



Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1515 West Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA 95207

Schedule of Masses

- Weekdays: 7:00am
- Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
- Sunday: 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm (Spanish), 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 8:30am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Weekdays: 6:00am - 7:00pm
- Weekends: During Mass

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

A Message from Fr. Mark

All three of our parish priests are happy to be "back." Fr. Joe Maghinay is happy that he has his doctor's permission to resume his ministry. Fr. Matthew and I once served at St. Luke's and the Cathedral parishes, respectively, and now we are happy to be back in Stockton after many years serving in the "Southern Kingdom" of our diocese, which is Stanislaus County. As we resume our work here, the readings for today's Mass are a good reminder of one of the most important aspects of priestly ministry: priestly prayer.

In today's Gospel, "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without growing weary" (Luke 18:1). He was telling his twelve apostles, who would be the first priests, that they must be men of prayer. Using a clever parable, he told them they should be like a widow who kept insisting day and night

that her case be heard. A priest should not rely solely on his own frenetic activity lest he become a mere social worker. The power of prayer and the sacraments are what gives efficacy to priestly ministry. There is a proverb that says we should "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

Today's readings tell spiritual leaders that they must not rely only on their own efforts, but must pray for the people. In our first reading today, we see Moses in his usual position: he is always in the priestly position of standing "in the breach" between God and the people, usually on a mountain, interceding for them. In today's passage, he is "standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand" praying for the Israelite army fighting below. The foot soldiers could have complained to him: "Why

don't you take that stick and come down here and help us fight?" But everyone discovered that if Moses stood on the hill holding his staff aloft, the Israelites had the better of the fight. "Moses' hands, however, grew tired, so they put a rock in place for him to sit on, while Aaron and Hur supported his hands. . . ." (cf. Exodus 17:8-13).

In the same way we must support our priests who raise up the wood of the Cross and hold their hands up praying for the people. It is not appropriate for the priest to neglect his prayer. The Apostles were the first priests and they chose deacons to work with the poor because "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. . . . we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:2,4).

In our second reading today, St. Paul told the bishop, Timothy, to "know

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Deacon

Rev. Mr. Scott A. Johnson
Deacon

Rev. Mr. Mike Navarec, Sr.
Deacon

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Joe
Deacon

**Thank You for
Supporting Our
Parish and Diocese**

**First Basket
Weekend Collection**
October 13, 2019
\$17,530.85

**BMA 2019
Update**

Goal: \$159,416
Donated: \$92,841
Amount Needed: \$66,575

**2019
Giving Envelopes**

October 27
Weekly Envelope
Parish School Scholarship

November 1
All Saints Day

November 3
Weekly Envelope
Building & Maintenance

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CYO Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Daughters of Isabella Serra Club
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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 21, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew
†Higinio Esteves

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Mark
†Virgilio Arcal

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Mark & Dcn. Bill
Jeanette Toloy - Special Intention

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe
†Mabel O'Connell
5:45pm Eucharistic Adoration: Fr. Joe

Friday, October 25, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Mark
†Irma Dionisia

Saturday, October 26, 2019

5:00pm Mass: Fr. Matthew
Alyssa Libre - Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 27, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe - †Betty Ruffin
8:45am Mass: Fr. Matthew & Dcn. Ben - †Susan Sherman
10:30am Mass: Fr. Mark -
12:15pm Mass: Fr. Joe - †Julian Aman
2:15pm Mass: Fr. Mark - Bienvenida Aman
5:00pm Mass: Fr. Matthew -

Newly Baptized: October 12, 2019

Ivy Faith Juarez-Binder
Izel Reyna Trujillo
Julian Moises Ruiz
Megan Grace Maldonado
Oliver James Matthews
Peter Anthony Juarez III
Romily Eyimofe Ejuwa
Zoey Paulina Chavez

Readings for the Week

Saturday, October 19, 2019/

Sunday, October 20, 2019

EX 17:8-13/2 TM 3:14—4:2/LK 18:1-8

Monday, October 21, 2019

ROM 4:20-25/LK 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21/LK 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

ROM 6:12-18/LK 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24, 2019

ROM 6:19-23/LK 12:49-53

Friday, October 25, 2019

ROM 7:18-25A/LK 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26, 2019/

Sunday, October 27, 2019

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18/2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18/LK 18:9-14

Saint of the Week:

