

Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Atlantic Province - C.P.P.S. Mission Projects - Unio Sanguis Christi

Blessed be
the Blood of Jesus
now and forever.



2021 Calendar

Liturgical Calendar

The “Liturgical Year” denotes when Feasts, Memorials, Commemorations and Solemnities are to be observed and which segments of Scriptures are to be read.

**For the 2021 Liturgical Year
the Sunday readings are B and weekday readings are from Year I.**

The liturgical colors that mark the different seasons and observances are indicated on the dates in each month:

Green	Ordinary Time
White/Gold	Easter, Christmas, feasts of Our Lord, Mary, angels, saints who are not martyrs
Red	Pentecost and feasts of the apostles, evangelists and martyrs
Violet	Advent and Lent
Highlighted Boxes	Special commemorations for the Precious Blood Family



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Editorial



BLOOD IS LIFE-GIVING is the focus of this year's calendar. What comes to mind when you hear the word blood? Pain, injury, and death or healing and life? Because of this challenge, the topic of blood makes us feel uncomfortable and therefore isn't frequently addressed. Unconsciously we endorse the blood dichotomy – sign of suffering and source of life. We know that blood is a necessary element in our physical body, but we may not focus enough on its life-giving image of love. The Bible's perspective on blood is very clear. Scripture equates blood with life, the life God breathed in Adam's nostrils! Leviticus 17:11 declares that "life is in the blood." Jesus, prefigured by the blood sacrifices of the Old Testament, came to restore humanity's life in his own blood given and shed for all.

As individuals rooted in the spirituality of the Blood of Christ, we recognize that Jesus came so that all may have life to the fullest from conception to natural death. Furthermore, we promote life-giving activities like feeding, clothing, sheltering the needy, as well as working for justice, peace, and reconciliation, and caring for mother earth - lessons in mercy, charity, and sanctification that all the ends of the earth may see the saving power of God.

The blood of Jesus Christ, with its message of love and brotherhood, has redeeming, forgiving, and reconciling power for a society in need of it like arid ground. But sheepishly we may follow the narrative of our society and even be timid around the table eating and drinking of his body and blood!

Humanity needs to be restored in its core element that blood is the source of life in any age and time. As in human fashion, when someone who has lost blood a blood transfusion gives a new chance to life, Christ's blood gives the faithful new chance of life - life everlasting. We endure trials and tribulations in this life as to run the race to win the crown of glory that the just judge will assign when he will be all in all. For now we live by hope, knowing that the One who made the promise is trustworthy: we are justified and sanctified by the blood of the Lamb.



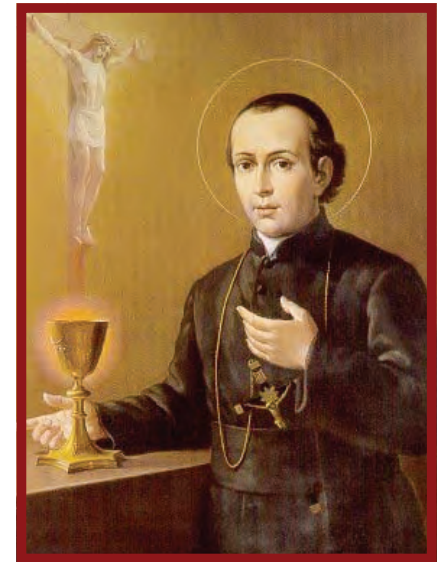
C.P.P.S. Pioneers

St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the apostle of the Precious Blood, was born in Rome on January 6, 1786. As a devoted priest he worked tirelessly to re-evangelize central Italy, especially the Papal States. He was well known for his eloquence in preaching, his devotion to the poor (especially the Santa Galla Hospice in Rome), and his work with the brigands of southern Lazio. In his missionary travels throughout Italy he invited the faithful to reflect upon and adore the Precious Blood of Christ, the bloodstream of his own personal spiritual life.

In 1815 he founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Exhausted by constant ministry and care for the community, he died December 28, 1837 in Rome. He was beatified by St. Pius X in 1904 and canonized by Pius XII on June 12, 1954. Exhibiting his particular devotion to St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Pope John XXIII visited his body in the Church of Santa Maria in Trivio on January 4, 1963, where it remains enshrined for the veneration of the faithful.

His followers continue to turn to him for inspiration as they fulfill the wish he once expressed: “I wish that I could have a thousand tongues, to endear every heart to the Precious Blood of Jesus.” His feast is celebrated in the City of Rome and by members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on October 21st.

St. Gaspar del Bufalo



Venerable John Merlini



John Merlini was the third Moderator General of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Having become a priest in 1818, he was captivated by the zeal of St. Gaspar whom he met in the abbey of San Felice in Giano di Umbria, where Gaspar had founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1815.

His devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus and to Our Lady was such that, at the mere mention of it, he was moved to tears. In their honor he erected altars and important churches, whose works he planned and directed, often joining the workers to guide and help them.

Merlini became a noted spiritual director and the most splendid fruit of this ministry was Saint Maria de Mattias, founder of the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood, whom he guided throughout her life and shared in the work of her Institute.

Merlini died in 1873 after he sustained injuries in a traffic accident in Rome near the Santa Maria in Trivio church. The last thing he did before he died was to forgive the coachman who had run into him. His remains are interred Santa Maria in Trivio church next to his founder, Gaspare del Bufalo.

The last phase of the canonical process for his beatification is still underway in Rome as we invite you to join us in praying for the cause of his sainthood and contact us regarding any miracle received from God through his intercession at info@preciousbloodatlantic.org

Eternal Father, grant us, we pray, the grace of the beatification and canonization of your servant, John Merlini.

Development Office

“We shall not always gather roses from our garden, but at times also myrrh. On one occasion we can offer the gold of burning love, on another occasion we can offer the myrrh of special sufferings, accompanied always with the incense of prayer.” (St. Gaspar, #1772)

C.P.P.S. Missionaries

C.P.P.S., stands for *Congregatio Missionariorum Pretiosissimi Sanguinis*, translated into English as *Congregation of Missionaries of the Precious Blood*.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood are a world-wide Roman Catholic Community of Apostolic Life or priests and brothers rooted in the Spirituality of the Blood of Christ. “In this devotion, states our Founder, St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, ‘we go to the heart of our faith’.” (*Constitution*, Art IV)

The C.P.P.S. continues St. Gaspar’s ministry of the Word by preaching renewal and conversion through missions and retreats. They bring the love of God also to parishes, schools, hospitals and prisons. As missionaries they work where the Church needs them most and where the Good News has not been heard.

Following St. Gaspar, the Missionaries live together whenever the needs of the apostolate permit. A bond of charity unites them instead of vows, placing their gifts at the service of the Church and one another. The members of the Atlantic Province minister as teachers and chaplains, conduct retreats and attend to parish life. Their houses serve as centers of prayer and reflection to renew them for their mission.

www.preciousbloodatlantic.org

C.P.P.S. Mission Projects

C.P.P.S. Mission Projects Corporation was established by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province, to foster missionary work and evangelization motivated by the spirituality of the Precious Blood.

More than 250 volunteers of all ages have taken trips to Tanzania to work side by side with our brothers and sisters to bring about real and tangible progress in health, education and agriculture.

To learn more about C.P.P.S. Mission Projects visit: www.cppsmissionprojects.ngo

Whether adopting a well or sponsoring one of our students, helping organize a mission trip or partnering with us in one of our many initiatives, there are many ways to become involved.

C.P.P.S. Mission Projects’ educational focus is concentrated on providing a top-ranked, quality education to hundreds of students in our schools - St. Gaspar Primary and John Merlini Secondary – and building dormitory accommodations.

We value your involvement and want to hear your ideas for raising awareness and furthering the good work being done in the mission field.

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At C.P.P.S. Mission Projects we appreciate each gift and every gesture of support.

Unio Sanguis Christi

The Unio Sanguis Christi seeks to promote a prayerful and active apostolate among the faithful in the spirituality of the Most Precious Blood.

The Union Sanguis Christi (USC) offers a spirituality program solidly based in the traditions of the Catholic Church to guide its members to holiness of life. It helps the members live out their vocation according to their state in life and in all the dimensions of the spirituality – devotional, ministerial and apostolic.

Those enrolled in the Union become part of the religious family founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo on August 15, 1815. Any properly disposed Catholic may be incorporated into the USC upon completion of the period of formation.

