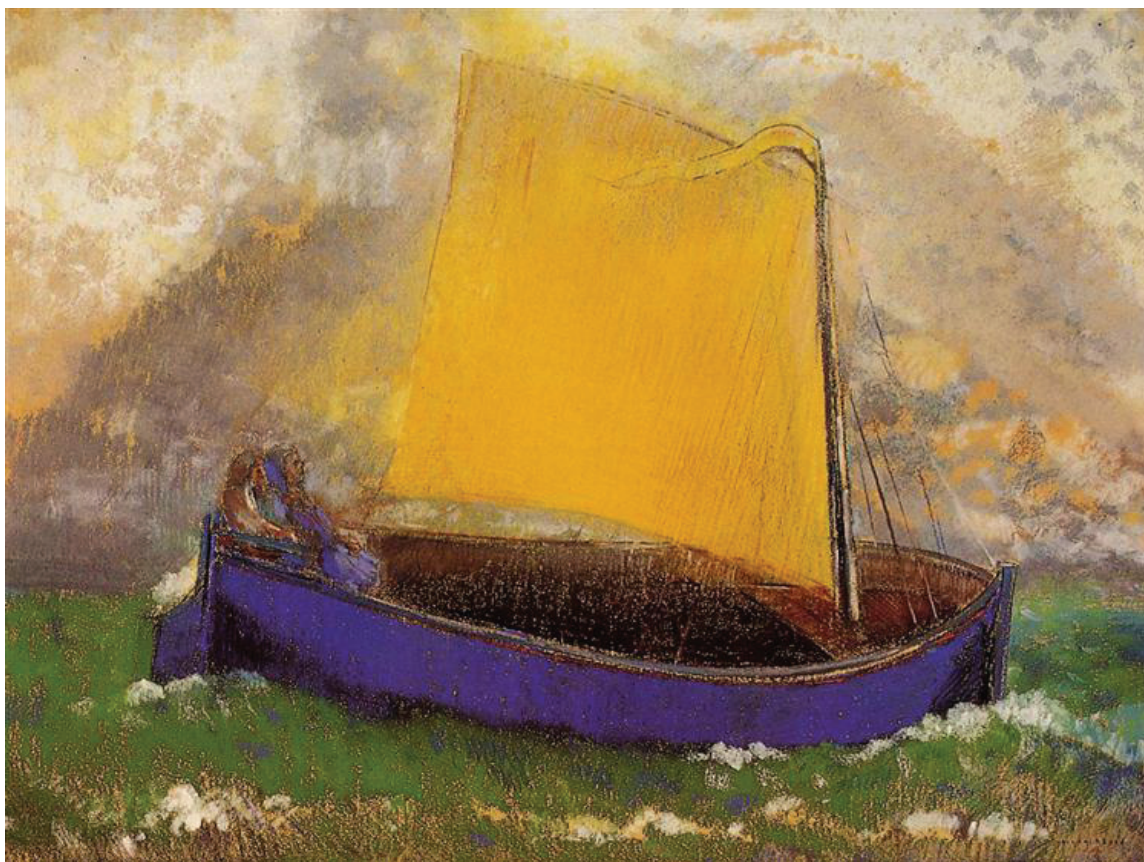


NOVENA OF GRACE

MARCH 4TH - 12TH, 2022



LET YOUR GOD LOVE YOU



WEEKDAY NOVENA ~ NOON & 6:00 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVENA AT NOON
LIVESTREAM AT NOON

ODILON REDON THE MYSTICAL BOAT

We are most fortunate to have two of “our own” as presenters for the Novena of Grace this year. Mary Ann Bigelow is a longtime parishioner and a founding member of our SEEL retreat program. Fr. John Guyol, S.J. is one of our associate pastors at St. Francis Xavier Parish. They have chosen Let Your God Love You as the theme of the Novena. How fitting! As the pandemic drags on, and nerves become more and more frayed, it is good to remind ourselves that God loved us first and lavishes all of God’s love on us, holding nothing back. That love is constant and unending. The only thing missing is our awareness of it and attention to it. So, during these nine days of prayer, reflection and retreat, we encourage you to do as the poet Edwina Gateley suggests and “*Let your God look upon you with enormous love.*”

May this Novena be a time of opening ourselves to the unconditional love of God and receiving the graces that rejuvenate and transform our lives.