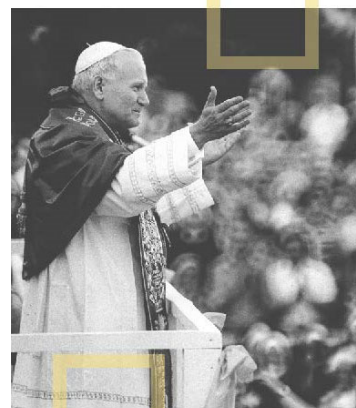
St. John Paul II, Pope

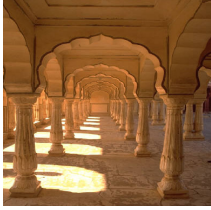
Feast Day: October 22

When this popular pope died, crowds in St. Peter's Square chanted "santo subito" ("sainthood now"). The Vatican heard, and the sainthood cause for the jet-setting pontiff who helped bring down European communism was put on the fast track; he was beatified in 2011. A strong admirer of St. Faustina and her dedication to Divine Mercy, John Paul II was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014 by Pope Francis. A Pole and former actor shaped by World War II and the Cold War, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow (John Paul II) was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 26-year pontificate, he evangelized on trips to 129 countries, upheld traditional church doctrine against dissent,

connected with the world's youth, established World Youth Day, and named more than 450 new saints. He also modeled Christian values by forgiving his would-be assassin and living an increasingly frail old age in public.

"It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy."
-Pope John Paul II





THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

• **Monday, October 21**
7:00pm: V Encuentro -
St. Joachim

• **Tuesday, October 22**
9:30am: Fuerza y Poder Grupo
de Oración - St. Ann
1:30pm: Matter of Balance -
St. Ann
4:00pm: Grief Recovery
Workshop - Ministry Center
7:30pm: Charismatic Healing
Prayer - St. Francis

• **Wednesday, October 23**
**7:30am: 10:30am Holy
Grounds Café - St. Joseph**
9:30am: Legion of Mary -
St. Joachim
6:00pm: Novena - St. Ann
7:00pm: Knights of Columbus -
St. Joachim

• **Thursday, October 24**
10:00am: Bible Study -
St. Francis
1:30pm: Matter of Balance -
St. Ann
5:45pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Church
6:00pm: Divine Mercy -
St. Joachim
6:30pm: Daughters of Isabella -
St. Francis

• **Friday, October 25**
7:00pm: Nueva Alianza Grupo
de Oración - St. Ann

• **Saturday, October 26**
3:30am: Prayer Shawl -
St. Francis

• **Sunday, October 27**
**7:30am: 12:30pm Holy
Grounds Café - St. Joseph**
8:45am & 10:30am: Toddler
Time/Tiempo de Niño -
Youth Center
12:15pm: Children's Liturgy of
the Word - Church
2:15pm: La Liturgia De La
Palabra de Los Niños - Iglesia

Prayers For The Sick / Oraciones Por Los Enfermos

Quincy Vaughn, Ilene Lao Rualizo, Beatriz Gamboa,
Tina Mills, Shirley Benecke, Jodi Raper, Marilyn B. Pagtama,
Ariel Sandoval, Jorge Fernandez, Miguel Aguilar, Kathleen Smith,
Manuel Almendarez Jr., and Pam Makelke

To add or remove names, please contact the Media Coordinator at
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Children's Prayer / Oración Para Niños

Praise be to God:
who made us a family
for the love that we share
for sending us Jesus
for teaching us to care

Help us, Lord Jesus:
fill our lives with your Spirit
teach us how to forgive
grant us wisdom and patience
in your grace may we live

Come, Holy Spirit:
fill our lives with your gifts
help us serve other's needs
teach us faith, hope, and love
guide our thoughts and our deeds

Be with us, God:
we ask Mary to help us
we look to Joseph for aid
may we respect one another
may our hope never fade

Hear us, Lord Jesus:
watch over our family
help our faith to grow strong
come and dwell in our hearts
to you we belong

Spirit, we praise you:
you invite us to know you
may we walk in your light
may we find you in all things
all day and all night

Alabado sea Dios:
quien nos hizo una familia
por el amor que compartimos
por enviarnos a Jesús
por enseñarnos a preocuparnos

Ayúdanos, Señor Jesús:
llena nuestras vidas con tu espíritu
enséñanos a perdonar
concédenos sabiduría y paciencia
en tu gracia que vivamos

Ven, Espíritu Santo:
llena nuestras vidas con tus regalos
ayúdanos a satisfacer las necesidades de otros
enséñanos fe, esperanza y amor
guía nuestros pensamientos y nuestras
acciones

Quédate con nosotros, Dios:
le pedimos a María que nos ayude
miramos a José por ayuda
que nos respetemos unos a otros
que nuestra esperanza nunca se desvanezca

Escúchanos, Señor Jesús:
vela por nuestra familia
ayuda a nuestra fe a crecer fuerte
ven y vive en nuestros corazones
a ti te pertenecemos

Espíritu, te alabamos:
nos invitas a conocerte
podemos caminar en tu luz
podemos encontrarte en todas las cosas
todo el día y toda la noche

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Ministry Spotlight Events

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Though we are all blessed in many ways, there are many in our parish and community who are in need of help with their Thanksgiving table. The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers and donations to fill and prepare baskets (monetary, canned & dry goods, and fresh & frozen turkeys, etc.) For information please contact our Pastoral and Social Services Minister, Susan Dobson at 320-5733.