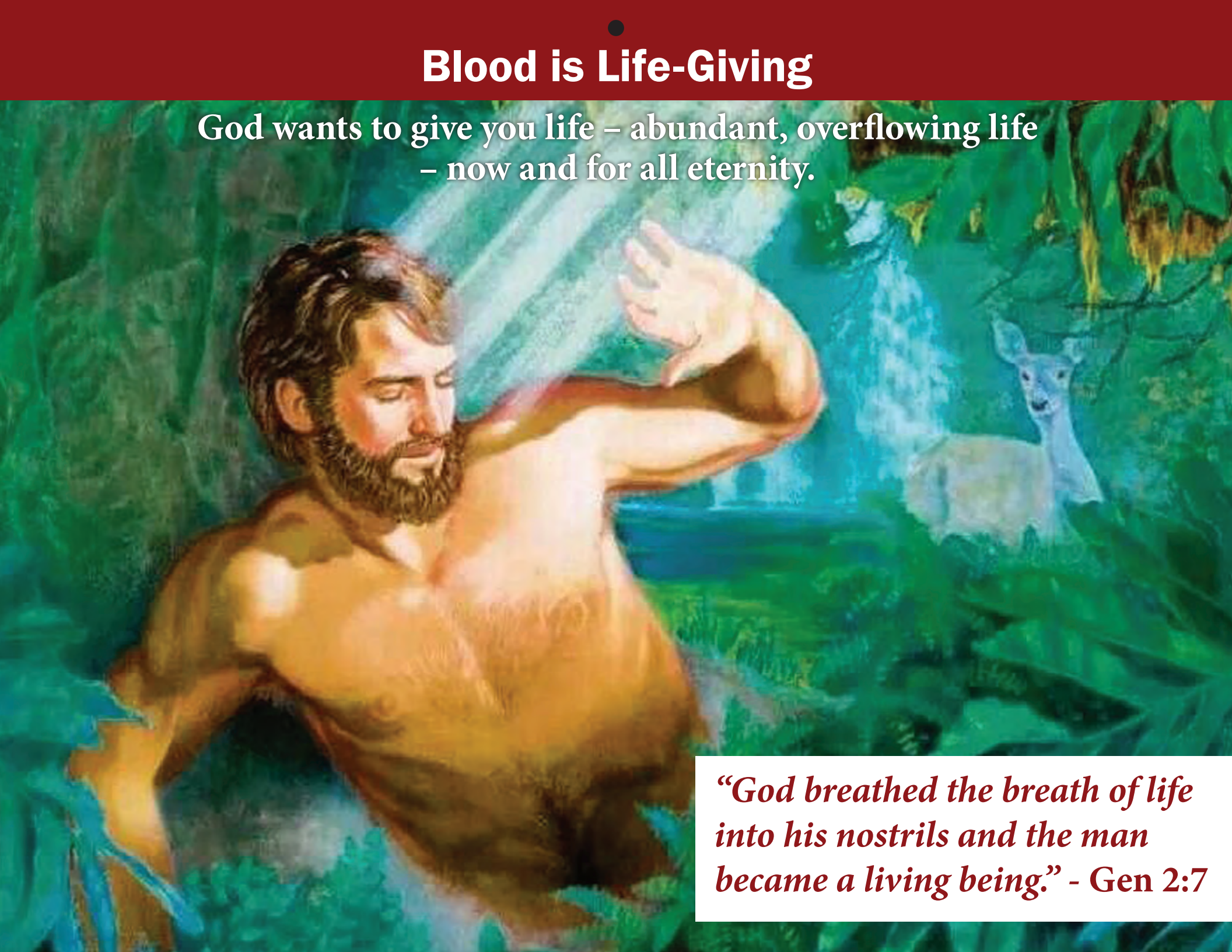
The members meet periodically - locally and/or regionally - for prayer, adoration, discussion, days of recollection, and retreats. Far from the simple embodiment of various rules and regulations, the USC offers a vital and challenging vision of Christian life worthy of the priestly People of God. It provides one way in which to perfect our baptismal consecration and to stimulate the continued growth of the laity in the life of the Spirit as well as in the mission of the Church.

For information on formation and USC activities, contact Fr. Peter Nobili, C.P.P.S. at pnobilicpps@gmail.com

Please join us in praying for our C.P.P.S. members, candidates in Formation and all our lay volunteers.

Blood is Life-Giving

God wants to give you life – abundant, overflowing life
– now and for all eternity.

A painting depicting Adam in the Garden of Eden. Adam is shown from the waist up, shirtless, with a beard and long hair, looking down with a contemplative expression. His right arm is raised, and a bright, ethereal light emanates from his hand, suggesting the breath of life. In the background, a deer stands in a lush, green landscape with a waterfall. The overall scene is vibrant and symbolic of life and creation.

“God breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and the man became a living being.” - Gen 2:7

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2 St. Basil St. Gregory
3 Epiphany of the Lord	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 St. John Neumann	6 Birth of St. Gaspar St. André Bessette (US)	7 St. André Bessette (CA) St. Raymond of Penyafort(US)	8 St. Raymond of Penyafort(CA)	9
10 Baptism of the Lord	11	12 St. Marguerite of Bourgeoys	13 St. Hilary of Poitiers	14	15	16
17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 Martin Luther King Day (US)	19	20 St. Sebastian St. Fabian	21 St. Agnes	22 St. Vincent	23 St. Marianne Cope
24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26 Sts. Timothy & Titus	27 St. Angela Merici	28 St. Thomas Aquinas	29	30

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Held on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the World Day of Peace was introduced in 1967 and inspired by the encyclicals, “Pacem in Terris” and “Populorum Progressio.” On this day, we act as a global community through actions and prayer to work toward a more peaceful future.

“The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it.”

