

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



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AUGUST 18, 2024

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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm

or by appointment

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Masses
Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 18, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm Marcia Johnson Phillips
(Chrissy Quatrano)

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Deborah MacInnes
(Liz & Jim Nelsen)

11:00 am Ulysses Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Monday, August 19

9:00 am Tom Taibe
(Piacentino Family)

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am Walter & Irene Cullen
(Piacentino Family)

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 am Intentions of the Blessed Mother
(Joseph Curatolo)

Thursday, August 22

9:00 am Arthur & Louise Kappler
(Piacentino Family)

7:00 pm Irene Kislan
(Bereavement Ministry)

Saturday, August 24

4:00 pm Grace Barreca
(Barbara & Jerry Santangelo)

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am Helen "Ruth" Biele
(Dcn John & Caroline White)

11:00 am Anne M Berardone
31 yr anniversary (Arlene Toth)

To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Laura Stoyer, Mike Scott

Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.



Readings for the Week - August 18, 2024

Monday, August 19, 2024 Ez 24:15-23 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Ez 28:1-10 De 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 22, 2024 Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 23, 2024 Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24, 2024 Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Sunday, August 25, 2024 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The 2025 Mass Intentions Book is now open. To reserve your intentions please contact the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Monica offers a Bereavement Support Group Session in the fall for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic-centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment in which to voice your feelings.

The program introduction will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Monica Church, 679 W. Veterans Hwy., Jackson NJ. The first session will begin on Sunday, September 22 at 12:15 pm.

For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or dcnjohnw@gmail.com

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
JULY 29 - AUGUST 4, 2024**

Total \$5,181.00

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

Oblates of St Francis de Sales
Missions \$2,536.91

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Goal: \$18,000.00
Pledged: \$18,490.00 (103%)
Paid: \$18,290.00 (102%)
Total Donors: 78
Total Gifts: 87
Average Gift: \$212.53

We thank you for your prayers and contributions which made it possible to meet our goal this year!

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES & GROUPS

If you have not provided the Parish Office with your calendar for July 2024 - June 2025, please do so as soon as possible.

Reminder: Any events/fundraisers must be pre-approved by Fr. Alex before submitting dates. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us accommodate your requests.

Grief Support Group

*A Journey From
Grieving to Healing*

Program Introduction
15 September, 2024
At 12:15 pm
In the Church

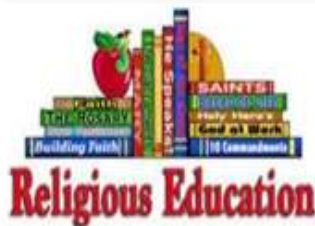


Weekly Support Group Sessions
Sept 22nd - Nov 17th 2024 (9 weeks)

To Register Call Deacon John 848-992-1652,
or email – dcnjohnw@gmail.com

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Preparations for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed. year are underway.

Re-registration: If you have not registered your child/children for class, we ask that you return your forms immediately. Additional forms may be found in the literature rack in the back of the church.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR

Our Religious Education program, which runs from mid-September to early May, needs catechists. The catechist assists the parents, the primary educators of their children, to nourish the seeds of faith.

Catechists are people like you who are willing to take the time to help our young children grow in the love of Christ and his Church just as you have. Children are the future of our Church.

If you feel the calling to be a catechist, please contact our Religious Education office at (732) 928-4038 or email Karen at stmonicacd@yahoo.com for more information.

Catechists are needed for the following classes:

Monday 4:30 – 5:45 Grade 1

Monday 6:15 – 7:30 Grades 1,3, 4 and 5



If you would like to help the Religious Education ministry, but do not feel called to teach, we are also in need of two parking lot attendants for each session on Mondays at 5:35 or 7:20 to ensure the safety of the children being dismissed. We also need volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs for our classes and then break down the set up for Mass on the weekend.

“Many hands make light work.”