Ministry Spotlight Events

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times:

6:30am, 8:30am (School will be in attendance), 5:30pm, 7:30pm (Spanish)

ALL SOULS'

Mass Times:

7:00am, 9:00am (Spanish)
(7:30pm: All Souls' Day Bilingual Prayer Service)

COFFEE AND DONUTS with Your Parish Community

Come to Holy Grounds for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. The Presentation Seniors will be sponsoring the coffee and donuts on Sunday, October 27th, after the 8:45am and 10:30am Masses. All are welcome.

THIS IS YOUR FAITH A Series on Uncovering Catholicism

The second session will be held on November 4th, in Guadalupe Hall from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Fr. Ramon Zarate will be presenting on the topic, "Faith in The Incarnation and It's Consequences For Us". Refreshments will be served. For information please contact our Adult Formation Minister, Maria Chadburn, at 209-320-5713.

Presentation Parish School

Presentation Parish School will represent **Red Ribbon Week with "Stay Drug Free"** theme days. Student Council will lead a student rally on Thursday to encourage students to be healthy in their Mind, Body and in their Faith. Student Council will also lead a candy sale to support "**Dominic's Designated Driver Foundation**". Be safe and stay drugs free! Red Ribbon Week: October 19th-23rd:

- Monday: "Lei off Drugs"
- Tuesday: "Bright Dreams for the Future"
- Wednesday: "Be Smart"
- Thursday: "Don't be Crazy, Just say NO"
- Friday: "Team up against Drugs"

Trunk or Treat: October 25th from 5:30-8:30 (\$1.00 admission)

Come check our decorated trunks, bring a decorated pumpkin to enter into the pumpkin decorating contest, dance the night away, get your face painted and eat delicious food from local food trucks. Have a family friendly, fun night at Presentation Parish School. Use the Ben Holt Drive entrance to the event only.

Join us for **Fall Fiesta Bingo** on November 7th. Reserve a table for 8 players for \$160 (must be paid in advance.) All attending **MUST BE 21 or over**. Dinner available will be street tacos, beans and rice. Please no outside beverages. See flyer for details.

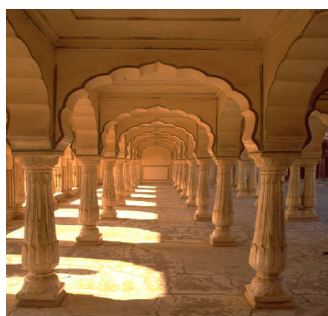
For more information see our website at www.presentationsschool.org, on Facebook or on Instagram. God Bless!

SAVE THE DATE PARISH EVENTS

- **October 22**
Matter of Balance
- **October 25**
Trunk or Treat
- **October 26**
K.O.C. Spaghetti Dinner
- **October 27**
Donut Sunday - Holy Grounds
- **November 1**
All Saints Day
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- **November 2**
All Souls Day
- **November 2**
Food Pantry
- **November 4**
Separated, Divorced,
Widowed Workshop
- **November 4**
This Is Your Faith
- **November 5**
School Concert
- **November 7**
BINGO
- **November 12**
Presentation on 'How Life
Choices Shape and Interact
with Faith'
- **November 15**
Create an Advent Wreath
with the School PTO

For more information on these events:

Refer to page 2 of the bulletin for Ministry Contacts.



Eventos Parroquiales

- **Octubre 19-20**
Caballeros de Colón venta de boletos para la cena de espagueti
- **Octubre 21**
V Encuentro
- **Octubre 22**
Un Asunto de Equilibrio
- **Octubre 25**
Trunk or Treat
- **Octubre 26**
Rosario Viviente
- **Octubre 26**
Cena Espagueti de Caballeros de Colón
- **Noviembre 4**
Grupo de Apoyo Semanal Divorciados, Viudos, Separados

Eventos Diocesanos

- **Octubre 23**
Misa en Memoria a los No Nacidos
- **Octubre 25**
Serie de Conciertos de la Catedral: Concierto de Piano
- **Noviembre 8-10**
Taller de Liderazgo en Pastoral Juvenil

Para más información sobre estos eventos:
Diócesis de Stockton
209-466-0636
www.stocktondiocese.org

Eventos Parroquiales

UN ASUNTO DE EQUILIBRIO Octubre 22

Si no está viviendo la vida al máximo porque tiene miedo de caerse, ¡este taller es para usted! Las clases se imparten los Martes y Jueves de 1:30-3:30 pm durante cuatro semanas. Contacte a Susan Dobson, Ministro Pastoral y de Servicio Social, al 209-320-5733.