— Pope Paul VI, 1968



Blood is Life-Giving

The Eucharist is our food for the journey.



*“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.” - John 6:54*

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day Presentation of the Lord	3 St. Blaise St. Ansgar	4	5 St. Agatha	6 St. Paul Miki
7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita	9	10 St. Scholastica	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Presidents Day (US)	16	17  Ash Wednesday	18	19 	20
21 1st Sunday of Lent St. Peter Damian	22 Chair of St. Peter	23 St. Polycarp	24	25	26 	27
28 2nd Sunday of Lent						



FEBRUARY 2 - WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



Blood is Life-Giving



RESPECT
Life

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you.” - Jer. 1:5*

MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 St. Katherine Drexel	4 St. Casimir	5 ☩	6
7 3rd Sunday of Lent Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	8 Commonwealth Day (CA) St. John of God	9 St. Frances of Rome	10	11	12 ☩	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins 4th Sunday of Lent	15	16	17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 ☩ St. Joseph, Husband of Mary	20
21 5th Sunday of Lent	22	23 St. Turibius de Mogrovejo	24	25 Annunciation	26 ☩	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 Monday of Holy Week	30 Tuesday of Holy Week	31 Wednesday of Holy Week			



MARCH 22 – WORLD WATER DAY

This day aims to promote awareness of the extent to which water resource development contributes to economic productivity and social wellbeing. It is a day to reflect on the importance of water in our daily lives as well as to remember those who lack adequate drinking water supplies.

Blood is Life-Giving

A blood transfusion
can be a life-saving
procedure.



*“For the life
of a creature
is in the blood.”*
- Lev. 17:11

APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Octave	6 Easter Octave	7 Easter Octave	8 Easter Octave	9 Easter Octave	10 Easter Octave
11 Divine Mercy Sunday	12	13 St. Martin I	14	15	16	17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
18 3rd Sunday of Easter	19	20	21 St. Anselm of Canterbury	22	23 St. George St. Adalbert	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25 4th Sunday of Easter	26 Our Lady of Good Counsel (CA)	27 St. Turbius of Mogrovejo	28 St. Peter Chanel St. Louis Grignon de Montfort	29 St. Catherine of Siena St. Marie de L'Incarnation (CA)	30 St. Pius V	

