



IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

We still are not seeing a return to normal. Masks have become a thing of fashion. Safe distancing is not always kept but should be. With all this, life goes on. We should be thankful, however. Our adults, teens and children have been zooming their faith formation with success. In fact, it has created a means to Evangelize the entire family. God's plan sometimes is not what we expect but if we trust Him, we will see He is with us.

Immaculagte Heart of mary, pray for us.
Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Si alguna vez se te pasó por la mente que a Jesús le faltaba un poco del sentido del humor, el Evangelio de hoy destierra esa noción. La parábola de Jesús sobre las cinco jóvenes precavidas y las cinco jóvenes descuidadas es sumamente chistosa. Las circunstancias de la parábola sin duda resultaban familiares a los que escuchaban a Jesús, como lo son para nosotros. Las bodas nunca, nunca comienzan a la hora. Siempre hay un retraso. Botones que se caen al último minuto. Flores que se marchitan. Vehículos llenos de invitados atascados en el tráfico. Solistas que contraen laringitis. ¡Novias, novios o sacerdotes que llegan tarde! Así que la única manera razonable de encarar una boda es con buen sentido del humor, conscientes de que algo va a salir mal, y, cuando eso suceda, sonreír.

Jesús cuenta esta historia chistosa para alentarnos a que seamos vigilantes, sí; a estar preparados, sí. Pero no nos la cuenta para que nos amarguemos y nos ensombrecamos. Los apesadumbrados tiemblan, titubean, pierden de vista su lugar y propósito, y se quedan dormidos. Los festivos saben que sucederá lo inesperado —más que seguro— así que están despiertos en su puesto y listos para cumplir su propósito en el acto.

Todavía no vemos un retorno a la normalidad. Las máscaras se han convertido en una cosa de moda. El distanciamiento seguro no siempre se mantiene, pero debería serlo. Con todo esto, la vida continúa. Sin embargo, deberíamos estar agradecidos. Nuestros adultos, adolescentes y niños han estado por medio de zooming su formación en la fe con éxito. De hecho, ha creado un medio para evangelizar a toda la familia. El plan de Dios a veces no es lo que esperamos, pero si confiamos en El, veremos que está con nosotros.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosotros.
Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)
5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

SAT. NOV. 7TH

8:00AM Legión de Maña - Special Intention
5:00PM † Julie Halpin
† Simeon Zano

SUN. NOV. 8TH

7:30AM Francis Becerra - Special Intention
9:00AM † Joyce Kortuem
10:45AM Immaculate Heart of Mary
12:30PM † All Souts in Purgatory
† Mercedes Santos Amante
2:00PM † Conrado Diaz
† Pedro Hurtado
5:00PM † All Souls in Purgatory

MON. NOV. 9TH

8:00AM Francis Becerra - Special Intention
† Manuel and Conchita Soliz

TUE. NOV. 10TH

8:00AM Pat Larson - Birthday
† Frank Duff

WED. NOV. 11TH

8:00AM † All deceased members of the Mathew Family
† Legion of Mary - Deceased Members

THU. NOV. 12TH

8:00AM Banuelos de Zesati Family
† Ruth Dominguez

FRI. NOV. 13TH

8:00AM † John Joseph Healey (Jack)
† David Macaluso

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Baptisms for the month of October

English:

Riel Gabriel, Riley Gabriel,
Alani Leia Jhene Jacinto, Mateo Enzo Molina,
Elsine Marie Pinell

Spanish:

Ariel Amador Duarte, Yeraldin Amador Duarte
Alejandro Arriaga Fregoso, Angel Barraza,
Quetzalli Yaretzi Contreras Gonzalez,
Sarai Guadalupe Garcia,
Alexander Gonzalez Garcia,
Mateo Gonzalez Perea,
Matteo Valentino Moreno Salas, Santiago Pena,
Sebastian Valenzuela Rodas.

