



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

Remember: The Sunday 10:30am Mass at SA will move to 11:00am on Sunday, September 15.

Come, everything is ready. “When the time for the [festival] came, he dispatched his servants to say to those invited, “Come, everything is now ready” (Lk 14:17). A lot of us put a lot of time and effort planning, setting up and managing our festival. If you are reading this, then count yourself among “those invited” to the festival. Bring with you your family and friends that they too may enjoy all the good fellowship, food, fun and games we have prepared for you. With your presences and support, we will have a very successful celebration! See you there Saturday, Sunday or both days!



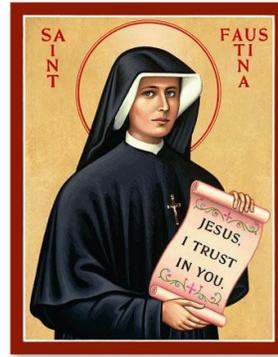
Forming Intentional Disciples will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00pm in FX Centennial Hall. Topic: Grace and the Great Quest. One can receive the grace of the Sacraments without bearing the intended fruits of the Sacraments. An Intentional Disciple knows how to produce the fruit. Come join the conversation.

Attention CCD and Confirmation Families:

- ❖ Reminder: Our first CCD class will be Sunday, Sept. 15 from 9:15 to 10:45am.
- ❖ Our Freshman-Parent Confirmation meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 22 from 9:45 to 10:45am.
- ❖ I am calling for a MANDATORY meeting with my CCD and Home Schooling parents on Sunday, Sept 29 from 9:45 to 10:45am. One or both parents is expected to be in attendance.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will have its initial meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 5:45pm at SA Rectory to explain the process, answer any questions, and set a definitive day and time for our weekly sessions. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact me at 886-2374 or frleoarnone@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy in My Soul

Lessons from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina

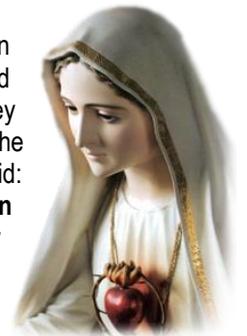
377 Concerning Holy Confession. We should derive two kinds of profit from Holy Confession: 1. We come to confession to be healed; 2. We come to be educated – like a

small child, our soul has constant need of education. O my Jesus, I understand these words to their very depths, and I know from my own experience that, on its own strength, the soul will not go far; it will exert itself greatly and will do nothing for the glory of God; it will err continually, because our mind is darkened and does not know how to discern its own affairs. I shall pay special attention to two things: firstly, I will choose, in making my confession, that which humiliates me most, even if it be a trifle, but something that costs me much, and for that reason I will tell it; secondly, I will practice contrition, not only during confession, but during every self-examination, and I will arouse within myself an act of perfect contrition, especially when I am going to bed. One more word: a soul which sincerely wants to advance in perfection must observe strictly the advice given by the spiritual director. There is as much holiness as there is dependence.

Reflection: The advice given in Holy Confession indeed brings healing and education to the soul when received with genuine contrition by the penitent. The important thing is to be sincere in your desire to be forgiven and honest with yourself in your actual confession. Without these the penitent is simply going through the motions of Reconciliation which will not produce the desired fruit of the Sacrament.

Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

On September 13, 1917 the children and about 30,000 persons accompanied them to the Cova da Iria and there they recited the Rosary, soon after appeared the Lady on the holmoak. Our Lady said: **“Continue to pray the Rosary to obtain the end of the war. In October, Our Lord will also come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus, to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to sleep with the ropes; wear them only during the day.”** (The children were wearing ropes around their waists as a sacrifice for sinners.)



Lucia then said to Our Lady: “They have requested me to ask you for many things, for the cure of some sick persons, of a deaf-mute.” Our Lady replied: **“Yes, I will cure some, others not. In October, I will perform a miracle for all to believe.”** And rising, she disappeared in the same manner as before.

Our Fatima Devotions will take place Friday, Sept 13 at 6:30pm in front of St. Ann’s Shrine at FX (or in the church if raining). Come offer your sacrifice of prayers in reparation for the sins of the world as Our Lady of Fatima has asked of us.