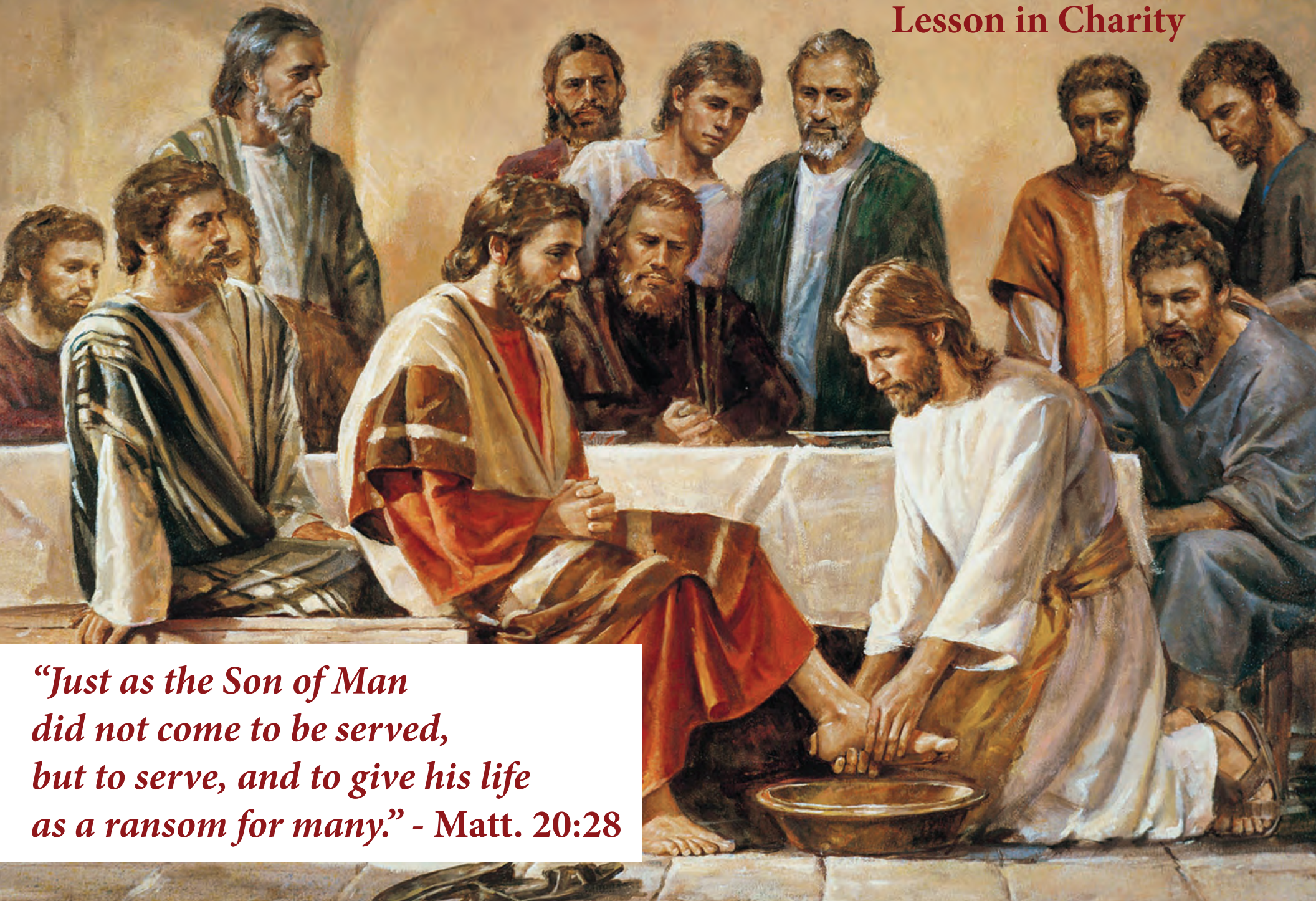


APRIL 7 – WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is on the 7th of April each year, which marks the anniversary of founding of the World Health Organization in 1948. This observance is meant to raise awareness of the need to improve global health.

Blood is Life-Giving

Lesson in Charity



“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Matt. 20:28

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 May Day Joseph the Worker St. Pius V (CA)
2 5th Sunday of Easter	3 Sts. Philip and James the Apostles	4 St. Marie-Léonie Paradis Sts. Philip & James	5	6 National Day of Prayer (US) St. Francois de Laval	7	8 Mary, Mother of Mercy
9 Mother's Day 6th Sunday of Easter	10 St. Damien de Veuster	11	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras	13 Ascension of the Lord	14 St. Matthias the Apostle	15 St. Isidore
16 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension)	17	18 St. John I	19	20 St. Bernardine of Siena	21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, St. Eugene de Mazenod	22 St. Rita of Casica
23 Pentecost	24 Victoria Day (CA) Mary, Mother of the Church	25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi	26 St. Philip Neri	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day (US) The Visitation					

MAY 16 – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.



Blood is Life-Giving

Christ gave his life for us
and made us one people
and one nation.

*“There is but one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom all things came
and through whom we live.” -1 Cor 8:6*



JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 St. Justin Martyr	2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions	4	5 St. Boniface
6 Corpus Christi	7	8	9 St. Ephrem	10	11 Sacred Heart of Jesus	12 Immaculate Heart of Mary
13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 Flag Day (US)	15	16	17	18	19 St. Romuald
20 Father's Day 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga	22 St. Paulinus of Nola St. John Fisher St. Thomas More	23	24 Birth of John the Baptist	25	26
27 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 St. Irenaeus	29 Sts. Peter & Paul the Apostles	30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome			



JUNE 20 - WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to build empathy and understanding for refugees around the globe who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. This observance shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive.

Blood is Life-Giving

We are made one
through the
Blood of the Cross.

A wooden cross is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly parchment or paper, with a dark brown horizontal band at the bottom. The text 'JOHN 3:16' is prominently displayed across the middle of the image, with 'JOHN' in white and '3:16' in gold.

JOHN 3:16

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD
NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Canada Day Feast of the Precious Blood St. Junípero Serra	2	3 St. Thomas the Apostle
4 Independence Day (US) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 St. Anthony Zaccaria	6 St. Maria Goretti	7	8	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	10
11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13 St. Henry St. Teresa of the Andes	14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha	15 St. Bonaventure	16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	17
18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19	20 St. Apollinaris of Ravenna	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget St. Sharbel Makhlúf	24 St. Francis Solanus
25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 Sts. Joachim & Ann Parents of Mary	27	28	29 St. Martha	30 St. Peter Chrysologus	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola



JULY 30 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

The purpose of this observance is to encourage the formation of bonds of friendship between people of different cultures, countries, and backgrounds. It is a day for “human solidarity,” meant to undermine the root causes of violence and division in our world.

Blood is Life-Giving

*“How much more shall the blood of Christ...
purge your conscience from dead works
to serve the living God?” - Hebrews 9:14*

A photograph showing hands holding bread and a bowl of soup, symbolizing care and service. The image is split into two horizontal sections. The top section shows a person in a light-colored jacket holding two slices of white bread. The bottom section shows two hands holding a white bowl filled with a yellow soup, with a piece of bread and a small green garnish inside. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and brown leaves.