Sick Relatives & Friends **Parientes y Amigos Enfermos**

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Kay Aviani, Mia Eternal, Rosa Velasquez, Giselle Honore, Gina Lilly, Mary Spinelli, Bev Casey, Stanley Etienne, Mary McCann, Jacqueline Reed, Frances Brecht, Sean Bowen, Susan Rossillon, Kathleen Hernandez, Corey Amesquita, Barbara Snider, Gloria Crabaugh, Deacon Ron Horan, Barbara Crandell, Ryan Adler, Anita and Ed Camera, Edu Sunga., Richard Grimes, Kim Wiley, Lois Valley, Toni Fulscher
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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Monday: 671: 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

Tuesday: 492: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23,
27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: 493: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: 494: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10
Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 495: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11,
17-18 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 496: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: 157: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Lectura

Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos,
te adoramos,
te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,
Hijo del Padre;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Atiende nuestra suplica;
Tu que estas sentado a
La derecha del Padre,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Porque solo tu eres Santo,
Solo tu Señor,
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.
Con el Espíritu Santo
En la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amen.

Primera lectura

Sab 6: 12-16

Radiante e incorruptible es la sabiduría;
con facilidad la contemplan quienes la aman
y ella se deja encontrar por quienes la buscan
y se anticipa a darse a conocer a los que la desean.
El que madruga por ella no se fatigará,
porque la hallará sentada a su puerta.
Darle la primacía en los pensamientos
es prudencia consumada;
quien por ella se desvela
pronto se verá libre de preocupaciones.
A los que son dignos de ella,
ella misma sale a buscarlos por los caminos;
se les aparece benévola
y colabora con ellos en todos sus proyectos.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 62: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Mi alma está sedienta de ti, Señor, Dios mío.

Segunda Lectura

1 Tes 4: 13-18

Hermanos: No queremos que ignoren lo que pasa con los difuntos, para que no vivan tristes, como los que no tienen esperanza. Pues, si creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó, de igual manera debemos creer que, a los que murieron en Jesús, Dios los llevará con él.
Lo que les decimos, como palabra del Señor, es esto: que nosotros, los que quedemos vivos para cuando venga el Señor, no tendremos ninguna ventaja sobre los que ya murieron.
Cuando Dios mande que suenen las trompetas, se oirá la voz de un arcángel y el Señor mismo bajará del

cielo. Entonces, los que murieron en Cristo resucitarán primero; después nosotros, los que quedemos vivos, seremos arrebatados, juntamente con ellos entre nubes, por el aire, para ir al encuentro del Señor, y así estaremos siempre con él.
Consuélnense, pues, unos a otros con estas palabras.

Evangelio

Mt 25: 1-13

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a diez jóvenes, que tomando sus lámparas, salieron al encuentro del esposo. Cinco de ellas eran descuidadas y cinco, previsoras. Las descuidadas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no llevaron aceite para llenarlas de nuevo; las previsoras, en cambio, llevaron cada una un frasco de aceite junto con su lámpara. Como el esposo tardaba, les entró sueño a todas y se durmieron.

A medianoche se oyó un grito: '¡Ya viene el esposo! ¡Salgan a su encuentro!' Se levantaron entonces todas aquellas jóvenes y se pusieron a preparar sus lámparas, y las descuidadas dijeron a las previsoras: 'Dennos un poco de su aceite, porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando'. Las previsoras les contestaron: 'No, porque no va a alcanzar para ustedes y para nosotras. Vayan mejor a donde lo venden y comprenlo'.

Mientras aquellas iban a comprarlo, llegó el esposo, y las que estaban listas entraron con él al banquete de bodas y se cerró la puerta. Más tarde llegaron las otras jóvenes y dijeron: 'Señor, señor, ábrenos'. Pero él les respondió: 'Yo les aseguro que no las conozco'. Estén pues, preparados, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora".

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.

Readings

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their
desire;
Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be
disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free
from care;
because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy
of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways,
and meets them with all solicitude.

