

## The Cathedral of St. Joseph

### Parish Mission Statement:

Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

*Saint Joseph, pray for our parish.*

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### Schedule

**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

**Initiation/Baptism:** Rites of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting Debbie at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call Debbie to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples should contact Debbie at the office at least six months in advance for pre-marriage preparations.

Anyone needing a ride to Mass or a parish event, please call Laurale Hetzel at (304) 232-2915 or Diane Fredericks at (304) 233-8574..

# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Saint Rita of Cascia



Augustiniannun, also called Margarita. She was born in Roccaporena, near Spoleto, Italy, in 1381, and expressed from an early age the desire to become a nun. Her elderly parents insisted that she be married at the age of twelve to a man described in accounts of her life as cruel and harsh. She spent eighteen extremely unhappy years, had two sons, and was finally widowed when her husband was killed in a brawl. Both sons also died, and Rita, still anxious to become a nun, tried unsuccessfully to enter the Augustinians in their convent at Cascia. She was refused because she was a widow and because of the requirement that all sisters should be virgins. Finally, in 1413, the order gave her entry, and she earned fame for her austerity, devotion to prayer, and charity.

In the midst of chronic illnesses, she received visions and wounds on her forehead which resembled the crown of thorns. She died on May 22 at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. Canonized in 1900, she is honored in Spain as La Santa de los Impossibles and elsewhere as a patron saint of hopeless causes.

## Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

When I opened the side door of the Cathedral I could hear the sacred choral music playing throughout the church. As I knelt in the pew to say my prayers, the music overtook my thoughts. It was an uplifting piece. My thoughts turned toward God and a life beyond what we now know. What if, there always seems to be a “what ifs” in our lives, this very second was my last. How ready would I be? Thoughts ran on about the when the last second would be. Matthew 24 tells us not even the angels, nor does the Son know the day or hour, only the Father. I thought of an elderly couple I sat beside on a recent plane trip to Arizona. They boarded the plane before me. They sat holding hands. The husband rubbed the back of his wife’s hand with his free hand. He was smiling at her. Her smile was one of contentment. I am not sure how to describe a content smile, but trust me on this one. Her head leaned against his shoulder for a few seconds as I placed my luggage in the compartment above the seats. We greeted each other as I took my seat beside them. Their smiles remained as we waited for the plane to move away from the terminal. I wondered where they were going, but did not ask. When we were finally in the air, the plane encountered turbulence. The kind of turbulence that lasts for several minutes, tossing the plane

around as driving too fast over an uneven gravel road filled with pot holes. Some people have a fear of flying. They white knuckle their grip on the arm rest from takeoff to landing. There seemed to be little fear shown by this couple. They continued to sit holding hands. Their smiles remained. Were they ready if this second was their “what if?” For me, I just laid my head against the seat and closed my eyes again to finish my nap. This is a time when fear will not change the condition of the flight. You are totally helpless and must trust the will of God and accept the “what if.” When the plane landed and we began to disembark, I asked if they wanted to go ahead of me. The husband smiled and said they are always some of the first to board the plane and some of the last to leave. There was a comfort in his voice and smile. After I was in the terminal, I had the strange feeling to stand at the gate to see if they actually got off the plane or what if...

Sacred choral music has tendency to place my thoughts in scenes of the past or in places I have yet to see beyond my own imagination. For now, the tones and voices brought my thoughts to a garden that we would all like to walk. A garden where there will be no eyes that cannot see, ears that cannot taste sounds, legs that cannot stand straight and walk, or disease that eats away at the body. This is what we hope, right? But what if we are not righteous or complain and do not enjoy the

## What If?

life placed before us? What if we hold the grudge, resentment, or look for personal praise above all else? Is this why our second has not come? Has God allowed us the time to make a change in his eyes? What if He has? I am no better than the one who is homeless and prays to give thanks for another day. I am no less than the one who has plenty and gives ten times more than me to others in need. What if today is the day we change our thinking, our actions, and the amount of time we pray? What if this is the extra second God has given us and we don’t take advantage of the time? What if I would not have opened the door to the Cathedral on the days I felt lost to talk to God? What if I would not have sat in the pew in St. Michael’s Church as the first to enter in the early morning or the last to leave before the doors were locked at night, sitting and kneeling in prayer? What if we had not learned to be submissive to the will of God? What if prayers are not given to God or if we don’t pray for others? No longer should one say the day is too busy. We place demands on ourselves as well as others. We allow our frustrations and anger to overcome that second that may be our last. What if the second did not come for our last words of “I love you back” to be said?

