



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A October 15, 2023

Parable of the Wedding Feast

Matthew 22:1-14



“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come [...]”
“Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.”

The Endless Love Of GOD

God's Kingdom is for the entire humanity. To take the invitation for self-renewal and to see God face to face is a personal decision and our presence before Him has no exact replacement. –Vicenta R. Barbarona

PARISH MINISTRY



1. DAILY HOLY MASS CELEBRATIONS

A. Sunday Masses

5:00 PM Saturday	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 NN	7:00 PM
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B. Daily Masses

12:10 NN Monday to Friday

C. Special Masses

9:00 AM First Saturday of the Month	Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)
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Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
Oct. 15	Sun	9:00 AM	Bienvenida PLaza & Jose Ostos	Oct. 17	Tue	12:10 NN	Jonathan Barbarona -Self-renewal
		10:30 AM	All Parishioners	Oct. 18	Wed	12:10 NN	+ Jaime & Estanislao Leparto
		12:00 NN	Pere Gerard Monfette – Health & Recovery	Oct. 19	Thu	12:10 NN	+ Gus & Vivian Pasowisty
		7:00 PM	+ Guarino & Comonia Leparto	Oct. 20	Fri	12:10 NN	+ Flora & Vivencio Curato.
Oct. 16	Mon	12:10 NN	+ Ramon Badana	Oct. 21	Sat	5:00 PM	+ Bronislaw Kaczmarek

Requests for Special Intentions during Holy Mass Celebrations

You may request to offer the following Mass Intentions:

1. **Thanksgiving Mass** (for most special intentions)
2. **Special Milestones** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.),

3. **Healing Mass** (fast recovery from sickness, reconciliation of relationships /ties)
4. **Requiem Mass** (Funeral services, Death anniversary/ remembering the souls)

2. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS AND RITES

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Preparations: 1st and 2nd Friday of the Month
Baptism Ceremony: Saturday at 6:00 PM
and Sunday at 1:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday: Before the Mass
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment
Monday to Friday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 NN

Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Catechesis Classes: October-November 2023
Sacramental Rites: Spring and Summer 2023 Only

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage Preparations: Spring Time Only
Wedding Ceremony: Couples' Preference

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please call the Rector for appointments
(Indicate clearly the Name, Place, Time and the Contact Person)

3. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Thursday: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral
COME!... LOOK!... FEEL!... LISTEN!...
BELIEVE!... PRAY!
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR
IS AT THE ALTAR OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT HIGHLY AWAITING YOU.

We are with you in Praying for your intentions, petitions & all forms of supplications. Drop them in the Prayer Intention Box. Prayer Leaders and Alternates are still needed. Please share and encourage your families, friends, and colleagues to visit the Blessed Sacrament even for just a couple of minutes.

Please contact Katanne Belisle RHN for more details.

5. DEVOTIONS AND COMMEMORATIONS



OCTOBER ROSARY PRAYER
at 11:45 AM, Before the Holy
Mass in Sacred Heart Church
from Monday to Friday (Week
Days) only

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.”
Pope Saint Pius X

6. COUPLE'S MINISTRY

The **Couples For Christ (CFC) – Whitehorse** will sponsor a **Marriage Enrichment Program on November 11-12, 2023** at the CYO Hall. **Speakers will be a Team from Vancouver.**

This is open to all interested couples.

For further details, please contact **Allan and Leaseth Ocampo** in this number **(867)-689-9310**.

Or you may email us if you are interested to join.



The Rosary has roots in several early Christian prayer traditions, including the practice of keeping track of prayers by counting with beads, pebbles, or marks on wood or stone¹²³. Evidence exists from the Middle Ages that strings of beads were used to count Our Father and Hail Marys³. The exact origins of the rosary are debated, but many theologians believe it was at least popularized by St. Dominic de Guzman, a Spanish mystic and priest who allegedly received a vision in 1208 of the Virgin Mary in which she presented him with the Rosary⁴.