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting
for you, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you
may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will
God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have
fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen
asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of
God, will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the
bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were
wise.
The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no
oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with
their lamps.
Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all
became drowsy and fell asleep.
At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up
and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be
enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants
and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to
buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready
went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door
was locked.
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore,
stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the our."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Mt 25:1-13

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Google is a mixed blessing for me. One time, it helped me figure out I had a medical emergency and needed to get to the ER pronto! But a glance at my search history reveals that 99 out of 100 times that I'm searching for wisdom of some sort, I'm searching for things like "meatless Monday recipes," "best long-run shoes," or "living room paint colors" (plus 12 variations on each theme). This recognition came to mind when I listened to the words of our first reading. "She [Wisdom] is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Hearing this reminds me to spend less time Googling and more time searching for what really matters – God's love, goodness, and wisdom. The Gospel story of the virgins keeping vigil for the bridegroom expands on this, for it is the wise who are most prepared to sustain their watch.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many people, I have a bookshelf full of self-help books – guides to parenting, figuring out the color of my parachute, various diets, the magic of "tidying up." Today's readings have me wondering whether these well-meaning efforts to become "the best version of myself," or plumb the meaning of life, miss the point. After all, as today's readings remind us, the source of all wisdom is right before us, in the person of Jesus. We don't have to have all the answers, we just need to know where to look, and to have the patience and wherewithal to be prepared to receive it. By studying the Scripture and opening our eyes to the presence of God in others and even in the challenges we face, we can grow closer to Jesus and be ready to meet the bridegroom when he comes.

REFLECT Read and pray today's responsorial psalm.

(Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.



Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y
asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos por el mundo para la
perdición de las almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of November 15, 2020, please bring canned fruits. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 15 de noviembre, 2020, por favor traigan frutas enlatadas. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 15, 2020 - Maintenance Fund
November 29, 2020 - St. Vincent de Paul

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

15 de noviembre, 2020 - Fondo del Mantenimiento
29 de noviembre, 2020 - San Vicente de Paul



“People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.”
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week.

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Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings

In early 2021, we are going to offer a class on the Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings, the classic work of JRR Tolkien. In 1999, readers named it one of the best books of the millennium. The BBC named it one of the most inspiring books ever written! If it's been a while since you read it, dust it off and dig in. If you have never read it, get it and get ready for an adventure! The class will be based on the book not the films. More information will be coming, so start reading and keep an eye on the bulletin!



The office of the parish will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in commemoration of Veterans' Day.

La oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada el miercoles, 11 de noviembre, 2020 en conmemoración del Día de Los Veteranos.

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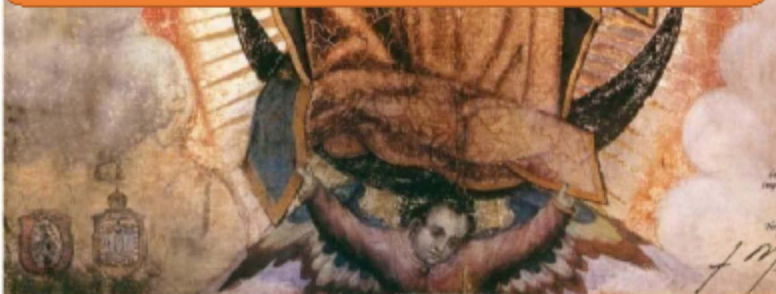
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Information/Información



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a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**
Todos los días a las 7:00 p.m. en la Parroquia
Iniciamos el 28 de Octubre y concluiremos el 12 de Diciembre



Dear IHM Parishioners,

You may have noticed the beautiful plants that our volunteers have planted around the front entrance to the Church. These plants were graciously donated to IHM by the Perez Nursery and Landscaping as well as the soil needed. The generosity of the Perez Nursery has no bounds... they have donated many plants and supplies needed throughout the years! We are very grateful for their generosity.

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Chancery, Parish, CFCs, Cathedral Staff and Diocesan Seminarians:

Contra Costa County has advanced to a less-restrictive COVID tier. Effective immediately, "Worship services are allowed indoors at 50% occupancy or 200 people, whichever is fewer." This is for parishes in Contra Costa County ONLY. The decision to allow higher capacity for indoor services comes from Contra Costa County.

If your parish already submitted a reopening plan and received permission to resume indoor Masses from me for the last reopening, Pastors may resume indoor Masses at this larger occupancy, at their discretion.

We must all continue to be attentive to published precautions and protocols. Health officials caution that it is now more important than ever to follow the state health guidance for physical distancing and use of face coverings, to keep everyone safe and healthy during the holiday season and to avoid a return to the red tier.

With the assurance of my continued prayers,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
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Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini's Story

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her.

Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Reflection

The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, but the daily news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land.

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