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"Things are not to be loved for the sake of a place, but places are to be loved for the sake of good things."

—Pope St. Gregory the Great

What's New

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Mass Schedule:

Please note: There is *no* Latin Mass on Sunday, May 5, as Fr. Justin will be out of town and we were unable to find a substitute celebrant. And please note that we *will* have Mass on Ascension *Thursday*, its traditional date, rather than transfer the feast to the following Sunday.



- **Sunday, April 28, 1:30 p.m.:** High Mass
- **Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m.:** NO Mass
- **Ascension Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.:** High Mass
- **Sunday, May 12, 1:30 p.m.:** Low Mass
- **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.:** High Mass
- **Sunday, May 26, 1:30 p.m.:** Low Mass
- **Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 2, 1:30 p.m.:** High Mass and Procession

Aaron Mebane Says Goodbye to Pope Benedict

Aaron Mebane, a member of the "alpha class" of the SGS and one of our first Knights of the Altar, is currently in Rome with the University of Dallas for classes this semester. Each student enrolled at UD has the opportunity to experience this, as it is suggested that they plan their Rome Semester either for the fall or spring of their sophomore year. The university has a campus in Rome not far from Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence.

This semester's students were presented with a unique opportunity to bid Pope Emeritus Benedict farewell when he left the Vatican for good on February 28. See the photograph below to find out how. And yes, Aaron is in the picture. He is the bottom left of the first "E".

Also, it pays to know your traditional prayers in Latin. The university students were privileged to be among the 8000 people present for the Pope's final general audience of his pontificate. As he was blessing the crowd, he recited the Our Father in Latin. Aaron was grateful that he was able to fully participate with the Pope by joining him in Latin as well. Sad to say, many Catholics do not know the language of the Church, and were therefore not able to join in—although, they would have been able to pray in their native language.

Aaron has also benefited from his time as a Knight of the Altar. After serving at a Novus Ordo Mass in Rome, he, the priest, and the other servers returned to the sacristy, when the celebrant turned to the cross and said what our priest and servers say at the end of the Latin Mass: *Proficiat*, meaning, "May it [our service at the Mass] profit us." Aaron gave the proper response, *In omnibus et singulis* ("in each and every way" or "in all things"). The

Quote of the Month:
“Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything.”
—St. Vincent Pallotti

priest was quite impressed and proceeded to recite the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar. He and Aaron went through them all, each reciting their respective parts. As Aaron later told his parents, “It was kind of fun.”



Faith Wardlaw-Sr. Peter Joseph-TV Star

Faith Wardlaw was an active member of the SGS during her period of study at Baylor University. After graduating, she became a novice with the Ann Arbor Dominicans, taking the name Sr. Peter Joseph. Sr. Peter Joseph has recently made headlines, as she and two of her fellow sisters have been beating out competing teams in a Bible trivia gameshow hosted by comedian Jeff Foxworthy. Sr. Peter Joseph was also interviewed by Zenit News, a worldwide Catholic news organization (see below). Go, Sister!

Game Show Nuns Display Bible Expertise in Semifinals **Sister Peter Joseph on 'Introducing Everyone to Christ'** *By Kathleen Naab*

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10, 2013 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)) - Having won against a trio of evangelical preachers (Team Preachin' Divas) and a team of tattoo artists, (Team Anointed Ink), a group of nuns from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are on to the semi-finals this Thursday night in the gameshow American Bible Challenge.

The three sisters, Peter Joseph, Maria, and Evangeline, are part of a community of nuns founded only in 1997 in Michigan. Now the group has more than 120 sisters, many of whom are in their 20s.

The sisters welcomed the opportunity to participate in the gameshow as a unique contribution to the new evangelization. They plan to use any cash winnings from the show for the retirement of the older sisters of the community.

The three sisters will be competing in the semifinals at 9/8c tomorrow, Thursday, April 11, on the Game Show Network. ZENIT asked Sister Peter Joseph about the experience.

ZENIT: How were you chosen from among the sisters to compete? (In other words, are the three of you particularly 'biblically literate' for some reason?)

Sister Peter Joseph: Any of the sisters could have gone on the show and done a great job. When she heard about the opportunity to compete, Mother Assumpta asked all the sisters if they thought they could answer trivia questions quickly and felt confident about their biblical knowledge. She eventually asked the three of us to go, and we immediately started studying!



The coat of arms of Pope Blessed John XXIII, promulgator of the 1962 Roman Missal

ZENIT: Some of our brothers and sisters assert that Catholics don't know much about the Bible. What is your experience?