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Forms for new students registering are available in the literature rack in the back of church. Please attach your child’s Baptismal certificate and any other applicable sacrament certificate with the form. If your child is transferring into our program, we ask that a transfer be requested from the parish where your child previously attended. If you are not yet a registered parishioner, the parish registration form is available on our website or in church. You may drop off your family registration form to the parish office.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 17

3:15 pm Confessions (LC)

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 19

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 am Mass

Church not available 10 am to 4 pm

Thursday, August 22

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group (Church)

8:00 pm K of C Mtg (Parish Hall)

Friday, August 23 Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

Saturday, August 24

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 26

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 27- Feast of St Monica

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:30 pm K of C Officers Mtg. (LC)

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 29

9:00 am Mass

Friday, August 30 Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

Saturday, August 31

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 1

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 2**Labor Day**

No 9:00 am Mass

Parish Offices Closed

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil Enemy defend me.

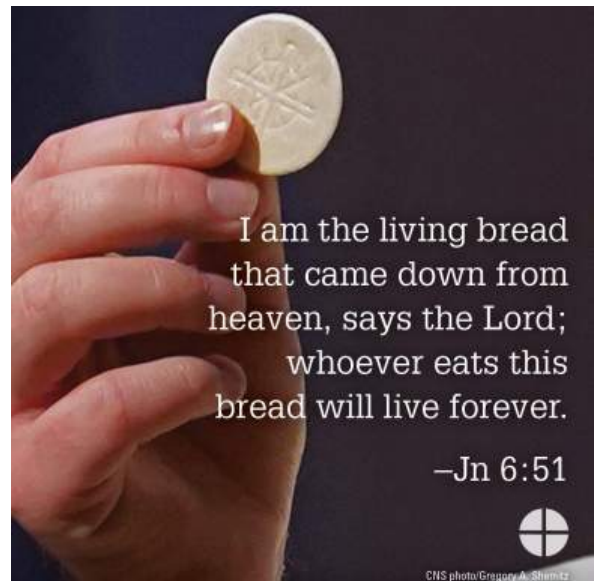
At the hour of my death call me

and bid me come to you,

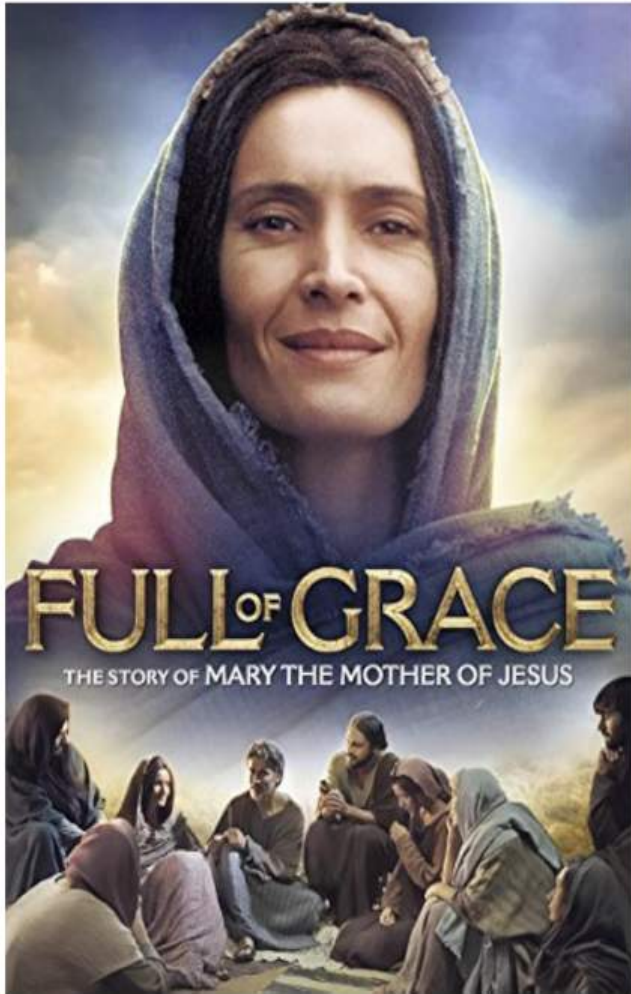
that with your Saints I may praise you

for age upon age.

Amen.



