

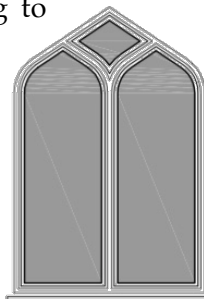
Our Lady of Lourdes

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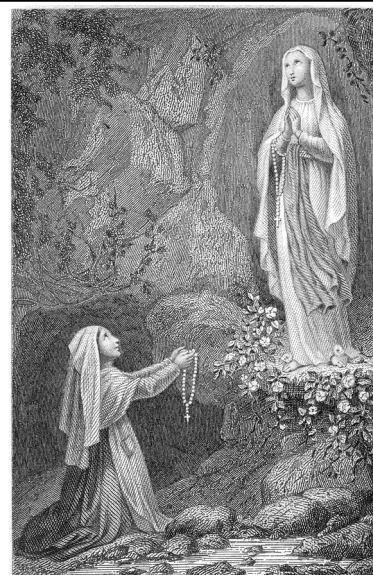
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, the Missionaries are working to restore the stained glass windows at Our Lady of Lourdes, of which there are nine located in the nave of the church. Within the past few weeks, the first three of the newly restored windows have been reinstalled in our church, while three more were removed for restoration. We hope you love the added fleur-de-lis symbols as much as we do! At the bottom of the windows, a dedication pane is also being added to each spear. To restore each window opening (two spears and the kite, with added fleur de lis and dedication pane) costs \$7000. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this project.



Also currently underway is the carving of the wood angels for the ceiling beams in our church. (see the Church website for recent progress photos) The artists carving them are the same ones who carved the statues of St. John the Baptist and St. Bernadette adorning our high altar (*Artesanos Don Bosco* of Peru South America). They also carved the eight saint statues in the undercroft. We are having twelve angels carved, half of them with wings outstretched and half with wings folded up. Some will hold shields displaying symbolic imagery of the Holy Names or a crown. We want these angels to be placed on the beams for a couple of reasons. First, it is a long-standing tradition that the angels keep vigil in the churches where His Majesty's Real Presence is reserved in the Tabernacle. They are also very much present at every Holy Mass, and not just a few. Second, we are in a sort of ark in



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Mass Calendar & Intentions

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| SUNDAY | February 25: Second Sunday of Lent Kevin Downes Fr. Sean Kopczynski, msjb |
| MONDAY | February 26: Feria of Lent Sr. Theresa Elizabeth Poor & Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| TUESDAY | February 27: Feria of Lent Carol Riesser John Rademacher |
| WEDNESDAY | February 28: Feria of Lent (+) Vin & Joyce LeBlanc for the grace of a holy death |
| THURSDAY | February 29: Feria of Lent (+) Walter Chwalek Shelley Shannon |
| FRIDAY | March 1: Feria of Lent Michael & Gloria McDonald David Rodriguez family |
| SATURDAY | March 2: Feria of Lent Donald I Welch (+) Albert Arlinghaus |



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2024

the church building. Thus, with the angels positioned above with wings outstretched, we will be “under His wings” as the Old Testament states in multiple places.

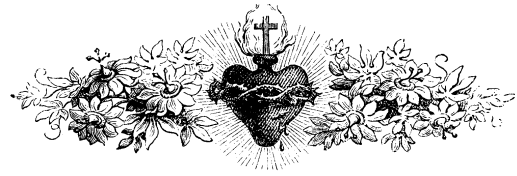
Finally, our little church is of neo-gothic English construction. Many English gothic churches found in the East Anglia have what are called “Angel Roofs”, meaning there are wood carved angels adorning the ceilings dating back to the Middle Ages. We would like to do the same here. The cost for each angel is about \$3500 each. (There are still a few left to be paid for.) If you are interested in funding one of these beautiful angels, please let us know or write checks to MSJB with “angel roof” in the memo line. May God reward you!



Souls ready to combat not only venial sins, but their lesser defects – imperfections – are needed. There are wanting souls who will devote themselves not to extraordinary practices, but to the steady, resolute performance of monotonous daily tasks and the generous accomplishment of daily trifles, all of which they offer in love. We often aspire to impossible deeds of heroism, but “little things can reveal great love.” It is not so difficult to do great things...they carry us away; but ordinary duties, insignificant and irksome tasks, exact a measure of self-forgetfulness of which few are capable.

“My dear sons, I truly say to you that every one must study his own nature. Some of you can sustain life with less food than others can, and therefore, I desire that he who needs more nourishment shall not be obliged to equal others, but that every one shall give his body what it needs for being an efficient servant of the soul. For as we are obliged to be on our guard against superfluous food which injures body and soul alike, thus we must be on the watch against immoderate fasting, and this the more, because the Lord wants conversion not victims”—St. Francis of Assisi.

MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. “Who is like unto God?” O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*



Fr. Jean Baptiste Rauzan on the need of CHARITY

OUR BLESSED LORD tells us, as He told the Apostles: “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: that as I have loved you, you also love one another. By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34, 35). “As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you. Abide in My love” (15:9). “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (15:12). “These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full” (15:11). A Community where the bond of charity does not exist can only produce trouble and confusion. Through a deplorable paradox it becomes more harmful than useful to the Church. In a community, united by the strong bonds of charity, a strong and vital spirit reigns. Within the community, peace, obedience, zeal for the rule, the holy desire to do good abounds, as well as that fullness of joy (which Our Lord promised); consequently, in our exterior works, this community will be capable of great things. Centuries after the death of Christ, the pagans were still astounded by the charity of the Christians and they remarked: “See how they love one another.” Such charity, more potent than miracles, converted many nations. Our loving union in Christ will surmount all obstacles. Therefore, among us, let there be no jealousy, no unkind jesting, no bitter reproaches, no distrust, no simulation, no excessive sensibility, nor aloofness. Let these vices be far from us, as well as particular friendships—the scourge of communities. May there reign among us: mutual support, gentleness, kindness, consideration for the sick, consolation for those troubled in spirit, mutual aid for each other in studies, in work and, above all, in spiritual matters; holy conversation and reciprocal encouragements; all of which can be summed up in two words with St. Paul: FRATERNAL CHARITY (Rom. 12:10). Let the seniors love the younger confreres like sons and let the young men cherish their older confreres like fathers. Let us cultivate the habit of living and working together, as much as possible. Let us keep constantly before our eyes and in our hearts these words of Our Lord: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). According to St. Jerome, when St. John the Apostle was an old man, he constantly repeated to his disciples: “Beloved children, love one another.” Bored with this constant repetition, the disciples complained, but, as St. Jerome says, St. John gave them an answer worthy of the Apostle who had found charity at its source, resting his head on the breast of Jesus Christ: “Beloved children, this is the precept of the Lord, and if you fulfill this, it is sufficient.”

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.