Sister Peter Joseph: Personally, I've met a wide range of Catholics with an equally wide range of biblical knowledge. Catholics actually have many opportunities to hear and contemplate the Scriptures – in just one Sunday Mass, we hear at least four passages from Scripture covering both the Old and the New Testaments. We're even more fortunate as religious to hear the Scriptures read aloud not only at daily Mass, but also in our community prayers, before and after meals, and in many of our classes.

ZENIT: How does an opportunity such as this relate to the tasks or identity of women religious in today's world?

Sister Peter Joseph: The first responsibility of any religious is to grow closer daily to God in prayer. Out of that prayer flows a desire to evangelize -- to introduce everyone to Christ. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI commented frequently, friendship with Christ is the most beautiful and fulfilling relationship for any person. I believe it is important, especially for youth, to see sisters who do have that friendship with Christ and live a happy, rewarding life, not in spite of, but because of their relationship with Him.

ZENIT: Do women religious need a more public role in society? Is something like this part of the 'new evangelization'?



Sr. Peter Joseph (née Faith Wardlaw), on the left.

Sister Peter Joseph: All Christians – whether priests, religious, or laypeople – are called to take part in the New Evangelization in whatever way their vocation calls them to do so. Some religious are contemplatives, and they support their more active sisters and brothers with their prayers in secret. On the other hand, our community's apostolate involves teaching, and it includes evangelizing those who may have heard of Christ but don't know Him. The American Bible Challenge is a great opportunity to show the joy and freedom that come from a life wholly given to Christ in religious life.

ZENIT: Now that you've won the first show, what's next?

Sister Peter Joseph: We now have a chance to go on to one of the semi-final rounds of the game – keep watching the American Bible Challenge to find out how we do!

Here is a video of the sisters competing on the show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwRK4T5IBg4>.

Here is a video of the sisters' intro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy-k5pTk-T8>.

The official Web site for the show is <http://gsntv.com/shows/the-american-bible-challenge/>.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers the following intentions. These intentions are placed on the altar during the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass at St. Louis.



- For the continuation of our celebration of the traditional Latin Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation
- Frs. John Guzaldo, Justin Nguyen, and David Leibham
- The welfare of, and vocations for, the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
- Aidan Mebane, for a cure to liver disease
- Monica Hinojosa, for a cure to a cerebral problem
- Andrew Moore
- Jan Vinzant, for her health, healing, and intentions
- Mike Bukala, history teacher at St. Louis School, diagnosed with cancer
- Mary Adams, diagnosed with cancer
- The Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei
- Stephen and Margo Payne, diagnosed with cancer
- George Andrie, for pulmonary problems
- Laura Kaizer
- Faith Wardlaw, and her vocation to religious life
- Don Lape
- Miriam Onorato
- Josquin Martin
- Anna Rose Deardorff, diagnosed with childhood leukemia
- Feryn Schulte, student at St. Louis Catholic School, diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer
- Ron Brown, undergoing treatment for cancer of the tonsil
- Rusty Williams, diagnosed with MS
- The repose of the soul of Joseph Parker, brother of SGS Member Claude Parker
- Caedmon Kirby, for a broken leg
- The spiritual & temporal welfare of the members of the St. Gregory Society and of St. Louis parish
- The repose of the souls of the deceased members of the SGS: Jim Foley, Jed Eatough, Br. Luke Chambers, and Ernest Palu.

Makes Sense: A Column Featuring Articles of Interest

On April 11, Army Captain Chaplain Emil Joseph Kapaun was posthumously given our nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor. Father Kapaun's case for canonization has also been opened by the Vatican: he has been declared a Servant of God (the first step to canonization), and it is hoped that he will soon be recognized as a saint. A Korean war hero, Medal of Honor recipient, spitting image of Kirk Douglas (see photo below) and Catholic saint? In the words of the crowds at John Paul II's funeral, "Santo Subito"—sainthood right away! Let us thank Almighty God for such powerful witnesses to the Faith under the worst of circumstances.

Army chaplain receives Medal of Honor posthumously 60 years after stint in Korea

By Sharon Cohen
The Associated Press

April 7, 2013. In the cold, barren hills of Korea more than 60 years ago, two

teary-eyed soldiers stood in a prisoner of war camp where their chaplain lay dying.

The Rev. Emil Kapaun was weak, his body wracked by pneumonia and dysentery. After six brutal months in the hellish camp, the once sturdy Kansas farmer's son could take no more. Thousands of soldiers had already died, some starving, others freezing to death. Now the end was near for the chaplain.



Captain Emil Kapaun (1916-1951)

These two soldiers -- and many more -- never forgot their chaplain. Not his courage in swatting away an enemy soldier pointing a gun at a GI's head. Not his talent for stealing food, then sneaking it to emaciated troops. Not the inspiring way he rallied his "boys," as he called them, urging them to keep their spirits up.

