

## Memories and Images: On Her Feast Day, a Look at Moments With Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Photos and reflections from the photographer who walked with the saint for 15 years

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Portrait photographer **Michael Collopy** has worked with many famous people, but when he recalls his work photographing Mother Teresa, he says, "I have never met anyone who could compare to the spiritual depth of character and selfless love that Mother displayed over the course of my 15 years of knowing her."

A painting of one of Michael Collopy's photographs in his book *Works of Love Are Works of Peace* has been chosen to be the official sainthood image of Mother Teresa. The image will be revealed at the canonization on Sunday, and then it will be in the homes of the Missionaries of Charity worldwide.

Another one of Collopy's photographs from *Works of Love Are Works of Peace* is being used for both the official Vatican Saint Teresa stamp, as well as for the recent cover of Time magazine.

*Works of Love Are Works of Peace* is now available in paperback. It was more than four years in the making and published with the cooperation of Mother Teresa.

The book has more than 180 fine art quality tri-tone photographs, along with spiritual counsel from Mother Teresa. Also included with Mother Teresa's special permission, is the contents of the Missionaries of Charity daily prayer book as well as a personal letter on the interior life written by Mother Teresa to her entire order. Though meant originally as an instruction to those in her order, this "I Thirst" letter has become a source of spiritual light and encouragement, drawing innumerable hearts and souls closer to God.

**Zenit** asked **Collopy** to share some of his photos with us, as well as his reflections on his time with Mother Teresa.

"Mother had a very different and special light and a magnetic, personable charisma. She was truly a Mother to all of us, filled with unconditional, selfless love."

"She was joyful and wise and also had a very quick wit and sense of humor. She was also quite normal in that she liked chocolate, ice cream and sweets. Having said that, Mother was asked quite a lot about what it was like to be a saint and she always responded by saying that Being a Saint wasn't the luxury of a few but a simple duty for each one of us. That is what we were all created for: to love and to be loved and to share the joy of loving with each person we come into contact with."

"One day I was taken back by witnessing the myriad of emotions of people coming up to Mother. Some would want a blessing or something from her or to pour out their inner most confessions to her. When we got back into the car, I asked Mother: Mother you don't seem to judge anyone? Mother very quickly told me: 'I never judge anyone because it doesn't allow me the time to love them.'

Mother never seemed to get tired or overwhelmed with the amount of poverty in the world. She often said: 'Had I not picked up the first person in Calcutta, I would never had picked up 42,000.' She said: 'I can only love one person at a time and I can only serve one person at a time.' So, that is how she went about doing her work, one by one."

"Some of my most favorite moments with Mother were without the camera. These were times when Mother motioned over to me to kneel right next to her in the chapel at mass and share her prayer book and missal with me. I remember listening intently to her deep speaking voice and her very high sweet singing voice. Also, witnessing her feed our oldest son the bottle when he was a baby. Driving her around in my car to her appointments and asking her deep questions while having her in the front seat next to me. Some of the more personal moments, such as Mother giving me spiritual guidance or teaching me simple prayers to help me better navigate some of the obstacles of life. Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned from Mother was just how much God loves each one of us, intimately and tenderly. Each one carved in the palm of God's hands, each one of us is precious to him."

"There was one night that Mother walked me to the door after an exhausting day, in her novitiate house in San Francisco. The chapel is right to the left of the front door. As we walked towards the door. She paused and genuflected and looked up at the large cross of Jesus crucified above and behind the altar with the large words: 'I Thirst' printed next to it. As she looked up at the cross Mother said to me: 'Look at him, he is so innocent and pure.' At this point I looked at Mother's face. She then said: 'But his head is bent to kiss you, and his arms are outstretched to hold you, and his heart is open to enclose your heart with his.' 'That is the great love that God has for each of us.'"



# St. Gerard Catholic Church



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## The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

### Mission Statement

*Called to be a People for Others*

### Vision Statement

*Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ,  
we strive to be active disciples, serving each  
other and all God's people by welcoming and  
embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.*

### Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator

*So he got up and went to his father.  
"But while he was still a long way off,  
his father saw him and was filled with  
compassion for him; he ran to his son,  
threw his arms around him and kissed  
him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I  
have sinned against heaven and against  
you. I am no longer worthy to be called  
your son.' "But the father said to his  
servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe  
and put it on him. Put a ring on his  
finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the  
fatted calf and kill it. Let's have a  
feast and celebrate. For this son of  
mine was dead and is alive again; he  
was lost and is found.' So they began to  
celebrate.*

**Luke 15:20-24**



### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14(132C)**

#### Responsorial:

**Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,17,19**

#### Second Reading:

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

#### Gospel:

**Luke 15:1-32**

#### Today's Missal

#### Lectionary Readings for the week of September 11, 2016

Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33;  
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,14,27-31a;  
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Numbers 21:4b-9;  
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
John 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;  
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49;  
Luke 8:4-15

**Mass Times:** Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM,

First Friday Benediction after Mass

Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Confessions:** after weekday Masses and by Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

**Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 AM, **CCD:** Sundays 10:00 AM,

**RCIA:** TBD in the fall

**Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals:** By Appointment, Contact the office.

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**Pray for our sick:**

Judy Riley  
Gary Gilbault  
Marge Glauser  
Leonard Saunders  
Shirley Paige  
William and Jackie Cobbs  
Woody Alexander  
Lena Mickens  
Rosa Johnson  
Brenda and Ike  
Ligons  
Joe Fulmer  
Chuck Simkin  
Joe Begic

" May the Holy Spirit make you creative In charity, preserving in your commitments, and brave in your initiatives, so that you will be able to offer your contributions to the building up of the civilization of love."  
- Pope Benedict XVI .