C. Hightower, S.J.

Pastor

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.

Let your God—
Love you.

~Edwina Gately

LET YOUR GOD LOVE YOU

2022 Novena Outline

1. Loved Into Being

- a. 1 John 4:10, 19
"Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God but that He has loved us."
- b. Prayer of St. Julian of Norwich – He Keeps All That Is New

2. Loved Unconditionally

- a. Luke 15:11-32 "Parable of the Two Brothers"
- b. 2 Corinthians 12: 9
"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

3. Love With Us

- a. Colossians 3:11- Christ is all and is in all.
- b. The Tree of Love
– St. Francis of Asissi, Into Love's Furnace I am Cast.

4. Falling In Love

- a. John 1: 35-39 *"What are you looking for...come and see."*
- b. "Falling in Love" Pedro Arrupe

5. The Cost of Love

- a. Anima Christi
- b. John 12:1-17- *"...I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you..."*

6. The Power of Love

- a. 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 *"Listen, I tell you a mystery: ... we will all be changed."*
- b. A Meditation based on Isaiah 55: 1-11

7. Learning to Love as God Loves

- a. John 15: 9-17 *"Live on in my Love."*
- b. "Choosing Christ in the World" Joe Tetlow, S.J.

8. Give Me Only Your Love and Grace

- a. Suscipe
- b. Patient Trust, Pierre Teilhard de Charin, SJ

9. All Comes Down To Love

- a. 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8, 13 *"Love never fails."*
- b. Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila – *"Christ has no body now but yours."*

Our Presenters



Odilon Redon Breton Port



Mary Ann Bigelow

Mary Ann is a wife, mother of three adult children, and a Spiritual Director with the SFX Ignatian Spirituality Retreat Ministry. She has been involved with the Ministry since 1994 and a Spiritual Director since 1998. “My faith journey led me to Ignatian Spirituality and life has not been the same. The Spiritual Exercises took hold of me and have changed everything. I never dreamed that my God could love me so personally and completely, and challenge me so deeply. The Spiritual Exercises continue to pull me closer to Christ and call me to daily conversion.” Mary Ann is active in leading individuals through the SEEL Retreat in Western Montana and Canada, facilitating Days of Prayer, Retreat experiences, and on-going Spiritual Direction. She has researched extensively, written and presented on her deep interest in the interrelatedness of Sacred Story and Grief Work through the Ignatian lens. She is so very excited to be sharing the Novena of Grace with you this year.

Fr. John Guyol, SJ

John Guyol is a Jesuit priest, following the footsteps of Fr. De Smet. Originally from St. Louis, MO, John traveled to Montana as a Jesuit Volunteer, where he met the Jesuits and found his vocation. Upon meeting the Jesuits and learning about Ignatian spirituality, his life was set on a path that led him to join the Jesuits. This path has taken him from China to Cameroon, and many places in-between. It has given him a deeper love of life, especially through an increased concern for how to live out our call to Care for Creation. John considers himself blessed to have a life immersed in Ignatian spirituality and the belief that we have been created and are sustained by the Love of God. He hopes that all who participate in this Novena can come to know more deeply that they are loved by God and called to love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Odilon Redon White Pegasus

First Reading

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer than Life

Psalm 63

Marty Haugen

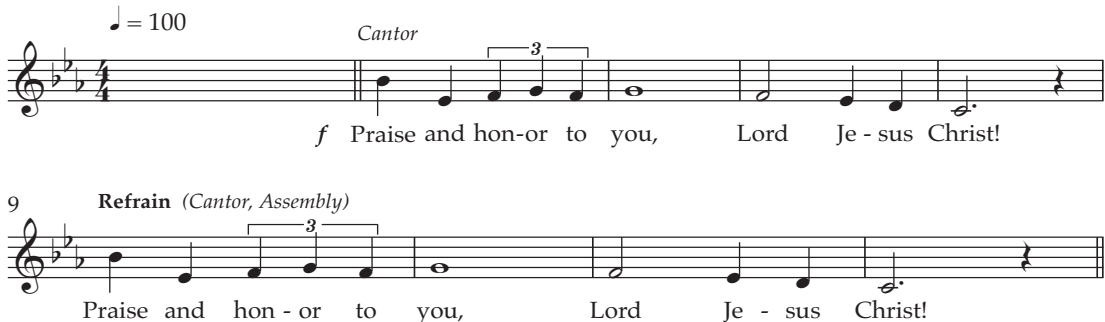


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Gospel Acclamation

arr. by Nita Smith

Gina Lapka



Gospel

- Presider: *The Lord be with you.*
Assembly: *And with your spirit.*
Presider: *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.
Assembly: *Glory to you, O Lord.*
Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
Assembly: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Intentions

