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**Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.**

## Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. *(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

### Two ways to view the Masses:

- 1) Go to our website [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) and then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.



**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** If you have been thinking about ordering a brick for a friend or a loved one; you will find the forms on the table in the back of the church. Price is \$40 each or 3 for \$100. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or a friend. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Judy Pukac at 633-6762 x 203.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish.

This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. **Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.**

**For the website** go to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

**For the mobile app** go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.

## PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

**ALL DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, BUT CALL FIRST.**

**YELLOW DONATION FORMS** are available in the *Church and in the Parish Office*. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS**, for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

## STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor  
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)  
Deacon Norman Gale  
Deacon Jay Boyd  
Deacon Francis Tran  
Jan Murray, Religious Ed  
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister  
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care  
Daniel Driskell, Music Minister  
Mary Marks, Office Manager  
Judy Pukac, Accountant  
Heide Sarubin, Office Assistant  
Kim McDowell, Maintenance  
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses:** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays:** 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday  
**Holy Days:** 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & by appointment

## CONTACT

**Office:** 251-633-6762  
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**Fr. David's email:** [djtokarz1950@gmail.com](mailto:djtokarz1950@gmail.com)

## CHURCH ADDRESS

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### Finance Council:

**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
**LAFF:** Mary Anthony  
**Life & Justice:** Ricarda Manning  
**Knights of Columbus:** Michael Smitherman  
Grand Knight, Council 11366  
**4th Degree, Knights of Columbus:** Joe Behr  
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918  
**Ladies Auxiliary:** Tina Lyons  
**Men of St. Joseph:** Francis Tran  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Mary Berthiaume  
**Parish Council:** Vicki Wakefield  
**Sister Parish Com.:** Kathy Powell  
**Boy Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**Cub Scouts:** Edward Nehls  
**Widows Web:** Judy Adams

## MOVING OR CHANGING ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office 251-633-6762

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card on the table in the back of the church to the left as you enter or online at [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org)

## SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

**Baptism of infants:** If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call the parish office (251-633-6762) to schedule a preparation session.  
**Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist:** Jan Murray  
251-633-6762 x 206 or [re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Matrimony:** Fr. David (six months before the wedding)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School of Religion grades K - 12 meets  
Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

## PARISH OFFICE

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday  
Closed daily for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

**Email:** [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades  
**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

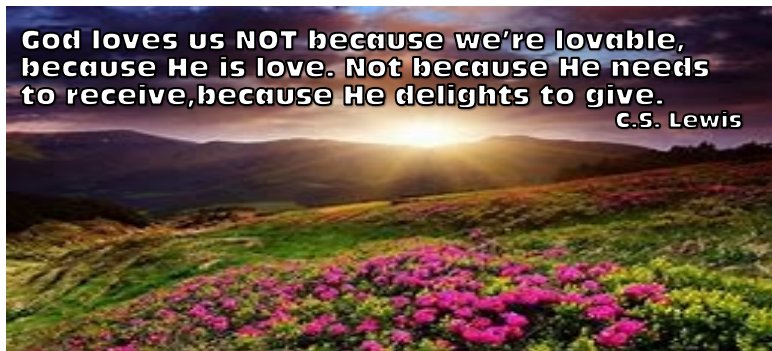
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

**God loves us NOT because we're lovable,  
because He is love. Not because He needs  
to receive, because He delights to give.**

C.S. Lewis



## WHAT IS LOVE?

Love has many descriptions and definitions. Sadly, love also has many misuses. C S Lewis famously once observed that love covers a multitude of sins, but too often by just being another name for them. How can that be?

I suppose that there may be too often a tendency to confuse love with romantic love or with passion. These latter can be exhilarating and pleasurable and delightful, but in the end they are simply side-effects, expressions, and not the essence, of deep and authentic love. They thrive when real love is present; when it is not, they are simply a mask—a game of make-believe. And when the game is over, we leave...

Lewis described authentic love as a steady wish and will for the good of the other. Jesuit lecturer John Powell called true love (unconditional love) a commitment to be for the other what the other needs us to be. Thomas Merton once used the word “disinterested” to define true love: “disinterested” not because of lack of care, but because of lack of self-interest: I love you because you are you and not for anything I can get from you. These people demonstrate the awe-filled responsibility of loving. They show the price one pays, truly to love another. Put slightly differently, if *Les Miserables'* ending is true, that “To love another person is to see the face of God,” what might we be willing to pay as the price to see the face of God in another? Where would we look to see God's face?

Francis of Assisi saw the face of God in a leper. Don Bosco saw the face of God in street children. Mother Teresa of Calcutta saw the face of God in the poorest of the poor. Mother Cabrini and Fr Michael McGivney saw the face of the poor in Italian and Irish immigrants to America, hated for being “foreigners” and especially for being Catholic. Jesus (if I may put it this way) saw the face of God in tax collectors, prostitutes, and the repentant man crucified next to Him. Where are we willing to look? More importantly, where are we not willing to look?