**Integrating prayer and action,
the works of mercy**

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard	3	4 St. John Vianney	5 Bl. Frederic Janssoone (CA)	6 Transfiguration	7 St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan
8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10 St. Lawrence	11 St. Clare	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	13 St. Pontian, St. Hippolytus	14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17 St. Alberto Hurtado	18 St. John Eudes	19	20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux	21 St. Pius X
22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 St. Rose of Lima	24 St. Bartholomew	25 St. Louis of France St Joseph of Calasanz	26	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine of Hippo
29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31				

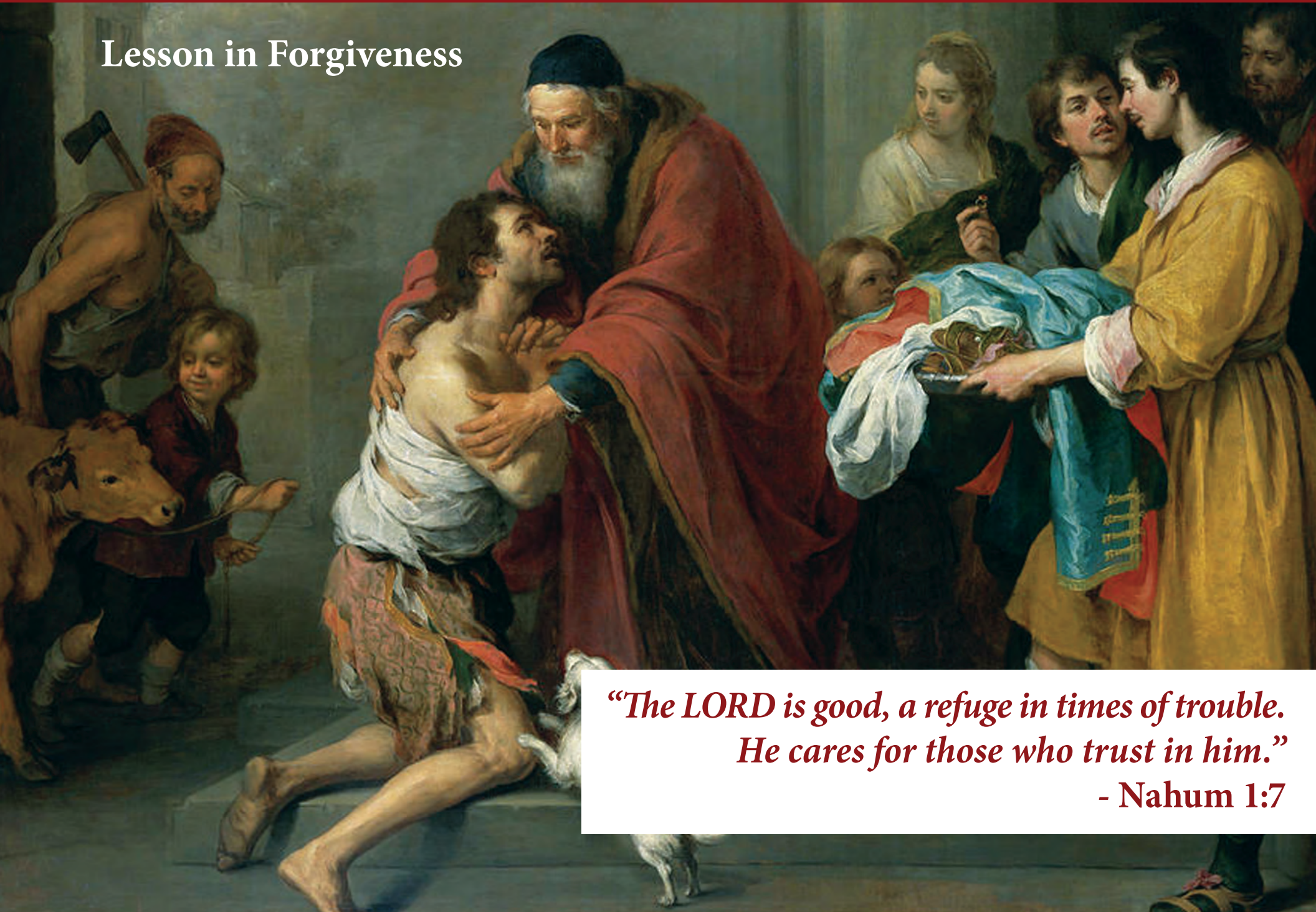


AUGUST 19 – WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

The day is a time to remember both the victims of humanitarian crises all around the world and those who fearlessly venture into dangerous regions to bring them much-needed aid.

