother Mary Lange was born Elizabeth Lange, a native of the Caribbean, and believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent. She was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first religious congregation of African American women in the history of the Catholic Church.

Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862)



Venerable Henriette Delille was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she would live her entire life. For the love of Jesus and responding to the Gospel's mandate, she was determined to help those in need. She taught those around her that sanctity can be attained in following the path of Jesus.

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)



Venerable Augustus Tolton was the first U.S. Roman Catholic priest publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton formally studied in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. "Good Father Gus," as many called him, was known for his eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice, and his talent for playing the accordion.

https://tolton.archchicago.org/news/news-media

Julia Greeley (1833 and 1848-1918)



Servant of God Julia Greeley was born into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918.

Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990)



Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA was a self-proclaimed, "old folks' child." Bowman was the only child born to middleaged parents, Dr. Theon Bowman, a physician, and Mary Esther Bowman, a teacher. At birth, she was given the name Bertha Elizabeth Bowman. She was born in 1937 and reared in Canton, Mississippi. As a child, she converted to Catholicism through the inspiration of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

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https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent View a video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKlobWggAns







Divorce Recovery Group



February 21st & 28th, and March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th



Old St. Pat's 6 session Divorce Recovery Group is open for registration and begins Tuesday, February 21st. 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We meet at 711 W. Monroe Room 25A with Zoom as an option. The divorce process often brings about unexpected and unimaginable heartache, questions, and challenges.

It is for those recently divorced, as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. All ages, faiths, and genders are welcome and you do not need to be a member of Old St. Pat's to participate. The support group is facilitated by a licensed therapist. Registration is \$70 which includes the 6 sessions and a workbook. Scholarships available for those in need.

For more information and registration visit: <u>oldstpats.org/divorce-support-groups</u>

Kinship Initiative: Pro-Bono Audit Needed in North Lawndale



Men Making a Difference (M.M.A.D.) is a North Lawndale based charitable organization that hosts youth activities and meals for 300 needy community residents each week. The organization is looking for a pro-bono audit of its finances.

If you are able to help with an audit, please contact Robert 'Rock' Calhoun at 773-879-6995 or Fr. Larry Dowling, the St. Agatha Catholic Church Pastor, at 773-522-3050.



We are celebrating to mark the wonderful growth of our ministry for victims of domestic violence, their children and even perpetrators. The Archdiocese of Chicago has taken the lead among dioceses in the United States in our faith-based response to this epidemic of abuse that afflicts families in every community. Join us to enjoy friendship, great food, informative presentation, cash raffle and birthday singalong. Net proceeds will support awareness raising, education, & training and prevention initiatives.

Mail a request to reserve your seat

with your name & phone/email, parish name, # of tickets, and check to: ACDVO, c/o Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P. 1914 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608

For more information, contact: Jan Burdulis

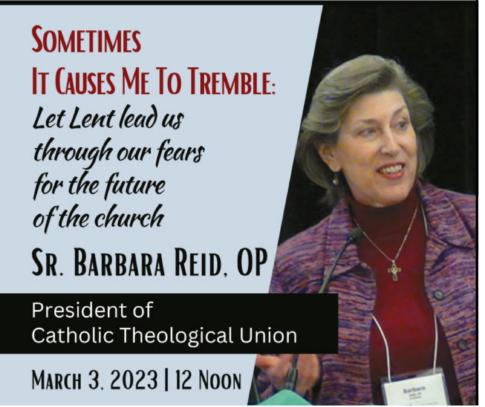
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FIRST FRIDAY (LUB OF CHICAGO



First Friday Club of Chicago Welcomes

Sr. Barbara Reid March 3, 2023

12pm Union League Club 65 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago



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First Friday Club of Chicago's Mission

Provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.

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- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

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Gifts to old St. Pat's help fund the myriad ministries and initiatives here at Old St. Pat's, from hosting Sunday masses to weddings and baptisms, to prayer and retreat experiences, to catechesis and sacramental preparation, to lectures, classes and workshops. Your support helps ensure we can continue to be the vibrant, welcoming, justice-minded Catholic community we strive to be.



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Thank you for your generosity!







Sunday, February 19, 2023

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 8a)/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Mass Remembrances:
7am: Jeff Anderson (†), Charles Marron (†)
9am: Rose Grafrath (†), David Hintz(†)
11am: Mary Shannon, Maribeth Doran Curry (†)
5pm: Mary Fiore (†), Evelyn Murphy Garrity (†)
8pm: Elise Wishmeyer (†), David Fitzgerald

Book of Patrick: Colleen Burns, Mrs. Maxine DaPron, Rose D. Ewanic, Peggy Guernsey, Lawrence J. Hayes, Frank Higgins, Frank O'Boyle, Paul Rohr, Patricia Sea, Sirvart Terterian, Virginia Whalen, Joseph Martin Canero