Let me return to C S Lewis' definition of love. It is the one that best embraces the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 5:43-48) about love of enemies. How can I love someone who hates me and wants evil for me? The simple answer is to choose to desire the good for that person. Please see two details here: 1) to love in this sense is possible even if one doesn't like the other; and 2) this is not about what the other wants, or even about what you might want for the other. It is simply to ask God to give the other what the other needs. Who knows what that might be? We don't; God does. Let's let our love of others take us to the “throne of grace,” and let the Lord decide that. Let's just let our expression of love of enemies be one of desire for their welfare.

Other ways of loving people are more concrete and more costly. Are we ready truly and deeply to love? And are we ready to do it all because we see the face of God and are in love with the Lord?

Fr. David

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“Our Savior parish is a Catholic community, fueled by the Eucharist and infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, committed to faith-filled worship, to outreach and welcoming for our brothers and sisters in need, to striving for Christian unity, to pursuing respect for the dignity of all human life, and to building the Kingdom of God on Cody Road and beyond.”

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

Bill Barber	Jesus Gallego	Ashley Rickel
Keith Bumpers	Manuela Golden	Vicki Scott
Lisa Brazell	Mills Harris	Jeb Shell
Annie Ruth Chappell	Rose Marie Kervin	Kathy Sirak
Mason Coker	Monica Knight	Mary Ann Stanley
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Leah Dees	Myrtis Mooney	
Michael Dees	Louis Naman	

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

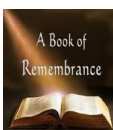
Dr. Harold Cohen 10/1/12	Justin Tran 10/20/15
Joe Oberkirch 10/2/13	George Garrett 10/20/17
Albert Sucher 10/3/07	Kathleen Johnson 10/21/17
Lorraine Granger 10/4/12	Mary Marecki 10/21/17
V. J. Crochet, Jr. 10/4/18	Chris McDonough 10/22/16
Mary Ferry 10/5/11	Elaine Alberts 10/22/2021
Joan Hamilton 10/6/11	Doris Sprouse 10/24/10
Katherine Morrow 10/7/15	Brett Keegan 10/25/12
Bill Wagner 10/8/13	Mary Lee Jefferson 10/25/17
Capt. Robert H. Harper 10/9/79	Dorothy Berry 10/26/16
Yvette Sturm 10/9/09	Charles Wilson 10/28/12
Helen Dzik 10/10/06	Pete Portera 10/28/14
Marjorie Mae Kibler Burt 10/10/14	Robin Clarke 10/28/16
Arden Hoffman 10/10/2020	Rose Mary Pocase 10/28/10
Eddie Foster 10/10/2021	Edward Nehls, Sr. 10/29/11
Tom Simmons 10/11/10	Phil Martin 10/29/13
Alice Tigue 10/11/13	Evelyn Verzone 10/29/13
Vives B. Lemmon 10/11/19	Jim Oliver 10/29/18
Arthur Kersten 10/12/12	Renee Nicholas 10/30/07
Danny Stafford 10/13/13	Dale Britt 10/30/16
Alton Pierce 10/13/17	Darlene Briggs 10/30/17
Anthony Dravis 10/14/11	Robert Isaac Peabody 10/30/2020
Lois Larose 10/14/16	Vera Bryan 10/31/10
Raphael O'Daniel 10/14/18	Kathleen Noel 10/31/98
Liz Pineda 10/15/10	Erica Foster 10/31/11
Rosie Kate Clark 10/16/18	Eva Garris 10/31/07
Maria, Mot Nguyen 10/16/2021	Mary Bryant 10/31/10
Raymond Smith 10/17/96	Charles Bordelon 10/31/16
Nancy Thomas 10/17/2021	Dr. Ray Landreneau 10/31/17
Katherine Rehm Miller 10/17/2020	Alvaro Arce 10/31/18
James Serda 10/18/15	Patricia Squibb 10/31/2020
John Busby 10/19/17	
R C Johnson 10/20/11	
Mark Carpenter 10/20/99	

**BOX OF JOY**

Every, year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. These are children who never receive a picture book, never wear a new shirt, or own a new toy. Participating is easy! Please stop by the church office or pick up a box after Mass or you can make a donation online and Tina will do the shopping for you. Please return the boxes by **October 30th**. Any questions please contact Tina @ 251-633-6762 x 205.



*Feast of All Saints Holyday Mass is at 7:00 p.m.*  
All are invited to hear Fr. David explain the Mass as he celebrates this liturgy.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DEAD** will be in the back of the church during the month of November. Please add names of family and friends who have died. In December, the regular Book of Prayer Intentions will be returned to the stand in the back of the church.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:**  
Marcus & Tiffany Holder



**PRAY** for Elaine Alberts who died October 22nd. She was the mother of Vicki Wakefield. May she rest in peace.



**TRUNK OR TRICK** Our Savior Youth will be hosting their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on **October 31st from 2pm-4pm.**

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Willie Peck (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** People of the Parish  
**11:00 am:** Ed Gold (d)  
**Monday 7:00 pm:** Josefina & Manuel Marques (d)  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Dr. Sheri Owens (I)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Steve Allman (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Patrick Lynch & Family (I)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** George Doyle, Sr. (d)



**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Intention for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples**  
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-11  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (152B)  
**Reading 2:** Hebrews 7:23-28  
**Gospel:** Mark 12:28b-34  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667)  
**Reading 2:** 1 John 3:1-3  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Wisdom 3:1-9  
**Reading 2:** Romans 5:5-11  
**Gospel:** John 6:37-40  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Romans 13:8-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Romans 14:7-12  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-10  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Romans 15:14-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-8



**MEMORIAL MASS** will be celebrated **Tuesday, November 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. This Mass honors our loved ones who died in the past twelve months. We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you.