The choral music stopped and the traditional organ music began. As the cantor’s voice reached the heavens all but one stood for the beginning of the Mass. I continued to

kneel, giving praise and honor to God and asking for fewer “what ifs” in the seconds of my day. Being submissive to the will of God is like turbulence during a plane ride for me. I never really know what I am facing for my own betterment or to face holding hands with another. It is all beyond my control, though there is a tendency to think otherwise. I finish my prayer of thanks and praise as Msgr. Kevin reaches the altar. As I watch him stand and kiss the altar, one last “what if” fills the voids of the mind. What if this Celebration of Eucharist, this act of divine worship, was not presented to us? But the seconds continue as a gift from Our Father. I watch as he takes his place on the altar for this celebration. For the thousands of seconds to come, his words will provide the answers and guidance to our “what ifs.” His words will inspire us to ask for absolution for our misgivings, and provide comfort to our injured spirit and body. I pray my thoughts do not drift but become one in unity with Msgr. Kevin’s, this successor of the Apostles, as he says, “Let us begin as we should begin all things, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

“The most beautiful Creed is the one we pronounce in our hour of darkness.” St. Padre Pio

My continued prayers are said with you mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

*“Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit”*

Alex J. Nagem

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## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—May 21st—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Mother’s Day**

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00a Mass for Mary Drosiek  
10:30a Mass for Mary Jane Bransfield  
RDGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20  
1Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

**Monday—May 22nd—Easter Weekday—Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
RDGS: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Rita was born in 1381 in the town of Roccaporena in Umbria. She lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Becoming an Augustinian nun, she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the crown of thorns. She died in 1457. She is the patron saint of those in desperate situations.

**Tuesday—May 23rd—Easter Weekday**

12:05p Mass for Margaret Griswold  
RDGS: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday—May 24th—Easter Weekday**

12:05p Mass for Dollie Jackfert  
RDGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14  
Jn 16:12-15  
6:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday—May 25th—Easter Weekday—Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin**

12:05p Mass for Albert Schubert  
RDGS: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4  
Jn 16:16-20

Bede, died 735; born in Northumbria; O.S.B.; called “Venerable” while still living; authored the Ecclesiastical History of the English People and wrote Scriptural expositions, commentaries, and homilies; known as the “Father of English history.”

Gregory VII, died 1085; from Tuscany; O.S.B.; championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading the excommunication of Henry IV; expanded the authority of the Roman See. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, died 1607; Carmelite mystic of Florence who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness; instrumental in the reform of her order.

**Friday—May 26th—Easter Weekday—Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

11:15a Confessions  
12:05p Mass for Joseph Paytash, Jr.  
RDGS: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23  
6:00p CCHS Baccalaureate Mass

Philip Neri, died 1595; founded the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory, today numbering about 570 members, to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching; noted for his joyful and simple spirit, and his use of short, wise maxims; known as the “Apostle of Rome” and “Reformer of the Eternal City.”

**Saturday—May 27th—Easter Weekday—Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

9:00a Mass for Mary Ann Gala  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for Ann Schlatt

RDGS: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28  
Augustine, died 604; monk of Mt. Coelius in Rome; sent with forty other monks by Pope Gregory I to England, king of Kent; ordained a bishop in 597; established the Sees of Canterbury, London and Rochester; in 601, received the pallium as Primate of England.

**Sunday—May 28th—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:00a Mass for Jack Jochum  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

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