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25th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12:30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR animated by HAKUNA: Thursdays 7-8pm

On Monday 23rd September, we remember Saint Padre Pio da Pietralcina
The Saint Pio Foundation and EWTN have announced the release of a docudrama,
"Saint Pio of Pietrelcina: Man of Hope and Healing."
The film will be released in English for free on the Saint Pio
Foundation's website (<https://saintpiofoundation.org/docudrama>) on September 23rd.



On Tuesday, 24th October, we keep the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham



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How do we know?



How do you know if you have really had an 'encounter' with the Love of God for you?

Last Tuesday, 17th September, the Franciscan order kept the Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Francis. 800 years ago.

You should know the story (if you read last week '*Spiritual Seeds*'!)

After an intense apostolic work, faced with a very uncertain future, inner doubts and painful disagreements with the brothers, Francis withdrew to Mount La Verna for a Lenten period of fasting and prayer. In this context he received the visit of the winged Seraphim and encountered the Crucified One who imprinted the signs of His love on Francis' heart and body.

What happened after that 'encounter'?

The Franciscan sources tell us that as Francis descended from La Verna on a mule the fame of his sanctity preceded him. People flocked to him with much desire to touch him and kiss his hands. We know of many miracles, healings, exorcisms due to the touch of his wounded hands. But there is more: his wounded hands would do something greater. Back in Assisi, Francis asked for a 'cartula', a small parchment, and began writing. On one side, Praises to God, on the other side a Blessing for a brother.

After the 'stigmata' what sprang out of Francis' heart was Love. Praises to God totally focused on the divine "You": "You are the holy Lord God who does wonderful things. You are Strength. You are Rest. You are Joy. You are Wisdom. You are Humility. You are Patience. You are Everything. You are Richness. You are Defender. You are Refuge. You are Hope. You are Beauty. You are Charity. You are Sweetness. You are Life Eternal".

The Blessing to Brother Leo was a testament to his brothers: always to win evil with love, always to return blessing to hatred.

Now, we know!

In. h. h. h.

Father Ivano