

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, October 24, 2021**

- 9:00 am** Glen Bockenkotter (d)
- 11:00 am** Edward L. Simon (d)
- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, October 25, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Gaylene Cross (d)

**TUESDAY, October 26, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Joan Meiners (d)

**WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Deceased of the Hahn Family

**THURSDAY, October 28, 2021**

**SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

- 8:30 am** Anne Szabo (d)

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, October 29, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Mary Jo Florence (d)

**SATURDAY, October 30, 2021**

*BVM*

- 8:30 am** Ephraim Lukong (d)

- 4:30 pm** Robert Tepe (d)

**SUNDAY, October 31, 2021**

- 9:00 am** Patricia Becker (d)

- 11:00 am** Rose Littner (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**All Saints Day, November 1:** Because All

Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The only Mass for All Saints Day is at 8:30 a.m. which will be an all school Mass.

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**SERVERS**

**October 30/31**

Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**October 30/31**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**October 30/31**

To Be Determined

October 17, 2021 \$ 6,767.10

Total Second Collection \$ 58,270.66

Other Donations \$111,186.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$109,206.59

Total Tile Floor Fund \$278,663.69

***Thank You for your Generosity!***

**Vocation View:** “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” The priesthood of Jesus Christ is not bestowed by ancestry, as the Temple priesthood was, but by selection by Christ in imitation of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:6) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”

*Saint Augustine*



# The Laurentian



## St. Lawrence Reunion

Thanks to your support and generosity, our gross proceeds for the reunion were \$35,648.00. The net profit was \$22,607.70. That means that the rate of return was 63.4%.

Now, the last festival that we had in (2019) we grossed \$60,855.57. The expenses were \$32,198.67. So, we netted \$28,656.90 and that is 47.9% rate of return.

As you can see, the rate of return for the reunion was so much better with a lot less work. I think we should stick with it.

## Major Church Beautification

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. Because of your generosity, the second collection was discontinued. However, you may still donate if you wish.

Here's the latest on the tile. Half of the tile is here and the other half is in Customs in Vancouver, British Columbia. I am still looking into the possibility of starting the tile installation as early as November 1. But I may have to hold off until the Monday before Thanksgiving. The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. There will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project.

# RCIA

## St. Lawrence RCIA 2021-2022

A wonderful way to spread the good news that Jesus is the way to heaven would be to encourage any non-Catholic you know to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults instruction classes.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please call the rectory, 921-0328, for further information and registration.

## World Mission Sunday October 23 & 24:

Today is World Mission Sunday. In this time of pandemic, the needs of Catholic sisters and brothers in 1,100 mission dioceses are momentous. Thank you for your generosity that enables God's love and hope to come alive. The Archdiocesan Mission Office will be most grateful for your support.

Sister Helen Julia: Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday collection of monetary donations for families will begins this week. I very much appreciate your generosity so that Sister will be able to assist all those families who are in need. The collection will continue through December 6<sup>th</sup>. Sister's Ministry envelopes will be in the back of church. Thank you for helping Sister help the needy. And thanks to Sister Helen Julia.



*Confidence in the Patronage of Mary*

Oh! How great will be our thankfulness to the mercy of God, for having given us for our advocate, Mary, who, by her prayers, can obtain for us all the graces we stand in need of. “Truly wonderful,” exclaims St. Bonaventure, “is the bounty of our God, who has given thee, O Lady, to his guilty subjects as their advocate, so that thou art able to obtain for them by thy assistance whatever thou wilt.” Sinners, brethren, if we find ourselves debtors to the divine justice, and condemned to hell by our sins, let us not despair; let us have recourse to this divine mother; let us put ourselves under her protection, and she will save us. But we must have a sincere purpose of amending our lives. If we have such a purpose, and place confidence in Mary, we shall be saved. And why? Because Mary is a *powerful* advocate, a *merciful* advocate, an advocate *that desires to save all*.