St Monica's Movie Afternoon
August 25, at 2 PM
All are Invited - Featuring



An unprecedented look at Mary's last days with the Apostles as she helps the fractious early Church regain their original encounter with her Son, Jesus Christ. St Monica will host an afternoon at the movies showing the film titled *Full of Grace* at 2 pm here in the church. The movie takes place 10 years after the Ascension and features Mary's last days with the Apostles. The film is 1:22 minutes long. All are invited to attend and bring a friend. Popcorn and water will be provided. See you there!

BISHOP'S BLESSING



Monmouth/Ocean Counties
Sunday, October 6, 2024 (3PM)
Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine,
61 Georgia Rd., Freehold

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing is an annual Mass and reception to honor all couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversary.

This event takes place on two Sundays in October, one at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton for couples from Mercer and Burlington County parishes, and the other at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for couples from Ocean and Monmouth County parishes.

Family and friends are encouraged to attend. **Pre-registration is open and is required;** couples may register at your parish office, or online at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing>

Couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church to participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing. Deadline to register September 15, 2024.



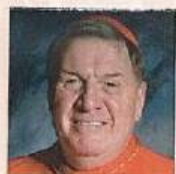
You are invited to New Jersey's

Mass for Life

Thursday, September 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W.
Tobin, CSsR



HOMILIST
Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.



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*Mass will end in time to walk to the Statehouse
Annex for the NJ Rally & March for Life



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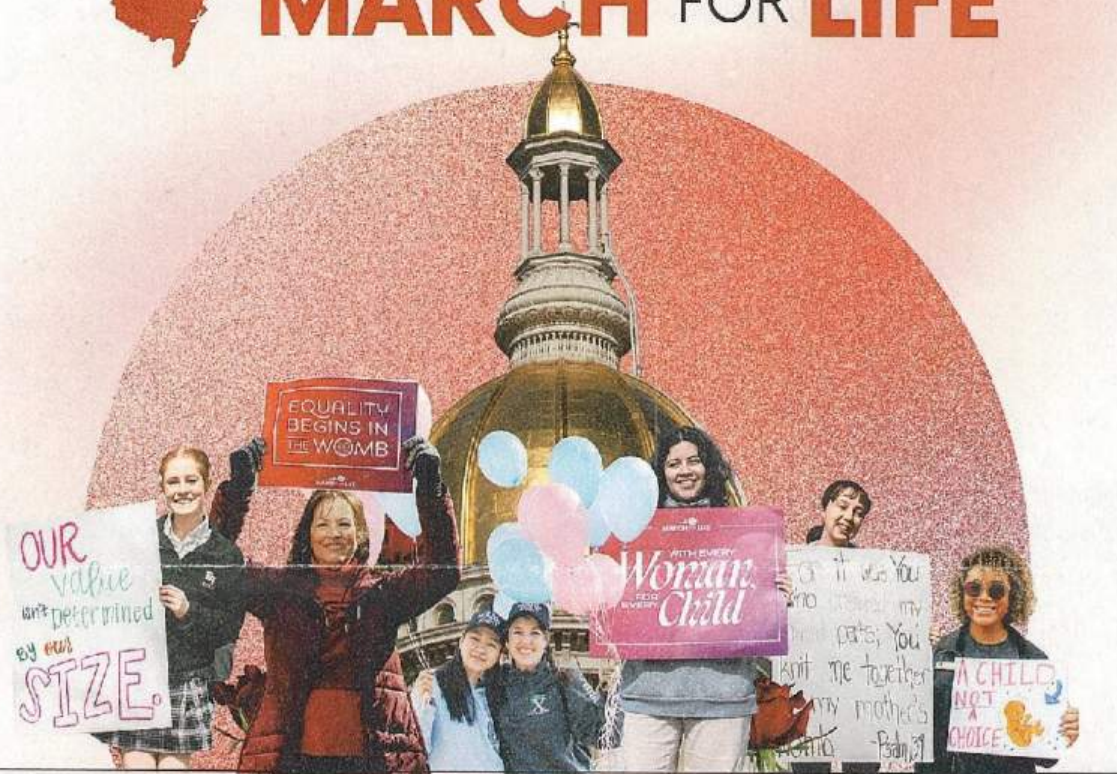
For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life

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SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2024

11:00 A.M. - RALLY
12:00 P.M. - MARCH FOR LIFE
125 W State St.
Trenton, NJ 08608

FOR MORE
INFORMATION, VISIT:

NJ.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG

OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW

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The Eucharist - St Monica**Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
 Holy Days As Noted
 Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
 1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm
 or by appt.