Monday, February 20, 2023

Readings: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Book of Patrick: Peter F.Coffield, Terrence Costello, Mr. and Mrs. M Frank Fischer, James T. Herman, Walter A. Kusek, Patrick James Mizwicki, Arthur and Mary Treanor, William Kennith Zeman, Gil Belmonte, Capt Patrick Steiner USN

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Readings: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Book of Patrick: Janice Caruso, Michael Casey, Madeleine Grace Chabura, Jaeannie Marie Burke-Molitor, Thomas J. Roche, Debby Malloy Winkler, Lucille Szura, Robert D. Hughes, Joseph and Elizabeth Blake

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Readings: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Mass Remembrances: 12:10pm: Arlene Russell (†), Patrick Anthony Vesey (†)

Book of Patrick: Joyce Bross, Brian Doyle, Senator Edward Kennedy, Mildred Nemec, Meghan M. Riley, Florence and Frank Siuda, Lois Michels, Elizabeth Roche Kennedy

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Readings: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Book of Patrick: John Candor Jr., Joan Carroll, Michael J. Piorkowski, William G. Skelton, Frank Russo-Alesi, Mary Caroline DePoli, Timothy Degnan

Friday, February 24, 2023

Readings: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Book of Patrick: William V. Fritz, Mark H. Gonzalez M.D., George Goodridge, Donald P. Kelly, James Murphy Sr., Maria De Los Pintado, Martin L. Regan, Rosemary Shiro Schultz, Devera Stevenson, Patty Stiles, Samuel R. & Phyllis Thompson, Judith Ann Zemaitis

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Readings: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Book of Patrick: Elaine Becker, William Becker, Kenneth Craig Breigel, Maureen Joan Danaher, Elsie Janos Dragisic, Helen E. Hinkes, John J. & Dorothy Jiganti, John C. "Jack" Pettigrew, Don Hernando Elejalde Toro, Daniel J. Josephs, Robert William Soré

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Barbara Kimmelman (†), Matia Hur 9am: Donald B. Ambrose (†), Dennis DuBois (†) 11am: Patsy Ann & Edward Hayes (†)(†), Chris Kelly (†)

5pm: Anthony Joseph Zack (†), Jack Pettigrew (†), Adhemar Cavalieri Junior (†) 8pm: Roderick (Rory) Dunne (†), Philomena McCarron (†)

Book of Patrick: Colleen Burns, Mrs. Maxine DaPron, Rose D. Ewanic, Peggy Guernsey, Lawrence J. Hayes, Frank Higgins, Frank O'Boyle, Paul Rohr, Patricia Sea, Sirvart Terterian, Virginia Whalen

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick

Estelle Disselhorst, James Herrmann, Tom Dolan, Theo Kramer, Brigid Pienkos, Christopher J. Dajani

For Those Who Have Died

Suneeta Laroia, Maureen Oakley, Joan Werges, Sheila Shaughnessy, Bruce White, Molly Grace Morris, Andrew J McKenna Sr, James "Jim" E. Eder

Please contact Bernadette Moore Gibson at 312-798-2389 for Pastoral Care Services.

Jesus help us to experience the Father's Love.

Lord, we give you our love, with the heart of a child.

Help us to hear those words afresh and to allow them to shape our lives.

Grant us a spirit of true humility that enables us to approach you with empty hands.

Grant us a spirit of openness to new ideas.

Forgive us that our thoughts are so easily cluttered by our knowledge and experience of life that we are unable to hear anything that is new.

Grant us a spirit of simple trust.

Women and Men of Faith



Saint Conrad of Piacenza painting by Giovanni Lanfranco, 1618 (Lió, Musée des beaux-arts)

Saint Conrad of Piacenza

Saint of the Day for February 19, 2023

Saint Conrad of Piacenza's Story

Born of a noble family in northern Italy, Conrad as a young man married Euphrosyne, daughter of a nobleman.

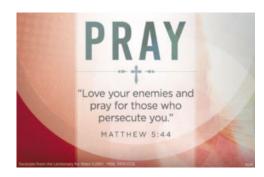
One day while hunting he ordered attendants to set fire to some brush in order to flush out the game. The fire spread to nearby fields and to a large forest. Conrad fled. An innocent peasant was imprisoned, tortured to confess, and condemned to death. Conrad confessed his guilt, saved the man's life, and paid for the damaged property.

Soon after this event, Conrad and his wife agreed to separate: she to a Poor Clare monastery and he to a group of hermits following the Third Order Rule. His reputation for holiness, however, spread quickly. Since his many visitors destroyed his solitude, Conrad went to a more remote spot in Sicily where he lived 36 years as a hermit, praying for himself and for the rest of the world

Prayer and penance were his answer to the temptations that beset him. Conrad died kneeling before a crucifix. He was canonized in 1625.

Reflection

Francis of Assisi was drawn both to contemplation and to a life of preaching; periods of intense prayer nourished his preaching. Some of his early followers, however, felt called to a life of greater contemplation, and he accepted that. Though Conrad of Piacenza is not the norm in the Church, he and other contemplatives remind us of the greatness of God and of the joys of heaven.



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