The plain-spoken, pipe-smoking, bike-riding chaplain was credited with saving hundreds of soldiers during the Korean War. Kapaun (pronounced Kah-PAHWN) received the Distinguished Service Cross and many other medals. His exploits were chronicled in books, magazines and a TV show. A high school was named for him. His statue stands outside his former parish in tiny Pilsen, Kan.

But one award, the Medal of Honor, always remained elusive.

Mr. Dowe and other POWs had lobbied on and off for years, writing letters, doing interviews, enlisting support on Capitol Hill. Mr. Dowe's recommendation was turned down in the 1950s. The campaign stalled, then picked up steam decades later. Kapaun's "boys" grew old, their determination did not.

Now it has finally paid off.

On April 11, those two young lieutenants, Mr. Dowe and Mr. Wood, now 85 and 86, will join their comrades, Kapaun's family and others at the White House where President Barack Obama will award the legendary chaplain the Medal of Honor posthumously.

"It is about time," Mr. Dowe says.

Even now, Father Kapaun's story may still have one final chapter: sainthood. Some in his home state of Kansas hope he will one day rank among the saints.

The Korean conflict is sometimes called "the forgotten war," overshadowed by the global cataclysm of World War II and the nation's long struggle in Vietnam.

For veterans, though, there are vivid war memories: the desperation of eating weeds plucked from the dirt, the horror of discovering buddies who'd died overnight, the evanescent joy of taking a few puffs on their chaplain's pipe. Many men of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry regiment, credit Kapaun for their survival, emotionally and physically.

"He's in my prayers every night," Dowe says. "I ask him to help me rather than asking God to help him."

Dowe first talked about the chaplain in a told-to story in the Jan. 16, 1954, issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*. He described Kapaun as "the bravest man" and "best foot soldier" he'd ever known, a humble guy with a wry sense of humor (he made a game of counting lice on their uniforms) and a fierce

Lt. Mike Dowe said goodbye to the man who'd given him hope during those terrible days. The young West Point grad cried, even as the chaplain, he says, tried to comfort him with his parting words: "Hey, Mike, don't worry about me. I'm going to where I always wanted to go and I'll say a prayer for all of you."

Lt. Robert Wood wept, too, watching the Roman Catholic chaplain bless and forgive his captors. He helped carry Kapaun out of the mud hut and up a hill on a stretcher after Chinese soldiers ordered he be moved to a hospital, a wretched, maggot-filled place the POWs dubbed "the death house." There was little or no medical care there. Kapaun died on May 23, 1951, at age 35.

desire to help others.

Every POW remembers something special about what Kapaun did to help the soldiers.

He'd pound rocks on bombed-out tin roofs to shape them into pans he used to wash the wounded.

He'd pray to St. Dismas, the Good Thief, before he foraged in sheds and fields, stuffing corn, peaches and other food in his pockets, then giving it all to starving soldiers.

He'd drag the injured into ditches, risking enemy attack, or haul them on stretchers in the snow, gently urging others to do the same. "Come on boys," he'd say, "Let's help these guys."

He'd hop on his rickety bike -- his Jeep had been demolished -- every time he heard gunfire, racing toward the action, zipping across rice paddies in his knit cap fashioned from a sweater arm.

"He figured somebody needed help or last rites," Mr. Wood says. "We used to call him To-The-Sound-of-the-Guns Kapaun."

Such feats were cited when it was announced in March that Kapaun would receive the Medal of Honor. The White House and Army cited the chaplain's "extraordinary heroism" during the Battle of Unsan in Korea, walking through "withering enemy fire" to comfort and provide medical help, staying with the troops though capture was almost certain, leading prayers at the risk of punishment and resisting re-education programs by the Chinese Communists.

Read more: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/news/us/an-honor-a-long-time-coming-682469/#ixzz2QBB2OcoD>

Mass Knowledge Contest

There is something terribly moving about the image of a priest celebrating Mass in the midst of war. In my opinion, it is especially moving when it is a Tridentine Mass, which one typically pictures in the august surroundings of a Gothic cathedral, not on the hood of a jeep.

There are two photographs in the press these days showing Servant of God Emil Kapaun celebrating the traditional Latin Mass on the battlefields of Korea (see below). Can you guess where in the Mass Father Kapaun is? Hint: pay attention not only to the position/action of the celebrant, but to the placement of the Altar Missal and, if possible, the chalice and chalice veil.

Submit your answers to Mike Foley at michaelfoley2001@yahoo.com. The answer and contest winners will be revealed in next month's newsletter. Winners shall have no earthly gain aside from our collective admiration, but their reward will be great in Heaven.



Fr. Kapaun celebrating Mass on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7, 1950.



Father Kapaun in an undated photo. Are those boxes of ammo being used as the reredos?