Blood is Life-Giving

Lesson in Forgiveness



*“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in him.”*

- Nahum 1:7

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Bl. Andre Grasset (CA)	St. Gregory the Great	Bl. Dina Belanger (CA)
5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
			Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Peter Claver		
12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14	15	16	17	18
	St. John Chrysostom	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian	St. Robert Bellarmine	
19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21	22	23	24	25
	St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	St. Matthew the Apostle		St Pio of Pietrelcina	Bl. Emile Tavernier-Gamelin (CA)	Sts. Cosmas and Damian (CA)
26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27	28	29	30		
	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Rui & Companions	Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	St. Jerome		



SEPT. 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

In 2015, during the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Pope Francis communicated to the universal Church the institution of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his letter, on the occasion of the institution of this day, Pope Francis expresses his desire to offer a contribution “to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing,” a crisis that calls us to a deep ecological conversion.

Blood is Life-Giving

Lesson in Sanctification



*“I keep my eyes
always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.”
- Psalm 16:8*

OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	2 Guardian Angels
3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 St. Francis of Assisi	5 B. Francis Xavier St. Marie Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament	6 Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher St. Bruno	7 Our Lady of the Rosery	8	9 St. Denis & Companions St. John Leonardi St. Héctor Valdivelso Sáez
10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 Thanksgiving (CA) Columbus Day (US) St. John XXIII	12	13	14 St. Callistus I	15 St. Teresa of Jesus	16 San Gerardo Mayela, St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque St. Marguerite d'Youville (CA)
17 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 St. Luke the Evangelist	19 St. Peter of Alcantara, St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brébeuf	20 St. Irene of Tomar St. Paul of the Cross	21 St Gaspar del Bufalo	22	23 St. John of Capistrano
24 World Mission Sunday 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25	26	27	28 Sts. Simon and Jude	29	30
31 Halloween 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time						



OCTOBER 16 – WORLD FOOD DAY

The day is observed in some 150 countries worldwide and is among the best well known and most participated in of all UN observances. Over 10 percent of the world's population suffers from hunger despite the fact that plenty of food is produced to feed everyone. World Food Day annually sees media outlets and charities raising awareness about world hunger, how famines and crop failures displace millions of people, and on how eating nutritious, balanced diets can benefit us all.

Blood is Life-Giving

Save the environment for future generations.



“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.” - Psalm 98:3

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All Saints Day	2 Election Day (US) All Souls Day	3 St. Martin de Porres	4 St. Charles Borromeo	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Ends 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8	9 Dedication of St. John Lateran	10 St. Leo the Great	11 Remembrance Day (CA) Veterans Day (US) St. Martin of Tours	12 St. Josaphat	13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 St. Albert the Great	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude the Great	17 Sts. Roque Gonzáles, Alfonso Rodríguez & Juan del Castillo St. Elizabeth of Hungary	18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	19	20
21 Christ the King	22 St. Cecilia	23 Bl. Miguel Agustin (CA) St. Clement I St. Columban	24 St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions	25 Thanksgiving Day (US) St. Catherine of Alexandria	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30 St. Andrew				

NOVEMBER 13 – WORLD KINDNESS DAY



The world has plenty of unkind acts that occur in it, but World Kindness Day is meant to shine the spotlight on the truly kind acts that people do as well. And it is meant to encourage people everywhere to do “random acts of kindness”, as well as more purposeful and commitment-filled acts of kindness, or any acts of kindness at all that you can think of. Many observe the day by giving food, clothes, money, books, or other needful items to those who need them most. And many just are extra careful to hold the door for strangers, say “thank you”, pay for someone else’s lunch, or a multitude of other small, but kind, acts.

Blood is Life-Giving

**Glory to
the Blood of Jesus,
now and forever!**



To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. -Rev. 1:5-6

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					St. Frances Xavier	St. John Damascene
5 2nd Sunday of Advent	6 St. Nicholas	7 St. Ambrose	8 Immaculate Conception	9 St. Juan Diego	10	11 St. Damasus I
12 3rd Sunday of Advent	13 St. Lucy of Syracuse	14 St. John of the Cross	15	16	17	18
19 4th Sunday of Advent	20	21 St. Peter Canisus	22	23 St. John of Kanty	24	25 Christmas
26 Boxing Day (CA) Holy Family	27 St. John the Apostle	28 Holy Innocents	29 St. Thomas Becket	30	31 St. Sylvester I	



DECEMBER 10 – HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Since 1950, the UN and various member states have observed 10 December as “Human Rights Day” in commemoration of the day in 1948 when the UN General Assembly passed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was the first “worldwide” declaration of rights of its kind, and it was among the chief achievements of the United Nations in its early years. Without a respect for human rights, no other rights or privileges would amount to anything.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood - Atlantic Province

VOCATIONS

*“The harvest is ready but the workers are few...”
(Luke 10:2)*

“One must not stand in the way of a vocation,
and, if one follows through with it,
one will succeed in it by means of prayer,
patience and humility.”
(St. Gaspar # 1640)

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*Let us pray for vocations
and encourage and support young people
to respond to God's call to serve
as priests and religious men and women.*



Shrine of St. Gaspar
Toronto

MASS ASSOCIATION

Since the Church enjoins on all the faithful the charitable obligation to pray for the living and the dead, the 4000 Perpetual Masses is an ideal way to be in association of solidarity in prayer carried out by the Unio Sanguis Christi with the approval of Pope Leo XIII in 1883. The Masses are offered by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the names of those enrolled are kept in the Archives of the USC.