Learn more: 1. Catholicmo.com 2. Dynamiccatholic.com 3. Catholiceducation.org 4. Theconversation.com +2more

PARISH UPDATES

Please Be Informed, Interested and Willing To Get Involved, Share/Donate, Support, Participate, Cooperate and Collaborate!

1. CATECHISM CLASSES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Important Details:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level One - for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years old
Thursdays 3:30 to 5:00 pm

*****Unfortunately the class planned for Saturday mornings has been canceled as we only had three children registered.**

First Reconciliation classes - for students in grade three are Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The catechism class planned for Grade Four (IV) students has been canceled as there were no registrations.

Confirmation classes begin October 16. They will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. They are for students in Grade Seven (VII).

For further information please see Father Slawek or email Caroline Knickle at catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca.

2. ADULT AND FAMILY CATECHESIS

Let us respond to this sublime calling!

**Starting October 13, 2023, Friday
at 7:00-8:30PM, at the CYO Hall**

*Called to Love: Education in the Faith,
and Vocation within the Family*

Catechesis for Adults and Parents

Every 2nd Friday,
7pm to 8:30pm

In the CYO hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral –
406 Steele St., Whitehorse

Starting Friday, October 13th, 2023 until May 10th, 2024

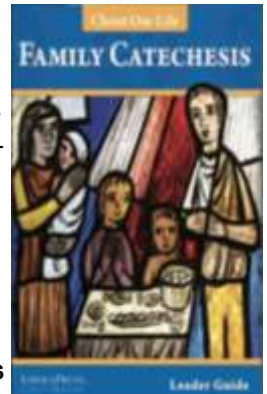
*Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Families,
pray for us!*

Why Family Catechesis is So Important Today

John Roberto, *Lifelong Faith Associates*

"With the Christian family, parents are the primary educators in the faith and "the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children." But all the members make up the family, and each can make a unique contribution to creating the basic environment in which a sense of God's loving presence is awakened and faith in Jesus Christ is confessed, encouraged, and lived." (National Directory for Catechesis)

If we want children and teens to become lifelong Catholics and members of the church we have to start now by involving the whole family in the life of the church.



3. WORLD FOOD DAY: OCTOBER 16

World Food Day is a United Nations Holiday year on October 16¹²³. It is a Day to raise awareness surrounding poverty and hunger¹⁴³. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization recognizes access to food and this day helps in the fight to end (Learn more: 1. calendar.com 2. wikipedia.org 3. Nationaltoday.com 4. nationaldaycalendar.com+1 more)



that is celebrated every year. The date marks the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945². It is as a fundamental human right to be free from world hunger¹³.

The 2023 Theme is "**Leave 'NO ONE' Behind**". "In the face of global crises, global solutions are needed more than ever. By aiming for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, we can transform agrifood systems and build forward better by implementing sustainable and holistic solutions that consider development in the long term, inclusive economic growth, and greater resilience." – **Food and Agriculture Organization.**

4. FROM CEAY

Regarding the public showing of "No Greater Love", the documentary about St. Teresa of Calcutta, hosted by CEAY in August, we deeply regret any hurt caused by the viewing of the trailers. From the Yukon Film Society to CEAY: "We sincerely apologize for the trailer for 'Strays' playing before your film. This was a complete oversight on behalf of the Theatre and Yukon Film Society. It was very inappropriate given the context of the film and the audience present, and we understand your concerns." CEAY has been provided a donation of the admission tickets and YFS has covered the entire cost of the event in reparation.

CEAY welcomes new members as Parish Representatives: Chris Potvin (SHC) and Dianne Tait (OLV). If you have gratitude, concerns or questions about Catholic Education in Yukon, feel welcome to have a conversation with these

members, your priests, school council members, or reach out to ceayukon@gmail.com.

Catholic Education Sunday is November 5- stay tuned for further information. This year's theme, from our partners in Alberta, is " **Courage to Lead**".

