

# L A T I N O T E S

*Bulletin of the Community of St. Philippine Duchesne*

**September 20, 2009**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



## **MASS SCHEDULE & MARTYROLOGY**

Confession begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass

**Every Sunday:** Low Mass at 6:30 a.m. High Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, September 21  
Mass at 12:00 Noon  
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Thursday, September 24  
Mass & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.  
Feria

Tuesday, September 22  
Mass at 12:00 Noon  
St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop & Confessor

Friday, September 25  
Mass at 12:00 Noon  
Ember Friday

Wednesday, September 23  
Mass at 12:00 Noon  
Ember Wednesday

Saturday, September 26  
Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
Ember Saturday

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A Goodbye Note From Fr Wolfe**

Since it's the Year of the Priest, let's start with an anecdote about the Cure of Ars that I placed in our bulletin years ago, near the beginning of my time as your chaplain:

"Some folks have been wondering what my "agenda" is. Sometimes when people would visit the patron saint of parish priests, St John Vianney (the Cure of Ars) he would give them a little tour of his church, and then ask, "Would you like to see my collection of relics?"

"Why, yes!" they'd say.

And then he'd take them outside, and show them the graveyard.

The graveyard? Why? Because the graves of his parishioners were his reliquaries. That's why he's the patron saint of parish priests. because he brought his parishioners to sanctity.

So that's my agenda."

And it never changed. A priest is supposed to bring his people to Christ and Christ to his people. In so far as he is successful, then the glory has to go to God. The whole purpose of our Holy religion is to make it possible for us to have a living relationship with Christ that culminates in a holy death - and any particular priest is only a means to that end.

I have tried to be a spiritual father to you and lead you towards union with Christ, but I also know that there was a lot of me in the way. And finally my shortcomings are all that I can truly take credit for. So once again I want to apologize, and beg your forgiveness.

You should be aware that in a time of transition, the enemy will be very active - he's always looking for an opportunity - so don't be surprised, and don't worry: you've been trained how to deal with him. Don't lose your inner peace; that gives a toe-hold to the enemy. And we have every reason to keep our inner peace: after all, God will always give us what we need to become holy. Note the word "need". God will always give us what we need, not necessarily what we want; and often enough, that means He sends us the cross, right?

And now let's close with one of my favorite anecdotes from the life of my Holy Patron: When St. Philip Neri was teaching little children the catechism, he used to ask them, "Now children, is it easy to go to hell?"

And of course, those beautiful little kids would speak right from the heart: "Oh, yes Father! It is very easy to go to hell."

"That's right," St. Philip Neri would respond, "it is very easy to go to hell. But we must never, never forget that it is also very easy to go to heaven! And do you want to know a very easy way to go to heaven?"

"Oh yes Father!"

"Every day you must say your 3 Hail Marys. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Matilda, She promised Her assistance at the hour of death for all those who practiced this devotion!"

Say your 3 Hail Marys every day, no matter what.

I just can't bear the thought of any one of you not making it to heaven.

I will not be coming back to Kansas City to work or to visit. We will have to meet again in the next life.

Please keep me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers and my love.

I always was thankful to God that I got to be your priest.

Pax et bonum

Fr Phil Wolfe FSSP

### **Avoiding Encounters With Sin On The Internet**

About 2/3 of the Internet is filled with completely unacceptable & mortally sinful images. One glance and your child's purity has been stolen forever. There are 2 services available that can't be overridden, that are updated on a daily basis and that block unacceptable sites. The first is a filter service that costs \$40/yr and works irrespective of your particular service provider. You can go to [www.afafilter.com](http://www.afafilter.com) and learn more about this filter. The second is a service provider available here in the KC area . You can learn more about this internet service provider at [www.familink.com](http://www.familink.com).

### **Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

### **From Thomas á Kempis**

Hence it is, my God, that according to the inward man I delight in Your law, knowing that Your command is good, just, and holy, and that it proves the necessity of shunning all evil and sin. But in the flesh I keep the law of sin, obeying sensuality rather than reason. Hence, also, it is that the will to good is present in me, but how to accomplish it I know not. Hence, too, I often propose many good things, but because the grace to help my weakness is lacking, I recoil and give up at the slightest resistance. Thus it is that I know the way of perfection and see clearly enough how I ought to act, but because I am pressed down by the weight of my own corruption I do not rise to more perfect things.

How extremely necessary to me, O Lord, Your grace is to begin any good deed, to carry it on and bring it to completion! For without grace I can do nothing, but with its strength I can do all things in You. O Grace truly heavenly, without which our merits are nothing and no gifts of nature are to be esteemed! (The Imitation of Christ Book 3, Chapter 55)

### **Next Sunday**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-6 ~ Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 - 46