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

Novena of Grace Prayer with Saint Francis Xavier

Most amiable and most loving Saint Francis Xavier, in union with thee I reverently adore the Divine Majesty. I rejoice exceedingly on account of the marvelous gifts, which God bestowed upon thee. I thank God for the special graces He gave thee during thy life on earth and for the great glory that came to thee after thy death.

I implore thee to obtain for me, through thy powerful intercession, the greatest of all blessings--that of living and dying in the state of grace.

I also beg of thee to secure for me the special favor I ask in this novena.

(Here you may mention the grace, spiritual or temporal, that you wish to obtain.)

In asking this favor, I am fully resigned to the Divine Will.

I pray and desire only to obtain that which is most conducive to the greater glory of God and the greater good of my soul.

V. Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Liturgy of the Eucharist



Preparation of the Table and the Gifts

Presider: *Pray, brothers and sisters ... to God, the almighty Father.*

Assembly: ***May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy church.***

Eucharistic Prayer All rise as able.

Presider: *The Lord be with you.*

Assembly: ***And with your spirit.***

Presider: *Lift up your hearts*

Assembly: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Presider: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

Assembly: ***It is right and just.***

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The Lord's Prayer

All: ***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

Presider: *Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...
... the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

All: ***For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.***


Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.


Assembly: *And with your spirit.*

Agnus Dei

Cantor (first time only): *All:*

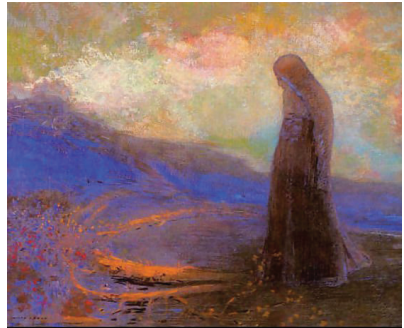


A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Music: Agnus Dei XVIII, Vatican Edition; acc. by Robert J. Batastini



Odilon Redon Reflection

Invitation to Communion

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God,...

...Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: ***Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

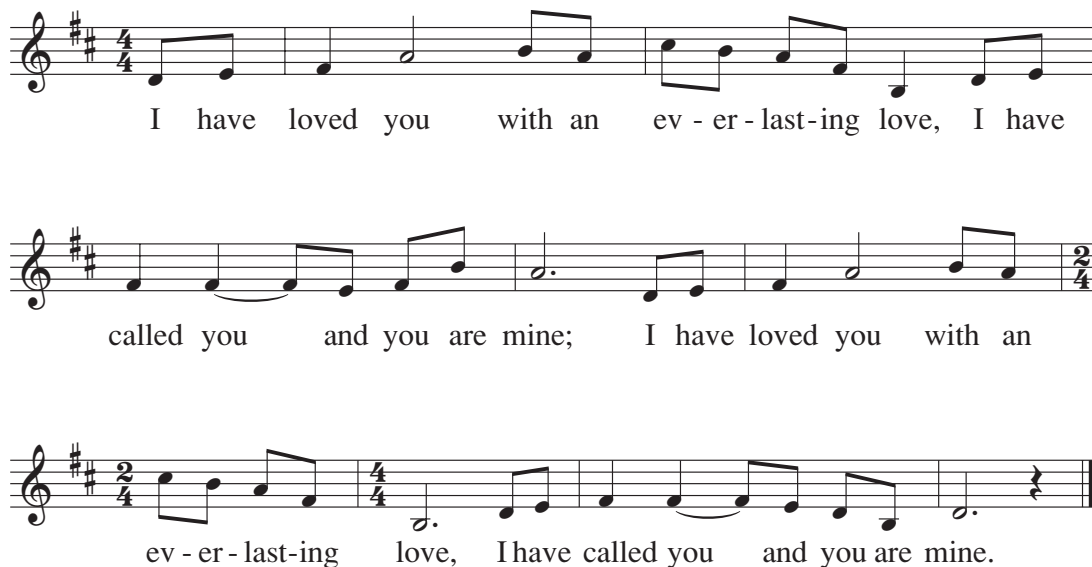
Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward today. If you are in a faith practice in communion with the Catholic Church, come forward in the usual way to receive the Eucharist. If you choose not to receive, you are invited to receive a blessing from the minister of the bread. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing your hand over your heart.