Enrollment can be done in person at St. Alphonsus Church in Toronto, by mail sending a request at Shrine of St. Gaspar 540 St Clair Ave W, Toronto ON M6C 1A4, or by phone 416-653-4486. The donation is \$25.00 plus \$4.00 for mailing the certificate of registration which will be issued.

You may also access the website - preciousbloodatlantic.org - click on Donations and fill all the required fields.

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C.P.P.S. Mission Projects

Invest in Vulnerable Girls – Be a Part of Their Future!



In Tanzania, especially in rural areas, girls spend between three and six hours a day on household chores such as cooking, cleaning, fetching water, collecting firewood, caring for children, the sick and elderly compared to only half an hour to two hours spent by the boys. In fact, from the time they are born, girls are viewed in reproductive roles — childbearing, child care and housework. Even more heart breaking is the fact that two out of five girls in Tanzania are married before they turn 18. This inevitably leads to early pregnancies and thus the necessity to drop out of school. The price is enormous as girls' inestimable potentials and talents never see the light of the day. To empower girls, end child marriage, child labor and sexual exploitation we need your partnership.

For Tanzania to develop and function at its potential, women's skills and talents should be engaged in activities that make the best use of those abilities. At the C.P.P.S. Mission Projects we believe authentic development is not divorced from the foundations of freedom and equality. Following this view, we see development as a process of expanding freedoms equally for all people, closing the gaps in well-being between girls and boys. We also believe that the change necessary to anchor gender equality in socio-economic norms will require bottom-up as well as top-down approaches, involving all of us. More importantly, girls themselves are also critical agents of change and should not be seen solely as "victims." Empowering them with information on their rights and skills, and ensuring that education structures enable them to claim their rights, are ways that lead to authentic freedom.



Educating girls is one of the best gifts we can give to Tanzania, for today and for its long-term sustainable development.

Investing in girls is C.P.P.S. Mission Projects' top priority for 2021. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next six months. The funds will provide full sponsorship for 88 girls at St. Gaspar Primary School and 46 girls at Venerable John Merlini Secondary School. Together we will work tirelessly to provide empowering education and a safe environment to complete education for 134 vulnerable girls in one year.

The Gift of Sponsorship for St. Gaspar Primary School
\$40/month or one-time gift of \$480 per year

The Gift of Sponsorship for John Merlini Secondary School
\$110/month or one-time gift of \$1300 per year

Email: info@cppsmissionprojects.ngo

Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who sustain these efforts as part of the C.P.P.S. Mission Projects in Tanzania.

Annual Observances



World observances were created not only to celebrate categories of people and events but also to raise awareness of people’s needs and problems: problems in our relationships to one another, to the created world, our resources, the environment, and the geosystem of our planet. These are not arbitrary observances to highlight whatever, but specific problems facing all of us on this planet. Never before, as of now, have we come to realize our connectedness in the sharing of this one virus. Covid-19 has respected no boundaries; indiscriminately it has affected people of every age, color and economic status.

But, as we read in Ecclesiastes 1:9, there is nothing new under the sun. In fact, over two thousand years ago Jesus died establishing a connectivity among people of every nation in his blood; forged equal by the Creator, we were made brothers and sisters by the blood of the Cross. Since we were made lord and masters of the universe, we are called to enhance its performance rather than spoil and deteriorate its existence.

Though we are the masterpiece of creation, there is more seen and unseen that declare the glories of God. The “fiat” to a life which is as eternal as the Creator Himself and the universal plan of salvation compel us - people motivated by the spirituality of the Blood of Christ - to embrace devotional practices, mystical experiences, social issues, and environmental issues as true citizens of this earth on becoming citizens of Heaven. “If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, you will not be trusted with the true riches.” (Luke 16:10)

Prayer

Loving God, as Your children, we are bound to each other through our created nature. Open our eyes and allow us to see our neighbors as our brothers and sisters. Help us to see that our differences are not cause for conflict. Bless our actions, that they may be a path to peace and not injustice. Bless our lips, that they may speak your loving words in conversation with all people and be an avenue for change for a better world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

