

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

The *greatest* Commandments



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527



Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
Deacon Christian Knoebel
Deacon John L. White

We invite you to celebrate with us

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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.

Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2

4:00 pm Rosemarie Pergolizzi
(Ron & Katie Borrello)

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am Antonio Sasso (St Monica)
11:00 am Stephen V Balint, Jr
(Diana & Denis Balint)

Monday, November 4

9:00 am Anne Masek
(Piacentino Family)

Tuesday, November 5

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Available

Thursday, November 7

9:00 am Vera & John Maty
(The Maty Girls)

Saturday, November 9

4:00 pm Sylvester Cascio & Joseph Anzalone
(Anzalone Family)

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am Frances Panicola (Kate Scott)
11:00 am Renee McAleavy
(Kathleen Pascoello)

To secure your Mass Intentions, 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, Andrew G Sabine, A.J. Sabine, Stephen Alexander

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 - November 3, 2024

Monday, November 4, 2024 Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 7, 2024 Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 8, 2024 Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 9, 2024 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Sunday, November 10, 2024 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

During November we remember our beloved deceased who have completed their pilgrimage of faith. You are invited to inscribe their names in the Book of Remembrance on the table near the altar. We will pray for all the names in the book throughout the month.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 6th
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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Update on the Immaculate Conception 2024

The observance of the Immaculate Conception falls on an Advent Sunday this year. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has notified us that the obligation to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday, December 9th this year.

Therefore, the Holy Day of Obligation in the Dioceses of the United States is now December 9th and will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in our parish.

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Next Sunday at all Masses
Our Finance Committee will present **the Annual Report** parishioners

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir is forming now to sing at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Students in Grade 3 and higher are encouraged to participate.

Rehearsals will be Tuesdays beginning **November 19th at 7 p.m.** Interested? Sign up sheets are at the back of the church!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
OCTOBER 14 - 20, 2024**

Total \$4,605.00

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

World Mission Sunday \$ 462.00



This program enables you the convenience of having your weekly offering, special collections such as Christmas, Easter and all other second collections automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You choose how much to give, the frequency, the fund and method of payment. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/>



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Fix It Program Volunteers Needed

The Fix It Program Volunteers assist residents of Ocean County who are 60 years of age or older by performing minor home repairs, which if neglected would adversely affect their health and/or safety. The program's dedicated volunteers provide all services FREE of charge, but residents must pay for materials.

The Fix It Program is made possible through grants from the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and is registered with the Volunteer Center of Ocean County. This is a great opportunity for both skilled and unskilled volunteers to give back to their communities and help seniors maintain independence in their homes.

TYPES OF SERVICES FIX IT VOLUNTEERS PERFORM:

- Install grab bars and safety hand rails
- Repair minor electrical problems (such as faulty light switches)
- Do minor carpentry repairs
- Do minor plumbing (such as leaky faucets and running toilets)
- Change storm windows and doors
- Weather stripping and caulking
- Replace batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Change light bulbs
- Change furnace filters & air conditioner filters
- Install curtain and drapery hardware
- Fix small appliances
- Perform seasonal outside jobs

**Please contact
Judy Minetree
Fix-It Program Coordinator
Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton
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**LOCATION: CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA
DATE: 11/17/24 TIME: 1:00PM**

Topics of Discussion Will Include:

- How To Detect a Scam.
- Examples of Spam.
- Safeguarding Personal Information.
- Ways to Avoid Being Hacked.
- Identity Theft Response Plan.



**YOUR PRESENTER:
LAURA REEVES**

JESUS REPLIED: **“LOVE THE
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AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND.” THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.”**
MATTHEW
22:37-
39

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2

11:00 am Baptism
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

Monday, November 4

9:00 am Mass
 No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 5

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Choir
 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
 No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration
 5:30 pm OCIA (LC)
 7:00 pm K of C Deceased Brothers Mass

Thursday, November 7

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Grief Support (LC)

Saturday, November 9

10:30 am Meeting Church/Parish Hall
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day

No 9:00 am Mass
 No Religious Education Classes
 Parish Offices Closed
 All facilities are unavailable

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm OCIA (LC)

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

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PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, Nov. 6 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
 Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY "A PRAISE OF GLORY"

Tuesday, Nov. 12 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
 We will explore the spirituality of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity using some of her major spiritual writings. There will be time to reflect and pray as St. Elizabeth shows us "the greatness of our vocation" as people made in the image and likeness of God, who "loves exceedingly." Led by Father Bill Lago. Donation: \$35, includes Liturgy and lunch. Zoom: \$25

EUCCHARIST: GIVING THANKS WITH TEILHARD

Friday, Nov. 15 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 Teilhard witnessed a universe on fire with God at the heart of it. Allow yourself to be drawn deeper into God's love as you listen and reflect on Teilhard's prayer of gratitude and reflect on your own experiences of Eucharist. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$20

DOROTHY DAY: BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

Wednesday, Nov. 20 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 We will use a sampling of Dorothy's essays to meet her at the heart and to learn how she lived out God's call in every way possible. She lived and loved, following in the footsteps of her mentor, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$20



