Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of Mercy will provide an Anointing of the Sick on Saturday October 8, at the 5:00 PM Mass and on Sunday October 9 at the 12:30 PM Mass. Anointing is offered to those who experience grave or chronic illness or are seriously ill or infirm. The Sacrament strengthens the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than disease and more powerful even than death. During the ceremony, the priest will anoint the head and hands of the sick.

Adoration and Reconciliation

Weekly Adoration and Reconciliation has resumed at Our Lady of Mercy. They will be celebrated on Tuesdays from 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM and on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

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Adoration

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take a rosary, bow a devotional book, or take one of our guides to the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is displayed in a special tabernacle with doors which can be closed if no one is in the chapel to adore before the Blessed Sacrament.

While reserving part of the host and keeping it on the altar is a practice that began with the earliest Christians, St. Francis of Assisi is credited with introducing Eucharistic Adoration to Italy in the 12th century. St. Francis believed that adoring Christ the Eucharist was actually seeing Christ himself, encountering Jesus in a real, immediate, and personal way. From these beginnings, the practice of Eucharistic Adoration was adopted by laypeople throughout Europe. In fact, the Bishop of Avignon, in France, began the practice of the Eucharist (or continual) adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on September 11, 1226 which continued for one hour per week. Those who cannot make a weekly commitment are also welcome. SJE is currently seeking new adorers who will commit to Eucharistic Adoration for one hour per week.

SJE Literary Day helps students develop lifelong reading skills while having fun. It also builds critical thinking and writing skills, and exposes the students to various types of literary voices and themes. The students took time out from their discussions to celebrate Mass as a school community for the first time after the long summer break.

PICNIC

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Gracing Lourdes Annual Back-to-School Family Picnic September 1 are Rev. Monsignor Filardi and former students who now join other high school students in the Catholic definition of a “relic.” Monsignor Filardi to kick-off his energy and hardworking school families and parishioners here at Holy Cross. It was a pleasure to see our entire community enjoying the evening and parishioners here at Holy Cross.

KICK-OFFS

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petite Mother Teresa during her visit to Washington, D.C. in the mid-1990s. Mother Teresa was just canonized this September 4.

The Catholic Church defines relics as the physical remains of a saint or some items that a saint owned or frequently used like a crucifix or a rosary. According to the Catholic Education Resources Center, “relics summon us to appreciate more profoundly not only the heroic men and women, boys and girls who have served the Master so selflessly and generously, but especially the love and mercy of the Almighty who called these His followers to the bliss of unending life in His eternal kingdom.”

Relics can also refer to any object that is touched to a saint or to items owned or used by a saint. Monsignor Filardi, who celebrates his birthday this October 4, is alive and well and does not fall under the Catholic definition of a “relic” although he touched so many lives – that is, when they were still alive and witnessing to the world God’s love, mercy, and glory. In fact, he told this writer that he feels “pathe tic in comparison” when he recalls those awwestruck moments when he held the hands of said then well and hardworking school families and parishioners here at Holy Cross.

How relevant would these modern day saints be? “They’re much needed by all citizens of the world,” Monsignor Filardi emphatically said. “We all are called to be holy,” said the OLOL pastor. The Bible says in 1 Peter 1:16, “as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, “Be holy because I [am] holy.” Such inspiration from the said saints inspires Monsignor Filardi to kick-off his energy and needed strength to tend to his diocesan flock and to go about his duties for his current parish (where he has been for more than seven years now), including overseeing the renovation of the OLOL vestibule.

September kept him busy alright, what with his fervent prayers and daily masses plus joining the principal Mrs. Patricia McGann and assistant principal Mr. David Long for one hour per week. Those who cannot make a weekly commitment are also welcome. SJE is currently seeking new adorers who will commit to Eucharistic Adoration for one hour per week.

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