**Mass Intentions**

4:00 PM Mass and 7:00 AM Mass are both said for your own personal intentions,  
11:00 AM Mass is said for Fr. Thaddues Chaplin at Eisenhower Army Hospital: From L. Yanak.

The Gathering Hymn 38 M  
Holy Holy Holy  
The Offertory Hymn is  
We Stand in Pain OR 531 BB  
Prayer of St. Francis  
The Communion Hymn is CHOIR 308 BB  
In This Place  
Our Song of Praise is 662 H  
Let There Be Peace on Earth



**Pastoral Council:**

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**Weekend Offering**

September 3-4, 2016

Collection \$2,565.90  
Needed \$2,612.00  
Short \$46.10  
Attendance 127  
Stewardship a way of life

**Lay Ministers**

Saturday September 17	Sunday September 18	Sunday September 18
4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: David Didimamoff E E Ministers: Mary Rose	7:00 AM Mass Mary Kay L'Esperance Gerard L'Esperance	11:00 AM Mass Lisa Solenberger Mike Solenberger

Saturday September 24	Sunday September 25	Sunday September 25
4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: Diane Begic E E Ministers: Joe Dennis/Pam Ziomek	7:00 AM Mass Denise Gelinis Roger Gelinis	11:00 AM Mass Patricia Hayes Wayman Johnson

Refreshments September 11	Refreshments September 18	Refreshments September 25
Sheila Wagner/Matt Fitzpatrick	Shirley Paige/Anna Marie Key	Richardean Paige/Marilu Alarcon

Alexia Palacios and family will be here on Saturday September 10 for her First Holy Communion at the 4 PM Mass. Congratulations

This week we have Arya Jade Ligons receiving Baptism: Father James Ligons, Mother Tiefertany Ligons God Parents Angel and Donna Ligons and Ronell Kendall



The Legion of Mary schedule is flexible. If you want to know if they are meeting at 1:30 on any Friday call the office on Thursday and we can tell you. Please continue to pray the Rosary.

**Second Collection: Catholic University**



We need the support of all St Gerard parishioners to make this a successful event. VENDORS, volunteers, raffle items/baskets, books and items for a silent auction are still needed.

Showcase and sell your creations. Clean out your house of items no longer wanted and sell them at the fall festival. Spread the word to family and friends. All spots are free to St Gerard parishioners. We ask for at least 10% donation from your sales. You may bring your own tent and set up at one of the outside spots; however, we have one shelter rented for this event with power, water, grill and eleven picnic tables. For business vendors the spots are \$50.00 for a 14 ft. X 14 ft. spot. Bake sale, book sales, raffles and silent auction will be held inside the Weeks Center in room #4.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

**Volunteer Corner:**

Thanks to Dottie Dennis for her involvement in the Fall Festival. And Paula Thurston in The Legion of Mary

**Bible Study returns**  
Friday September 16 at 10:00 AM  
Join us please

We are in process of completing the list of all our parishioners. If you happen not to have our weekly envelopes or didn't fill our registration form that was passed out some weeks ago, chances are that we don't have your contact information. Fr. Emmanuel would like to be able to communicate with every member and share information with every family and individual directly. If you have not provided contact information before, please pick up an index card in the rear of the church and put your contact information on it (name and address). Then put it in the collection basket at offertory or after Mass. Thank you very much.

Fall Festival meeting September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM followed by Parish Council meeting.  
No finance Council meeting this month.

**From Joe Dennis: Ministerial Retreat and Installation**

There will be a retreat for all parishioners who participate in the various ministries of Saint Gerard on Wednesday September 21 at 2 PM and on Friday September 23 at 6 PM. The same program will be provided each session and it is not necessary to attend both, but attendance at one is strongly encouraged. Expect the program to last approximately 90 minutes. The retreat is intended to prepare those of us who serve the parish, or who wish to serve for the upcoming year and will be followed by a prayer of installation at each of the Masses on the weekend of September 24 and 25. We encourage all with a heart to serve to attend.

**Marian Eucharistic Conference**

The 4th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held in Greenville on November 4th and 5th. Please see the bulletin board or [www.meconferencesc.net](http://www.meconferencesc.net) for more information.

**Fall Festival Book Sale Donations**

If you have books that you would like to donate for the Fall Festival book sale, and just seem to keep forgetting to bring them to the church, contact Joe and Dottie Dennis at 843-743-8779 to make arrangements for pick up.

FR. Emmanuel will be on vacation after the Mass on October the 2<sup>nd</sup>. And will return for the mass on October 29. Fr. Ernie Hepner will be saying the weekend Masses during that time. We will have no weekday Masses during Father's absents. We will have a Holy Hour on Thursday 10/6 and 10/21 at 8:15 AM.

If you attend St. Gerard on a regular basis and feel welcome, Why not consider becoming a member. We would love to have you. Feel free to talk to a member or call the office 649-3203.  
Registration forms are in the the church hall lobby.

Parishioners contributions to Fr. Anthony's anniversary gift was over \$460. Thank you

**In Harms' Way:** Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please Volunteer Remember Time, Talent and Treasure