Eventos Parroquiales

¡EL MINISTERIO DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL TE NECESITA!

¡El Ministerio de Justicia Social está buscando discípulos para seguir los pasos de Jesús! El objetivo del Ministerio es promover la dignidad de todos los seres humanos basada en la enseñanza social Católica. Llena tus corazones ayudando a otros (personas bilingües invitados.) El grupo se reúne el segundo Lunes de cada mes. La próxima reunión es el 11 de Noviembre. Contacte a Susan Dobson, Ministro Pastoral y de Servicio Social, al 209-320-5733.

DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS (Santo Día de Obligación)

Horarios de Misa:
6:30am, 8:30am (Misa de la Esquela),
5:30pm, 7:30pm (Español)

LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Horarios de Misa:
7:00am, 9:00am (Español)
(7:30pm: Los Fieles Difuntos Servicio Bilingüe de Oración)

TRUNK OR TREAT

Octubre 25 a las 5:30 pm
(admisión de \$1.00)

Ven a ver nuestros carros decorados, trae una calabaza decorada para entrar en el concurso de decoración de calabaza, baila toda la noche, pinta tu cara y come deliciosa comida de camiones de comida local. Tenga una noche familiar y divertida en la Escuela Parroquial Presentación. Use la entrada de Ben Holt Drive para el evento solamente. Para información, visite nuestro sitio web en www.presentationsschool.org.

Noticias Diocesanas

MISA EN MEMORIA A LOS NO NACIDOS

Octubre 23 a las 7:00 pm
Holy Family - Modesto

Para aquellos quienes han sufrido la pérdida de un infante a través de un fracaso de embarazo, mortinato (nacido muerto) o aborto y por las familias y amigos quienes han sido afectadas. No están solos. Acompáñenos en un tiempo de oración y sanación. “Vengan a mí los que se sienten cargados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviare.” (Mateo 11:28) Para información, contacte la Oficina de Vida y Dignidad al 209-466-0636.

TALLER DE LIDERAZGO JUVENIL

Noviembre 8-10

En este taller tendrás la oportunidad de ampliar tu conocimiento y habilidades de evangelizar a través del teatro: Las Pastorelas, Viacrucis, las apariciones del Tepeyac, etc. Las dramatizaciones religiosas fueron un método que utilizaron los frailes para evangelizar a los pueblos del nuevo continente. Para informes contacte José López al 209-466-0636 x632 o jlopez@stocktondiocese.org.

Diocesan Events

THE 177 PROJECT

Come Adore Him

October 28

The 177 Project, a nationwide Eucharistic adoration tour taking place in all 177 dioceses in the U.S. will be at St. Stanislaus Church at 6:30 pm. All are welcome for a night of adoration and a FREE praise and worship concert featuring Catholic recording artist, Lee Roessler. Reserve your FREE seats online at 177project.eventbrite.com today!

JESUS HEALS

October 30

Experience the healing touch of Jesus at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lathrop beginning at 6:00pm. Jesus Heals, is a three-hour parish program to gather and seek healing of mind, body and soul for those who are burdened and depressed by sicknesses and ailments. The program features Preaching, Healing Mass, Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration.

Diocesan Events

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

October 23 at 7:00 PM

Holy Family - Modesto

For those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected. You are not alone. Join us for a time of prayer and healing. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) For information, please call the Life and Dignity Ministry at 209-466-0636.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A SISTER?

Have you ever thought of becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women, ages 18-40, are invited to a One Day Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul on November 16 from 8:30am-6:00pm in Los Altos Hills. For more information, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 / 213-210-9903 or visit www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/.

Diocesan Job Openings

The Diocese of Stockton has the following immediate job openings. For more information, please visit the Diocese website at www.stocktondiocese.org.

