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Saturday 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR C 2025



'Strive to enter through the narrow door.' Luke 13:24



Blessed Dominic Barberi, whose memory is celebrated on 26th August, received a divine intimation early in his life that he would one day work in England. He joined the Passionists, overcame continuing obstacles in the pursuit of his divine call and at last came to England in 1841. Cardinal St John Henry Newman was finally convinced of the authenticity of Catholicism when he saw Barberi picking up and kissing the stones with which he was hit by the Protestants who attacked him; and in October 1845 Barberi received Newman into the Catholic Church. Barberi died in 1849 worn out by his preaching missions and tireless working for the return of England to Christian unity. He was beatified in 1963. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for us!

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

This series of catecheses introduce a journey of Christian formation inspired by the Blessed Virgin Mary who said:



"We must make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth who live in humility, simplicity and praise. The other is Christ."

The journey of the Neocatechumenal Way is open to all who want to discover or rekindle the riches of the Christian faith. **It starts on 22nd September and continues every Monday and Thursday at 8pm in the crypt. Everyone is welcome!**

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Mass Schedule

Sat 23rd Aug St Rose of Lima	8:15pm Of the Catechumenate
Sun 24th Aug Twenty-first Sunday of the Year C	9am Holy Souls 11am Pro Populo
Mon 25th Aug	NO MASS
Tue 26th Aug Bl. Dominic Barberi	12:30 Saraceno family special intention
Wed 27th Aug St Monica	12:30 Lucy Alexander Monerville RIP
Thu 28th Aug St Augustine	12:30 Joseph's Intentions
NO 6PM MASS	DURING AUGUST
Fri 29th Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	12:30 For Jim's Wellbeing

"And men go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the sea, the broad tides of rivers, the compass of the ocean and the circuits of the stars, yet pass over the mystery of themselves without a thought."

-St Augustine-

The Unfathomable Treasure of Grace



Beloved,

Who are you? Beyond the commodities of health, strength, intelligence and the affection and affirmation you receive from family, peers and friends, who are you?

If you were deprived of all these blessings, what would be left of you?

The answer is simple: you would still be a child of God placed in a preferential position in the order of grace.

Grace is the gift that gives God to us in everything that is given.

And the more painful the affliction or difficult the trouble, infirmity or torment, the more does God want to give himself to us as grace in order to raise us up through his mercy.

On the Cross Jesus gained superabundant grace for those who most needed it: the afflicted, the infirm and the tormented, those deprived of all natural rights and comfort, and sinners deprived of merits on account of their incapacity to trust God and to obey him.

Now those who accept pains and afflictions trusting in the power of God to afford them grace discover its unfathomable value.

St Rose of Lima is famous for having denied herself with exceptional generosity so as to merit divine grace for herself and for others. This is what she taught:

"If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! Without doubt they would devote all their care and concern to winning for themselves pains and afflictions.

"All men throughout the world would seek trouble, infirmities and torments, instead of good fortune, in order to attain the unfathomable treasure of grace. This is the reward and the final gain of patience. No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him if he would come to know the scales on which they are weighed when they are distributed to men."

May we learn to discover, through our cross, the unfathomable treasure of grace.

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