Saint of the Week

Martin de Porres

1579–1639

Feast day—November 3

This illegitimate son of a freed Panamanian slave and a Spanish knight became a hero to the people of Lima, Peru, his birthplace, for his compassionate care of the sick and poor. Apprenticed at age 12 to a barber-surgeon, Martin also learned herbal medicine from his mother. After working for several years at a Dominican monastery as a Third Order member, he made his

profession as a lay brother in 1603. He founded an orphanage and founding hospital, ministered to African slaves, practiced great penances, and experienced mystical gifts. Martin was carried to his grave by prelates and noblemen, and all Peruvians acclaimed him their beloved saint. He is the patron of hairdressers and interracial justice.



“The example of Martin's life is ample evidence that we can strive for holiness and salvation as Christ Jesus has shown us: first, by loving God *with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind*; and second, by loving your neighbor as yourself (Cf. Mt 22, 36-38).”

— Pope John XXIII, May 6, 1962



LIFT UP OUR HEARTS



To you Saint Martin de Porres
we prayerfully lift up our hearts
filled with serene confidence and devotion.
Mindful of your unbounded
and helpful charity to all levels of society
and also of your meekness and humility of heart,
we offer our petitions to you:

(State your request)...

Pour out upon our families
the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous
intercession;
show to the people of every race and every colour
the paths of unity and of justice;
implore from our Father in heaven the coming of
His kingdom,
so that through mutual benevolence in God
all people may increase the fruits of grace
and merit the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PILGRIMAGE TO FINLAND, SWEDEN, DENMARK, NORWAY, ICELAND



Helsinki, Stockholm, Linköping, Varnhem Abbey, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Tivoli Gardens, Oslo, Reykjavik
DAILY MASS WITH FR ALEX ENRIQUEZ

September 01-13, 2025, for 13 days. Tour Cost: \$4,899.00 LAND ONLY plus (Airfare \$1,100 subject to change)

NOTE: \$4,899 based on 30 Pilgrims; For 45 Pilgrims less \$200 off on Land Tour

Tour Price Includes

Hotel accommodation at tourist-class hotels, 2 nights on cruise, Daily breakfast and dinner, except Reykjavik. Round trip transfers from Airport to Hotel. All entrance fees in the itinerary. Touring in the itinerary with a deluxe air-conditioned motor coach. Daily Mass arrangements. Baggage handling at hotels. Only one piece of luggage per person. Hotel taxes and service charges. Not included: Lunches, gratuities for guides and driver and anything not mentioned.

ITINERARY

Day 1, September 01, Monday, Departure to HELSINKI (FINLAND)

Our pilgrimage begins as we leave our hometown for an overnight flight to Helsinki, Finland. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

Day 2, September 02, Tuesday, Arrival to HELSINKI

Upon arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Helsinki. Dinner and overnight in Helsinki.

Day 3, September 03, Wednesday, HELSINKI – STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)

After breakfast, we will have a city tour of Helsinki. Famous sights include the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Park & Monument, and Underground Temple. Late afternoon, we will board an overnight cruise ship to Stockholm. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 4, September 04, Thursday, STOCKHOLM

Scandinavian buffet breakfast is being served on board. After disembarkation, we will celebrate Mass at Saint Eugene or Saint Eric Church. After mass, we will start the 4-hour guided tour of Stockholm. Famous sights on the tour include the Royal Palace, the Parliament Buildings, the island of Djurgården, and the Old Town (Gamla Stan), with its narrow streets and numerous antique shops. The highlight of the tour is a visit to City Hall with its famous Blue and Golden Halls, where the Nobel Prize Banquet is held each year. After visiting the unique Vasa Ship Museum, free time for shopping in Stockholm.

Day 5, September 05, Friday, STOCKHOLM, LINKÖPING, VRETA ABBEY, MOTOLA

After breakfast, we will drive to Linköping to visit the Cathedral, located where a small church in the form of a cross was built in the 12th century. Then we will continue to drive to Vreta Abbey, founded at the beginning of the 12th century by King Inge the Elder and Queen Helena, at Pope Paschal II's request. The next visit is to Vadstena Abbey, Motherhouse of the Bridgettine Order, located on the shores of Lake Wetter. We will celebrate Mass at Vadstena Abbey. Dinner and overnight in Motola.

Day 6, September 06, Saturday, MOTOLA, VARNHEM ABBEY, GOTHENBURG

After breakfast, we will drive to Sweden's oldest Christian place, Varnhem Abbey, where you'll find a churchyard from the Viking era, evidence of their conversion to Christianity over 1,000 years ago. We will continue to drive to Gothenburg to visit the splendid Botanic Gardens, one of the largest and best in Europe, with over 16,000 species of plants in different greenhouses and areas like the rock garden and herb garden. Dinner and overnight in Gothenburg.