COORDINATOR OF LIFE AND DIGNITY

This position works to promote the Catholic vision of respect for life, honoring the dignity of the human person at every stage of life, primarily by working with parishes. Work will include coordination of prayer, education, advocacy and pastoral outreach. This position will work in cooperation with the Coordinator of Marriage & Family Life Ministry.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Office of the Bishop has an immediate opening at the Diocese of Stockton Pastoral Center for an experienced administrative secretary to provide clerical support for the Vicar General and the Chancellor.

SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN EVENTS

- **October 20**
St. Mary's High School
Open House
- **October 23**
Memorial Mass for the
Unborn (Holy Family Parish)
- **October 25**
Cathedral Concert Series:
Piano Recital
- **October 25-27**
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
(English)
- **October 27**
Men's Vocation
Discernment
- **October 28**
The 177 Project -
Adoration (St. Stanislaus)
- **October 30**
Jesus Heals - Healing Mass
(Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- **November 3**
Polenta Dinner (Central
California School Of Italian
Language and Culture)
- **November 16**
Vocation Discernment
Retreat (Daughter's of
Charity - Los Altos Hills)
- **November 16**
Bishop's Dinner for
Seminarians - Our Lady of
Fatima, Modesto)

For more information on these events:
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Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards, we are all called to use our gifts for the Kingdom of God.

Como discípulos de Jesucristo y buenos corresponsales, todos somos llamados a usar nuestros dones para la obra del Reino de Dios.

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the sacred scriptures” so that he could be “competent” and “equipped” to “proclaim the word persistently, whether it is convenient or inconvenient” (2 Timothy 3:17; 4:2).

Priests and bishops should not think that their power lies in their own busy activity, but rather in raising their hands to humbly pray to the Father, as Jesus did. Pope Francis once reprimanded his brother bishops by saying that some of them had “grown weary of the humility of Christ.”

Please pray for priests, that they will be spiritual men of humble prayer, and find their strength in **GOD ALONE!**

Last Sunday, Pope Francis canonized **John Henry Newman (1801-1890)**, who was England’s most well-known Anglican priest when he taught at Oxford University. In 1845, however, he risked everything by becoming a Catholic. He became a Catholic priest two years later, and established an “Oratory of St. Philip Neri” in England. He was a renowned scholar, theologian, poet and homilist. He was made a Cardinal in 1879 and died in 1890 at the age of 89.

Pope Francis read a quote from one of Newman’s sermons about how we should act as Christians: “The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not. . . . The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretense. . .with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man.”

The story of the miracle that allowed for the canonization of Blessed Cardinal Newman was a good example of the efficacy of prayer. Melissa Villalobos was a Catholic wife and mother from Chicago who first heard about Cardinal John Henry Newman “just by accident” in 2000, while she was getting ready for work and ironing her clothes and saw a program about him on EWTN, which greatly inspired her.

Villalobos had had a history of complications during childbirth, and when she was pregnant with her fifth child, she was diagnosed with subchorionic hematoma, a condition that could cause the mother to hemorrhage to death. She was ordered to be on strict bed rest, which was difficult because she had four other young children. A week later she began hemorrhaging. She describes the fact that she collapsed in her bathroom, but did not have her cell phone to call for help, and so she cried out: “Please, Cardinal Newman, make the bleeding stop.” The bleeding stopped immediately, and she stood up and smelled a wonderful aroma of roses that filled the air. The pregnancy continued without complications and her daughter, Gemma, was born completely healthy.

The canonization Mass was celebrated in St. Peter’s Square and was attended by Prince Charles and delegates from the Church of England. In the same Mass, the pope also canonized three religious sisters and one laywoman:

Saint Mother Mariam Thresia (1876-1926) was an Indian mystic and founder of the Congregation of the Holy Family. The Syro-Malabar Catholic foundress received the stigmata and would sometimes levitate during prayer.

Saint Giuseppina Vannini (1859-1911) was a religious sister from Rome known for founding the congregation of the Daughters of St. Camillus dedicated to serving the sick and suffering.

Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes (1914-1992) founded the largest charitable organization in Brazil providing healthcare, welfare, and education service. Nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize, she is the first Brazilian-born female saint.

Saint Marguerite Bays (1815-1879) was a seamstress in Switzerland who was dedicated to serving the poor and sick. She had great love for the rosary and Eucharistic adoration. When she was diagnosed with advanced cancer in 1853, she prayed to the Virgin Mary to be able to suffer with Jesus rather than to be healed. However, on the day that Bl. Pius IX proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Sept. 8, 1854, she was miraculously healed.

Pope Francis said that she “she speaks to us of the power of simple prayer, enduring patience and silent self-giving. . . . That is how the Lord made the splendor of Easter radiate in her life.”



Melissa Villalobos and family at the canonization of St. John Henry Newman.