

St Brigid & St Patrick

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Christ the Miracle Worker in the Eucharist
(Miracles Through His Humanity: Then and Now)

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During His visible stay on earth Christ performed countless miracles. He restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and the use of their limbs to the paralyzed. The winds and sea obeyed Him. He told the dead Lazarus to come forth, and Lazarus came out of the grave. The crowning miracle of Christ's visible stay on earth was to raise Himself by His own divine power on Easter Sunday.

But Christ continues performing miracles in our day. No single statement is more practically important than to be convinced that Christ works and wants to perform miracles in our favor today. And that we can add, for the best of reasons, because Jesus Christ is still on earth. And He promised, "Behold, I am with you all days even to the end of the world."

As we examine the Gospel narratives we find two remarkable facts. First, Jesus regularly associated His teaching with working with what John calls "signs and wonders." These signs and wonders made His humanly incomprehensible teaching believable. Miracles are necessary to make God's revelation credible. Please do not forget that. That statement is an article of the Catholic Faith. Secondly - Christ during His visible stay on earth worked these miracles of course as God, but always through His humanity. In other words, the miracles performed by Jesus in Palestine were always the result of human words spoken, or the result of the touch of Christ's human hands. On one dramatic occasion a woman was suddenly healed of years of hemorrhaging the moment she touched on Christ's garments.

Jesus therefore performed (past tense) astounding wonders related in the Gospels. Always by His divine omnipotence but, (watch the preposition) but through His human nature as man. We are also told that on occasion that Jesus could not (this is the Almighty) perform miracles in certain places. Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. The two words *humanity* and *faith* are crucial to an understanding to the working of miracles.

At this point we turn to the Real Presence and we ask ourselves. "What is this Real Presence?" In one declarative sentence - It is Jesus Christ - true God, but, with emphasis, also - true man. It is the same identical Jesus who changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. The same who invited Peter to come to Him walking on the water. The Real Presence is the real Jesus with real flesh and real blood, with the same hands and feet and open side that He told the doubting Thomas to touch and believe. Once this fact dawns on a person - (It is not dawned on everyone who calls himself a Catholic; how well we know). - But once this fact dawns on our minds that Christ performed His miracles as God but through His human nature as man, then the inevitable happens. That person's faith is rewarded by the experience of miracles.

Immediately we must explain that there are three levels of natural laws that God can surpass and thus perform a miracle. There are the **physical** laws of visible nature. Thus the sudden healing of a fatal disease surpasses, needless to say, the powers of human physical nature. Indeed it surpasses the powers of all physical nature. Walking on water is naturally impossible. The raising of a dead human being back to life exceeds all created power, and no one but God with His omnipotence can raise a dead person back to life. And just for the record, physical miracles are the lowest level of miraculous phenomena.

On a higher level than physical miracles is the performance of what the Church calls **moral** miracles. A moral miracle exceeds the powers of the human will in the practice of superhuman moral virtue. For which the Church has coined the term "*heroic moral virtue*". This in fact is one of the norms used by the Church in her assessment of authentic sanctity. The lives of saints like Francis of Assisi and Thomas More. The deaths of martyrs like St. Agnes and Maria Goretti. These are witnesses to the miraculous power that Christ has given to His most beloved followers over the centuries. In other words, every canonized saint is a moral miracle. And today's world needs (what a safe statement) men and women and even children who are practicing what the Church calls heroic virtue.

Finally, still on the different levels of miraculous phenomena there are **intellectual** miracles in which God enlightens the human mind beyond all natural capacity for acquiring knowledge. The most obvious witnesses to this highest level in the time of Christ were (Shall we say it?) the dense thick-headed Apostles. God had to enlighten them, and this is part of our faith - miraculously. However, over the centuries Christ has continued performing these miracles of the intellect. In a St. Augustine of Hippo, and in a St. Therese of Avila, or in a Catherine of Siena. These testify to the power of Christ, the Incarnate Truth, can produce among human beings who believe that He is indeed the Living God in human form.

Receiving Jesus worthily in the Holy Eucharist and spending time before Him in the Holy Eucharist will produce these miracles in our lives.
(From: The Real Presence Association)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

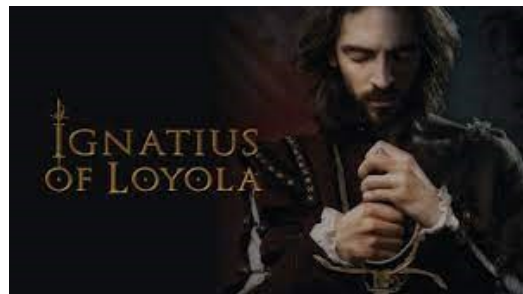
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **Aug Church Cleaners:** Mary Wild, Nick & Molly Wild, & Marilyn Olafson. **Collection:** Sherri & Kari (Jul 25); Al & Scott (Aug 1). **Reader:** Tom (Aug). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Fred & Mary Thoeke (Jul 25); Jim & Dianne Goodoien (Aug 1). **Sacristan:** Scott (Jul 25); Melissa (Aug 1). **Rosary:** Mary S (Jul 25); Jim (Aug 1)

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Aug Church cleaners:** G-K. **Collection:** Allan & Randy (Jul 25); Larry & Kay (Aug 1). **Readers** (Aug): Sat-Brian; Sun-Matt. **Rosary:** Larry C (Jul 25, Aug 1). **Sanctuary Lamp:** The Mahars (Jul 25); Olivia Kirking (Aug 1)

Bishop Folda requests that we contact our federal legislators and urge them to keep the Hyde Amendment intact. The Hyde Amendment is a pro-life amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion. It has saved 60,000 lives per year. You can also visit this website: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

Year of St. Joseph Prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"



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Mon	Sts Joachim & Anne	July 26	Noon	St Brigid	Miranda Allex
Tues		July 27			Chris Miller
Wed		July 28			+Jim McMillian
Thur	St Martha	July 29			+Wade Puppe
Fri	St Peter Chrysologus	July 30			Dawn Holm
Sat	St Ignatius	July 31			St Patrick & St Brigid parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Everett DeMars
Sun	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Aug 1	8:30 am	St Patrick	St Patrick & St Brigid parishes
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Gary Holm

Stewardship (as of 7-18-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope		595.00	St Patrick's Care Collection July		260.00
Plate		100.81	Cemetery	4,010.00	4,681.69
Weekly Total	1955.00	695.81	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	62,410.26	27,058.83	St Helen Cemetery \$475.00		
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	2,152.00	2,605.00	St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		
Ascension	495.00	105.00	St Patrick Sidewalk \$11,080.00		Cost\$ 14,000