

November 9, 2022

Good Morning All,

- ~Eucharistic Adoration following the morning Mass until 4:00 PM
- ~Catholicism for Dummies Class - Parish Office 1:30-3:00
- ~First Communion Parents Meeting - Parish Hall - 6:00-9:00 PM

1. Today's Readings: [Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. One of these was built over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the ***mother church of all churches in the world***.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

As we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica today, we take a quick trip across the sea to get a short video of the basilica (see link below). Enjoy seeing the beauty of this important church---the home church of the popes.

[Saint John Lateran - Bing video](#)

3. Quote of the Day:

“What was done here, as these walls were rising, is reproduced when we bring together those who believe in Christ. For, by believing they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechising, baptism and instruction they are, as it were, shaped, squared and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans. Nevertheless, they do not make a house for the Lord until they are fitted together through love”. *St. Augustine*

~“God’s desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23-24). But this observance also reminds us of the

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importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community, therefore, has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become, like her, the "house of God," living temple of his love." *Pope Benedict XVI*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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