Communion
Song

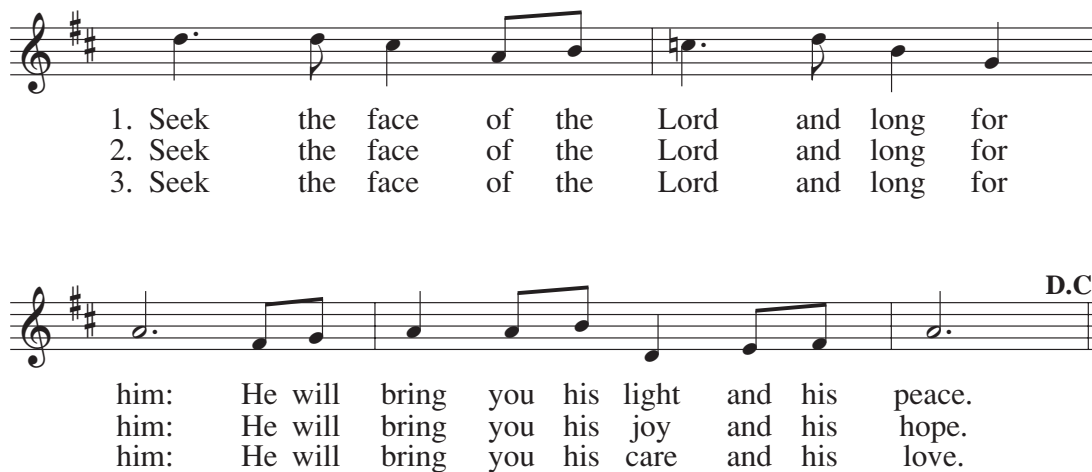
I Have Loved You

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have
called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an
ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses



1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
him: He will bring you his care and his love.

D.C.

Concluding Rites & Final Blessing:

Closing Song

In God Alone



Odilon Redon Flower Clouds

Ostinato Refrain

Music notation for the Ostinato Refrain, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

Music notation for the second part of the Ostinato Refrain, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon se - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

Music notation for the final part of the Ostinato Refrain, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The final measure is marked "Last time" and includes a repeat sign.

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the
El Se - nior és la me - va for - ça, el Se -

Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -
nyor el me - u cant. Ell m ha es- tat la sal- va- ci-
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fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is
ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc

near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por.

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Following the closing song, those who wish may come forward to receive an individual blessing with the relic of St. Francis Xavier. At that time, please mention your prayer intention to those at the altar.



Odilon Redon La Barque

Prayer – Mary Ann Bigelow

Some years back, while I was doing the Spiritual Exercises, I asked God to give me a kind of spiritual recipe on how I was to live; how I was to seek his will in my life. Slowly, patiently, the Lord revealed this message to me:

BELIEVE - TRUST - LOVE

BELIEVE that you were created for a purpose.

BELIEVE that I love you beyond your weaknesses and disbeliefs.

BELIEVE that I will never abandon you or disown you.

BELIEVE that you are “**MY BELOVED.**”

TRUST ME, says the Lord. **PUT YOUR TRUST IN ME.**

TRUST that I am continually creating you, moment by moment.

TRUST that I know the deepest stirrings of your heart, your deepest desires.

TRUST in my love for it is stronger than death.

TRUST that I am always with you.

LOVE because I am Love and you are made to my likeness.

LOVE because I first loved you.

LOVE because I gave you my beloved son, my love made real, that you might have eternal life.

I LOVE YOU – LOVE ME.

BELIEVE-TRUST-LOVE

But our good and gracious God added one more component and in many ways it is the completion of the recipe as well as the ingredient that fuels the whole process:

BELIEVE – TRUST – LOVE – SERVE

AMEN.

– Mary Ann Bigelow



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