There will be refreshments immediately afterwards in Jennings Hall. This Mass is coordinated by the Ministry of Care program.



**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: QUESTIONS AND CONTEXT**

By now everyone should have received a letter from Fr David with questions for which we would like your response. The questions can also be found on our website. It is important that we hear from everyone because it takes every person's voice and thoughts to form a church. We need to hear your stories for us to learn, to grow, and to help one another as we walk together in our faith. We are here to listen and want you to feel safe to share your thoughts, comments, or questions. All responses will be totally anonymous. We all walk together in our faith and are here with an open heart and mind to listen to what you have to say. Fr. David has scheduled two meetings between the Masses on **Sunday, November 14th** and **Sunday, December 5th** at 9:45 a.m. in Jennings Hall to give you the opportunity to voice your opinions.



**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

Please pick up your workbook for the next liturgical year they can be found in the working sacristy.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	9,130
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	520,962
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	504,283
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(16,678)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	25
Building Fund to date	\$	7,583
Propagation of Faith	\$	1,357

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Adult Religious Education** continues in the Parish Library between the Masses. We are still using Fr. Pacwa's book on the Eucharist. Last week we had a very lively discussion. The Zoom sessions have been cancelled. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619 or emrettig@aol.com

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	RE / AE (9:45 a.m.) Trunk or Treat (2:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall Exploded Mass (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall Memorial Mass (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) Holy Hour & Novena (6:00 p.m.) Finance Council mtg (6:30 p.m.) Benediction (7:00 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Thursday</b>	K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.)



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2021 CAMPAIGN** runs from **Wednesday, Sept 22nd – Sunday, Oct 31st**, 6am – 6pm daily. **1.)** Pray and Fast for an end to abortion. **2.)** Sign up to pray for one hour/week or just one hour the whole campaign at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West by visiting [www.40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile) **3.)** Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet, pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and about the beauty of LIFE. For questions or help signing up, please contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204.

### PRIESTER'S PECANS HAVE ARRIVED !

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who placed an order. Your orders are ready for pick up! You can stop by the office and pick them up Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jennings Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We still have a few different items available for sale.

Still available for **\$16.50** for a 1lb. bag

- Pecan Halves & Pieces
- Roasted Salted
- Honey Glazed
- Pecan Divinity



Still available for **\$13** for a 1lb. bag

- Chocolate Pecans
- Back Country Snack Mix
- Gimmie S'more Snack Mix
- Praline Pecan

Roasted Salted Peanuts for **\$5.50**

Still have a few gift tins left these make great teacher gifts and Host-ess gifts.

Thank You again for supporting our youth.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



### WHAT'S HAPPENING with Youth Ministry

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TRUNK or TREAT this Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2pm-4pm! Come out and join us for some Trick or Treating and some Halloween music lead by Mr. Daniel.

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Our Savior Youth held a Fun Day of Service on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, thank you to all the families and youth, who came out and helped us with our day of service that included building Boxes of Joy, Making Christmas Card, and decorating ornaments for nursing homes. A special thank you to all the parishioners who allowed us to do the shopping for them so we could build your boxes. Watch for our next Family fun day sometime in December!

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Youth group is open to all youth in the 2nd through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families along with Middle School Youth 6th-8th grade & High School Youth 9th-12th grade. Parents and Youth, if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates. Please send your email to [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org).

Our goal at Our Savior is to provide a safe environment to come together with your peers so we will continue to follow all guideline for the COVID-19 Virus!

### NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PREP classes are in full swing. Due to COVID protocols we are unable to accept any more students. We are happy to place late enrollees on a waiting list. For that same reason, students may not bring friends to PREP classes. Everyone entering the building must receive a temperature check and wear a mask.

The remaining classes for 2021 are October 31 (Safe Environments Curriculum), November 14 and 21, December 5 and 12. On November 1, we strongly urge families to attend the 7:00pm holy day "Exploded" Mass for the Feast of All Saints. During Mass, Fr David will explain what he is doing and why he is doing it. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Mass and the Eucharist as we close out **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish**. There are no PREP classes on the following Sunday, November 7.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Our Savior's 15th Annual Merry Mart & Workshop**  
Sponsored By Our Savior Youth Group  
**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Noon-4p.m.**

Watch for more details in the upcoming Bulletin and Constant Contact Emails. We have several vendors already signed up and we have a few more available spots. If you know of any crafter or vendor, please be in contact with Tina Lyons 251-633-6762 x 205 or [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org). We would love for them to join us!

*"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."*  
— St. Charles Borromeo