*In the first place*, let us consider that Mary is a *powerful* advocate, who can obtain from the Judge all graces for her servants. This is a singular privilege, given to her by the Judge himself, who is her Son. “It is a great privilege, that Mary is most powerful with her Son.” John Gerson says that the Blessed Virgin asks nothing from God with an absolute will, which she does not obtain; and that, like a queen, she sends the angels to enlighten, to purify, and to protect her servants. Hence, to inspire confidence in this great advocate, the Church makes us invoke her under the title of Powerful Virgin. *Powerful Virgin pray for us*. And why is the patronage of Mary so powerful? Because she is the mother of God. “The prayer of the divine Mother,” says St. Antonious, “partakes of the nature of command, and therefore it is impossible for her not to be heard.” The prayers of Mary are the prayers of a mother, and are therefore regarded by Jesus Christ, in a certain manner, as commands; hence it is impossible that her petitions should be rejected. St. George, Archbishop of Nicomedia, says that the Redeemer, as if to discharge the obligation which he owes to his mother for having given him his human nature, hears all her prayers. Hence, St. Theophilus, Bishop of Alexandria, has written, “The Son is pleased that his Mother should pray to him, because he wishes to grant her whatsoever she asks,

in order to repay her for the favor received from her giving him flesh.” Hence the martyr St. Methodius exclaimed: “Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary! Thou hast for a debtor thy Son. We are all debtors to him; but he is a debtor to thee alone.”

Hence Cosmas of Jerusalem says that the intercession of Mary is omnipotent. Yes, her prayers are omnipotent, because, as Richard of St. Laurence says, it is but just that the Mother should partake of the power of the Son. The Son, then, who is omnipotent, has made the Mother omnipotent. The Son is omnipotent by nature; the Mother is omnipotent by grace, that is, she obtains by her prayers whatsoever she asks, as is happily expressed in the celebrated verse: “What God doeth by right, thou, O Virgin, dost by prayer.” This was revealed to St. Bridgit, who one day heard Jesus Christ addressing his mother in the following words: “Ask from me what you wish; for your petition cannot be fruitless.” My mother, ask as much as you please; for I shall hear all your prayers. He then subjoins the reason. “Because you refused me nothing on earth, I will refuse nothing to you in heaven.” You refused me nothing when I lived on earth; it is just that I should refuse nothing to you now that you are with me in heaven.

In fine, there is no sinner, however abandoned, whom Mary cannot save by her intercession. “You have, says St. George of Nicomedia, “insuperable strength, lest the multitude of our sins should overcome your clemency. Nothing resists your power; for the Creator regards your glory as his own. O Mother of God, nothing can resist thy power, since thy Creator regards thy glory as his own.” “Nothing then,” says St. Peter Damian, “is impossible to thee, who can raise even those who are in despair to a hope of salvation.

*by St. Alphonsus De Liguori*

## The Laurentian

### *We Must Have Trust in Providence*

When I see a Christian grief-stricken at the trials God sends him I say to myself: Here is a man who is grieved at his own happiness. He is asking God to be delivered from something he ought to be thanking Him for. I am quite sure that nothing more advantageous could happen to him than what causes him so much grief. I have a hundred unanswerable reasons for saying so. But if I could read into the future and see the happy outcome of his present misfortune, how greatly strengthened I would be in my judgement! If we could discover the designs of Providence it is certain we would ardently long for the evils we are now so unwilling to suffer. We would rush forward to accept them with the utmost gratitude if we had a little faith and realized how much God loves us and has our interests at heart.

What profit can come to me from this illness which ties me down and obliges me to give up all the good I was doing, you may ask. What advantage can I expect from this ruin of my life which leaves me desperate and hopeless? It is true that sudden great misfortune at the moment it comes may appear to overwhelm you and not allow you the opportunity there and then of profiting by it. But wait a while and you will see that by it God is preparing you to receive the greatest marks of His favor. But for this accident you would not have perhaps become less good than you are, but you would not have become holy. Isn't it true that since you have been trying to lead a good Christian life there has been something you have been unwilling to surrender to God? Some worldly ambition, some pride in your attainments, some indulgence of the body, some blameworthy habit, some company that is the occasion of sin for you? It was only this final step that prevented you from attaining the perfect freedom of the love of God. It wasn't really very much, but you could not bring yourself to make this last sacrifice. It wasn't very much, but there is nothing harder for a Christian than to break the last tie that binds him to the world or to his own self. He knows he ought to do it, and until he does it there is something wrong with his life.

But the very thought of the remedy terrifies him, for the malady has taken such a hold on him that it cannot be cured without the help of a serious and painful operation. So it was necessary to take you unawares, to cut deep into the flesh with skillful hand when you were least expecting it and remove the ulcer concealed within, or otherwise you would never be well. The misfortune which has befallen you will soon do what all your exercises of piety would never have been able to do.

*by St. Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.*