Day 7, September 07, Sunday, GOTHENBURG – COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)

After breakfast, we will drive to Copenhagen. On the way, we will visit Lund Cathedral. The Cathedral was consecrated in 1145 and contains many well-known artifacts and features of considerable historical interest. Then, we will drive to Ystad to visit the Franciscan Ystad Monastery. Founded in 1267, this is the oldest medieval monastery in Sweden and, together with Vadstena Abbey, one of the best preserved. Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen

Day 8, September 08, Monday, COPENHAGEN

Today, we will explore Copenhagen: Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid gazing wistfully across the harbor, then visit the Christiansborg Palace, the seat of the Danish Government. Celebrate Mass at Saint Ansgar's Cathedral. Saint Ansgar is known for his missionary activities in Scandinavia, bringing the message of Christ to the people of these lands. After dinner, we will visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 9, September 09, Tuesday, COPENHAGEN – ROSKILDE – COPENHAGEN - OSLO (NORWAY)

After breakfast, we travel to Roskilde to visit the Cathedral, the earliest major ecclesiastical building in northern Europe. It is noteworthy for successive architectural styles used in the ancillary chapels and porches added over many centuries, during which it has served as the mausoleum of the Danish royal family. Then we will visit the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. At the end of the tour, we will return to Copenhagen to board our overnight cruise to Oslo. Enjoy a delicious Scandinavian buffet dinner on board on the way to Oslo.

Day 10, September 10, Wednesday OSLO

Scandinavian buffet breakfast is being served on board, as you sail up the exciting Oslo Fjord to reach the Norwegian capital. After disembarkation, We will celebrate Mass at Saint Olav's Cathedral, the primary Catholic sanctuary in Oslo. Pope John Paul II visited the Cathedral in 1989. After Mass, proceed for an Oslo tour to visit Frogner Park, Akershus Fortress, founded in 1299 during the reign of King Hakon V. The medieval castle was modernized and converted into a Renaissance royal residence. Dinner and overnight in Oslo.

Day 11, September 11, Thursday, OSLO – REYKJAVIK (ICELAND)

After breakfast transfer to Airport. Upon arrival at Keflavik Airport, transfer to the hotel in Reykjavik. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 12, September 12, Friday, REYKJAVIK

After breakfast, we will have a city sightseeing tour of Reykjavik including the town of Hafnarfjörður where we visit the Fish Market, the Open-Air Museum Arbei, one of the open-air swimming pools, and the towering Hallgrím's Church, old town, the harbor, the summit meeting house Höfði, and the House of Parliament. Afternoon visit the majestic waterfalls at Gullfoss and the famous erupting hot springs at Geysir with its colorful pools and leaping hot springs. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 13, September 13, Saturday, DEPARTURE

After breakfast, we will go to the Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich azure lake where you can luxuriate in the warm, rejuvenating waters before we take our flight home.

For more information and reservations please contact

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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 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 dcjohnw@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



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 the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 3, 2024

REACH OUT AND EMBRACE THE KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus encounters a sincere scribe, unlike the other Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees, who continually attempted to trick him and destroy his words. Because of his sincerity, Jesus offers great hope to this scribe by telling him that he is not far from the Kingdom of God.

We can relate both to the sincere scribe and to those who doubted in Jesus. There are times when we have doubted in God's love for us, and there are times when we have truly trusted in him. We must learn to trust him more than we doubt, so that we are not far from the Kingdom of God.

The scribe doesn't approach Jesus with skepticism, but rather with an open heart. He is sincerely seeking to know Jesus's identity. This humility and simplicity enables Jesus to reveal himself to this one scribe and draw so near to him that Jesus can tell him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

PRAYER

Return to the Gospel for this week. Here, Jesus lays out the twofold commandment of love for those who have ears to hear. We are called both to love God above all things and to love our neighbor with the love of Christ.

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is the Lord asking you to remove an idol from your life, which is preventing you from worshipping him alone?

RESOLUTION

In his book *Interior Freedom*, Fr. Jacques Philippe says, "Lacking hope, we don't really believe God can make us happy, and so we construct our happiness out of covetousness and lust. We don't wait to find the fullness of our existence in God, and so we shape an artificial identity grounded in pride. Or else—the most common condition among people of good will—

we would like to love and be generous in loving and giving ourselves, but we are held back by fears, hesitations, and worries. Lack of trust in what God's grace can do in our lives, and what we can do with his help, leads to a shrinkage of the heart, a lessening of charity. But, as St. Thérèse of Lisieux said, trust leads to love."

When we don't trust the Lord, we look at him with skepticism and are unable to embrace his kingdom. With trust, we are able to see him and love him, and then love him in our neighbor. What can you do this week to grow in trust and enter more intentionally into friendship with the Lord? formed.org



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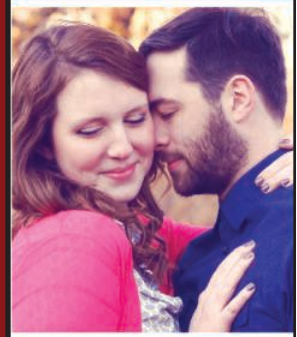


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