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am
 1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with
 Confessions

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Baptisms

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. It is an international order of more than 2 million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in a busy changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and many local charities. If you would like to join, simply scan the QR Code or go to KofC.org/join and enter council #11529.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Grief Support

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or dcnjohnw@gmail.com

Youth Group

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

RCIA/OCIA*Rite/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

For those who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com. Please contact the parish office for further info.

Adult Faith Formation Core Team

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

Marriages

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey request a one year period of preparation for marriage in The Church. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Religious Education

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in on-going Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary

Members participate in the life of the parish through a program of prayers and service. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who have the good will to want to serve God through Mother Mary. Meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The Legion is always looking to recruit new members. If you discern a divine connection to the Blessed Mother, and feel she is calling you to join, please contact the Parish Office.

Women of St Monica

A Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community, and conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways. Please contact the parish office for more info.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflections on the Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2024

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

In the recent Gospel readings, we have witnessed the unfolding of Jesus's discourse on the Eucharist. Today, we reach the climax of his teaching, and we are able to meditate on his words about the Bread from Heaven, with which he longs to feed us. These words unveil how much God desires intimacy with each one of us.

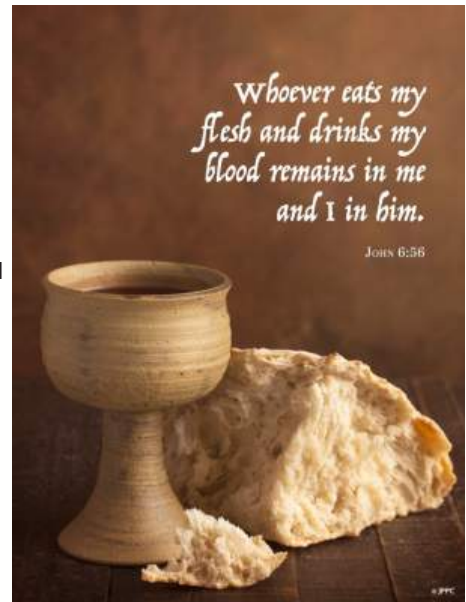
In this Gospel, Jesus definitively teaches that he wants us to consume his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This moment reveals something profound about Catholic doctrine, and indeed, it is a relational moment in which God reveals how he desires to be in communion with us. Even in the Garden of Eden, God promised to send a Savior who would bring us back into communion with him in a passage called the Protoevangelium—the First Gospel (Genesis 3:15). God made numerous covenants with the people of Israel, to bring them into deeper communion with him, and the fulfillment of these covenants is in the Eucharist.

If we read this Gospel with skeptical hearts, then we won't be able to receive God's gift. The Eucharist is a deep mystery that requires the eyes of faith. If we approach these verses with a faith-filled heart, we see that he desires us to consume his very Body and Blood. We will thereby have the deepest intimacy with him. Consuming the Eucharist enables us to share in God's own life.

PRAYER

Return to the Gospel for today. Jesus has just shared a shocking teaching with the Jewish people. Imagine that you are in the crowd as Jesus is saying these words. Picture him making eye contact with you as he is unveiling the mystery of the Eucharist for the first time. How do you respond to his words about the Eucharist? Does it make you feel happy or confused?

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is there some place in your heart where you resist this teaching from Jesus? Is the Lord inviting you to deeper faith in the Eucharist?



RESOLUTION

The Eucharist is Jesus's gift of himself to us. In the reception of Holy Communion, we become one with him, and he lives in us. The Eucharist is meant to be center of our thoughts and actions, and we should see our lives as unlivable without it. St. Faustina said: "Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me *are not of me, but of Him who lives in me* – it is the Eucharist."

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