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Katherine Williams, Executive Director, Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY)

5. SYNOD 2023

October 4-29: 1st Session of Synod 2023-2024

(A GLIMPSE ON THE EVENT)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic Church is called to be an instrument of communion with God and unity among all people, but it requires grace and "learning to 'bear with' reality, gently, generously, lovingly and courageously for the peace and salvation of the whole world," a theologian told the assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

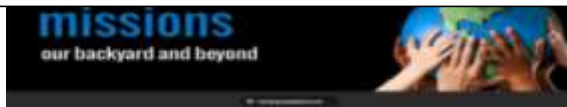
"Can we find the courage to encounter reality, as it really is?," asked Anna Rowlands, a professor of Catholic Social Thought And Practice at Durham University in England. "Communion is the beauty of diversity in unity," she said. "In a modern world that tends toward both homogenizing and fracturing, communion is a language of beauty, a harmony of unity and plurality." ([Cindy Wooden - Catholic News Service](#) October 09, 2023)



6. WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is recognized in the Catholic Church as World Mission Month, a time when Catholics all over the world join to support and celebrate global missionary work. World Mission Month is a great opportunity to engage young people, it captures them and allows them to make connections between our faith and how we view the world around us. It is important to give them the opportunity to learn not only about the realities that our brothers and sisters face around the world but how in turn our Catholic faith calls us to respond and leads us to action to transform the world. The month starts with the feast of **St Thérèse of Lisieux** and draws to a close with **World Mission Sunday** – a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated in all Catholic parishes around the world. (*In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the collection takes place with the Combined Collection on Oct. 14-15, 2023*)

Pope Francis has taken many steps to encourage all members of Catholic communities to recognize themselves as missionary disciples; working and praying together to share God's love with everyone, everywhere. We echo his call each year as we encourage pupils and staff to participate in **World Mission Month**.. "Hearts on Fire, Feet to Move!"



Updates on Church Projects:

Rev. Fr. Slawomir Szwagzyk

Fall of this year – Siding for the Basement Exterior Walls and an Exterior Door

On September 28th, we signed a contract to install the basement siding. The estimated total cost for this project is of approximately \$38,900, with an initial payment of \$10,000 already made. The basement siding is expected to be installed by the end of October (middle of November). **The Energy North Construction Ltd. "the Contractor" has started already the works last October 10, 2023.**

BOOK OF LIFE

The **Book of Life** will be in the Cathedral in front of the altar for the month of November. If you want to put a picture of a family member or a friend who passed away or update the information, enhance your memento, you can do so by stopping by at the parish office or by sending an email to the parish.



On spirituality:

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for October 2023

"For the Synod, I pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."



October 15, Sunday:

Theme: REALITY VS. APPEARANCE

ANTIPHON: Psalm 129: 3-4

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness.

READING 1: Isaiah 25. 6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Response: Psalm 23, 6cd

RESPONSE: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul. .

RESPONSE: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side with Your rod and Your staff that give me courage.

RESPONSE: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

RESPONSE: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

RESPONSE: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

READING 2: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ALLELUIA Cf. Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called but few are chosen".

Prayer:

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 16, Monday:

Theme: World Food Day and Memorial of St. Marguerite d'Youville

ANTIPHON:

Let us joyfully celebrate this feast of St. Marguerite. Beloved of the Lord, she was chosen to show His tender love to all, and especially to the poor.

READING 1: Romans 1. 1-7. *Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among the gentiles.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98. 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

RESPONSE: 2a. The Lord has made known His salvation.

GOSPEL: Luke 1. 29 -32. *No sign will be given to this generation, except the sign of Jonah.*

Prayer:

My perfect Lord, every decision You made in life was made out of love and was in accord with the perfect will of the Father. Give me the grace I need to make every decision in life in imitation of Your perfect example. May my life imitate You as You laid down Your life for others. I choose You and Your glorious sacrificial life as the sign by which I am directed in life. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 17, Tuesday

Theme: INTERIOR TRANSFORMATION and Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

ANTIPHON: CF. Galatians 2.

