

# Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601.

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**Q. Does God answer every prayer?**

**A. Yes, but! See what's happening in today's Gospel.**

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking: To sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

**Man asks from his limited, self-ish perspective.**

**God answers from his unlimited, self-less perspective.**

**When he taught us to pray, Jesus said we should say Thy will be done, not My will be done.**

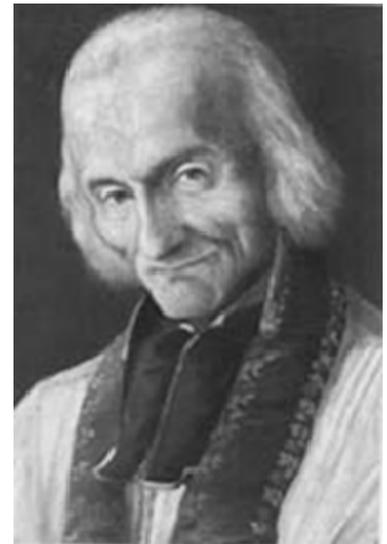




# Catechism on Salvation

By Saint John Vianney

There are many Christians who do not even know why they are in the world. "Oh my God, why hast Thou sent me into the world?" "To save your soul. " "And why dost Thou wish me to be saved?" "Because I love you. " The good God has created us and sent us into the world because He loves us; He wishes to save us because He loves us. . . . To be saved, we must know, love and serve God. Oh, what a beautiful life! How good, how great a thing it is to know, to love and serve God! We have nothing else to do in this world. All that we do besides is lost time. We must act only for God, and put our works into His hands. . . . We should say, on awaking, "I desire to do everything today for Thee, O my God! I will submit to all that Thou shalt send me, as coming from Thee. I offer myself as a sacrifice to Thee But, O God, I can do nothing without Thee. Do Thou help me!"



Oh, how bitterly shall we regret at the hour of death the time we have given to pleasures, to useless conversations, to repose, instead of having employed it in mortification, in prayer, in good works, in thinking of our poor misery, in weeping over our poor sins; then we shall see that we have done nothing for Heaven. Oh, my children, how sad it is! Three-quarters of those who are Christians labor for nothing but to satisfy this body, which will soon be buried and corrupted, while they do not give a thought to their poor soul, which must be happy or miserable for all eternity. They have neither sense nor reason: it makes one tremble.

Look at that man, who is so active and restless, who makes a noise in the world, who wants to govern everybody, who thinks himself of consequence, who seems as if he would like to say to the sun, "Go away, and let me enlighten the world instead of you. " Some day this proud man will be reduced at the utmost to a little handful of dust, which will be swept away from river to river, from Saone to Saone, and at last into the sea.

This is a good rule of conduct, to do nothing but what we can offer to the good God. Now, we cannot offer to Him slanders, calumnies, injustice, anger, blasphemy, impurity; yet that is all that people do in the world. Oh that makes one tremble!

**MONEY MATTERS****28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 11)**

273 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,021.85 of which \$ 293.75 accounted for "loose."

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***Because some missed it last week, we printed it again!***

*The actual and official document*  
**HOLY COMMUNION DIRECTIVES**

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown [operative for the 2009/10 flu season]

At their meeting on September 23, 2009, the Latin Rite Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agreed to issue directives for Holy Communion during the flu season. The directives are particular to each Diocesan Church, and remain in effect until they are withdrawn by the Diocesan Bishop. Pastors and Parochial Administrators are to implement them by the weekend of October 17/18.

The following will be the norms for our Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown: -

1. The Precious Blood will not be distributed under any form. Since we believe that the whole Body of Christ is present under either sign, this temporary directive should not be seen as being contrary to any basic belief of our Catholic Faith.
2. Any sign of peace is to be without bodily contact. Therefore, hand shaking and kissing as signs of peace are to be suspended. Nodding is suggested.
3. The most sanitary way of receiving Holy Communion is in the hand. However, reception on the tongue may not be denied.

Furthermore, Pastors and Administrators are to see to the following:

1. All ministers assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion are to wash or sanitize their hands just prior to doing so.
2. The water in holy water fonts is to be changed on a regular basis.
3. The Faithful should be encouraged to wash their hands before coming to church and be assured that they are excused from the obligation when staying home due to the flu.

While the H1N1 Flu (commonly known as the Swine Flu) is not, at this time, an epidemic in the Commonwealth, the Bishops felt a responsibility to take whatever steps they can that might help prevent such an epidemic. **Personally, I [your bishop] do not believe that anyone would acquire a fatal illness from the Precious Blood, if the vessels were wiped properly.** Nevertheless, it is better to err on the side of precaution.

It needs to be remembered that these norms are temporary. The Diocesan Bishop of each particular Diocesan Church will announce when these directives are withdrawn so that it may return to its regular practice for the distribution and reception of Holy Communion. Pastors and Parochial Administrators have my gratitude for their solicitude in implementing these directives. Bishop Joseph V. Adamec of Altoona-Johnstown, October 4, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 19 - 25, 2009**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Frances Kasun, Becky, Matt, Shawn &amp; Rachael</b>	<i>John de Brébeuf, priest &amp; martyr</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/20</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Helen Dzwonkowski, Betty Dzwonkowski</b>	<i>Paul of the Cross, priest</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Mary Mearkle Delozier, Eileen Edwards</b>	<i>Weekday</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Fred M Weakland, M/M John Frederick</b>	<i>Weekday</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Mary Yeager, Stan Krish &amp; Family</b>	<i>John of Capistrano, priest</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Don Shuma Bday/Anniv, Wife &amp; Children</b>	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec'd Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish</b>	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bill Stitt, Wife &amp; Family</b>	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>