I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.

READING 1: Romans 1. 16-25. *Though they knew God, they did not honour Him as God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19: 1-2, 3-4 Response: 1a

RESPONSE: *The Heavens proclaim the glory of God.*

GOSPEL: Luke 11. 37-41. *Give alms, and everything will be made clean for you.*

Prayer:

My fervent Lord, You spoke words of love in many ways. At times You were gentle and at times You were firm. Please give me the grace and humility I need to be open to Your firm rebukes of love. Help me to sincerely see the ways in which I need to change my life so that Your grace will transform my interior life, flowing over into my actions. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 18, Wednesday:

Theme: PRICKED CONSCIENCE

and Feast of St. Luke, Patron of the Medical Profession

ANTIPHON: Isaiah 52.

How bountiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.

READING 1: 2Timothy 4. 9-17a. *Only Luke is with me.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145. 10-11, 12-13ab, 17-18 R.12

RESPONSE: *You friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.*

GOSPEL: Luke 10. 1-9. *The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the labourers are few.*

Prayer:

My challenging Lord, You are constantly speaking to me in various ways. Sometimes You are gentle, and at other times You lovingly rebuke me. Please help me to see my sin. As I do, I pray that I will not become defensive or dismissive, rationalizing my erroneous actions. May I learn to rejoice in all that You say to me, especially when You speak Your rebukes of love. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life).

October 19, Thursday: **Theme:** OVERCOMING PLOTTING and Ferial: St. Paul of the Cross

ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 87.

Let any prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

READING 1: Romans 3. 21 – 30. A person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by law.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 130. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 R 7bc.*

RESPONSE: With the Lord, there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL: Luke 11. 47-54. *The blood of the prophets, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, will be charged to this generation.*

Prayer:

My patient and kind Lord, You were falsely accused and condemned by many of the religious leaders of Your time because You spoke the pure truth with love, clarity and boldness. When I act with hostility and anger toward another, help me to turn from these sins so that I will never condemn, never judge and never manipulate Your divine Law for my own purposes. Fill me with Your peace and charity alone, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 20, Friday: **Theme:** SINCERITY AND INTEGRITY
Ferial: St. Hedwig or St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

ANTIPHON: Cf. Jeremiah 29.

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

READING 1: Romans 4.1-8: Abraham believed and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 32. 1-2, 5, 7b+11 Response.*

RESPONSE: *I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.*

GOSPEL: Luke 12. 1-7. *The hair of your head are all counted.*

Prayer:

My revealing Lord, You see all things. You know my heart in every way. Please grace me with the ability to see myself as You see me and to know my inner heart as You know me. As the deepest truths of who I am come to light for me to see, I pray that I will also have the grace to sincerely change so that I may truly glorify You with my actions and become a source of authentic inspiration to all. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 21, Saturday: **Theme:** PEACE IN THE FACE OF JUDGEMENT
Ferial: Our Lady's Saturday

ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 84.

The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

READING 1: Romans 4. 13, 16-18. Abraham hoped against hope.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 105. 5-7, 8-10, 42-44. *Response 8a.*

RESPONSE: *The Lord remember His covenant forever. OR Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 12. 8-12 *The Holy Spirit will teach you what you ought to say.*

Prayer:

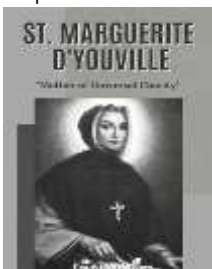
My innocent Lord, You were put on trial, judged and falsely condemned. Yet in all of that, You were the Innocent Lamb Who always loved and spoke truth with perfection. When I experience judgment in my life, please fill me with peace of heart and trust in Your promise that the Holy Spirit will be with me, inspiring me and leading me in accord with Your perfect will. Holy Spirit, I abandon myself to You now and always. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life).

Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 28th Week

The feast of the saints is important because it is a way of **honouring God and growing in our love for Him**¹. It also reminds us of the ways the Lord has been and continues to be at work in the world², and of the triumph of the Gospel³. By celebrating the feast days of saints, we commemorate their lives, their virtues, and their intercession for us. (EWTN)

St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville (M)- Feast on October 16

Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the Grey Nuns of Canada in 1737 with Three companions. She was born Marie Magruerite



Dufrost se La Jemmerais at Varennes, Quebec, on October 15. She studied under the Ursulines, married Francois id D'Youville in 1722, and became a widow in 1730 with

three children. Appointed Directress of the General Hospital in Montreal governed by the Grey Nuns, which was confirmed by Bishop of Pontbriand of Quebec in 1755.

She died in Montreal on December 23, beatified by Pope John XXIII in 1959 and canonized in 1990 by Pope John Paul II.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Feast on October 17

Ignatius Theophoros (Greek: "God Bearer"), died in Rome, Western feast day October 17; Eastern feast day December 20, Bishop of Antioch, Syria (now in Turkey), known mainly from seven highly regarded letters that he wrote during a trip to Rome, as a prisoner condemned to be executed for his beliefs. He was apparently eager to counter-act the teachings of two

groups - the Judaizers who did not accept the authority of New Testament, and the Docetists who held that Christ's sufferings and death were apparent but not real.

The letters have often been cited as a source of knowledge of the Christian church at the beginning of the 2nd century. (Ludwig G.J. Bieler)



St. Luke Feast October 18



St. Luke was born and died in the 1st Century. His Feast is October 18, the Patron Saint of Artists, Physicians and Surgeons. He is a disciple of St. Paul and a known Evangelist who highlighted the humble life, sufferings, death and resurrection of Jesus. His Gospel shows the compassionate and forgiving Christ, especially in dealing the poor, outcasts, sinners, women-those in society no one cared about. St. Luke knew the Blesse Virgin Mary very well as he had so much about her in his writing.

St. Paul of the Cross Feast on October 19



1694–1775
Patron Saint of Hungary and Ovada, Italy
Canonized by Pope Pius IX on June 29, 1867.

You must correspond faithfully to His merciful action by humbling yourself ever more in your nothingness before His Sovereign Majesty, renouncing all these gifts and remaining in utter nakedness and nothingness. At the same time offer a holocaustal sacrifice of all these gifts and put them in the thrible of your heart so that, enkindled by God's charity, they may ascend as a fraarant incense before the Most High Maiestv of the Supreme Good ~From a letter to Mother Mary Crucified, by Saint Paul of the Cross.

St. Hedwig Feast October 20

Hedwig was one of the eight children born to Berthold IV, the count of Andechs, who ruled over the Tyrol and Istria (Croatia and Dalmatia). Two of her brothers became bishops and two of her sisters became queens. One of them, Gertrude, who married Andrew II of Hungary, was the mother of St. Elizabeth (of Hungary). As a child she was placed in the Benedictine monastery of Kitzingen in Franconia (see Saint Thecla). **Patroness of Silesia.**

She was humble, serving the poor and the lepers, pardoning offenses, helping her enemies, and bringing aid to even the most insolent and hardened sinners. She died in 1243, in her 70th year. She is the patroness of Silesia, and venerated in Franconia. She taught us the pain of departure and loss of innocence. (Roeder).



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Feast on October 17

St. Margaret Mary reveals the intimate spiritual life of the saint to whom Our Lord gave the famous revelations regarding the love of his Sacred Heart. Our Lord himself taught St. Margaret Mary the ways of this divine love, guiding her from her earliest childhood and making her realize the sometimes painful requirements of a close and personal relationship with the all-pure God. St. Margaret Mary often quotes the words of Our Lord to her, showing, for example, how He cannot tolerate the slightest fault. He revealed to her the absolute sanctity of His love, and urged her not to resist His holy will in any way, but to comply with it fully and in all things.

