
Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - November 8, 2024

On this day in 1897, perhaps the most influential lay woman in the 20th Century Catholic Church in the U.S.A. was born. According to James Allaire and Rosemary Broughton “Dorothy Day’s life and legacy is a radical movement, faithful to the Gospel and the church, immersed in the social issues of the day, with the aim of transforming both individuals and society. In an age marked by widespread violence, impersonal government, shallow interpersonal commitments, and a quest for self-fulfillment, Dorothy Day’s spirit fosters nonviolence, personal responsibility of all people to the poorest ones among us, and fidelity to community and to God.” On the Catholic Worker website, Allaire and Broughton explain Day’s spirituality with these characteristics:



1. Love of Scripture: Throughout her life, Dorothy received comfort and inspiration from the Bible, especially the Psalms, the Pauline writings, and the Gospels. They were part of her daily meditation
2. Solidarity with the Poor: In her writings, direct practice of the works of mercy, and her own voluntary poverty bound her to poor, homeless, sick, and desperate people.
3. Personalism: Dorothy loved doing works of mercy because they allowed her to take direct and immediate action for her brothers and sisters in Christ and against the ills of society that robbed them of their life, freedom, and dignity.
4. Prophetic Witness: By her public words and work, like Christ, she was critical of the powers & structures of injustice and endured ridicule and opposition for her witness.
5. Peacemaking: A steadfast pacifist, Dorothy opposed all wars and the use of force and violence to solve human problems. She used and promoted the spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, civil disobedience, and works of amendment. s
6. A Sacramental Sense: Dorothy looked to sacramental celebrations, especially the Eucharist, for daily spiritual sustenance, and she saw the world, its people and all of nature, to be full of God’s grandeur and love as well.
7. Gratitude: In good times and in bad, Dorothy had a keen sense of appreciation and learned to trust in the providence of God. Dorothy regularly expressed gratitude not only to God but to those around her and to The Catholic Worker’s readers.

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Hygiene Sunday



On the second Sunday of each month, parishioners are encouraged to donate hygiene products (especially sanitary napkins, shampoo, deodorant, and tooth paste and brushes). Our Tithe Fund uses monetary donations to purchase items for these kits. A hygiene kit is used to hold personal care items that clean, comfort, and groom a person's body. Our hygiene kits are used by women and men in addiction recovery or emergencies.

Attention Please

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING. Mass begins at 1pm. Dinner follows at 2pm. Please sign up to come, possibly bring a covered dish, and help clean up.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The paradox of our time in history is that
we spend more, but have less;
we buy more, but enjoy it less.
We have bigger houses and smaller families;
more conveniences, but less time;
more medicine, but less wellness.
We read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values.
These are the times of tall men, and short character;
steep profits, and shallow relationships.
These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce;
of fancier houses, but more broken homes.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
we've added years to life, not life to years;
we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
— Author Unknown

POEM

God, whose love and joy
are present everywhere,
can't come to visit you
unless you aren't there.
— Angelus Silesius

PRAYER

My Lord and my God, remove far from me
whatever keeps me from You.

My Lord and my God, confer upon me
whatever enables me to reach You.

My Lord and my God, free me from self
and make me wholly Yours.

— Saint Nicholas of Flue (1417-1487)

CARBONATED GRACE

Confucius Say: "Man who drive like hell bound to get there."

Confucius Say: "Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement."

Confucius Say: "Women who put detergent on top shelf, jump for Joy!"

Confucius Say: "Never argue with fool...he may be doing the same thing."

Confucius Say: "Best time to buy new mattress, at first sign of spring."

Confucius Say: "Adults are just wrinkled kids who owe money."

Confucius Say: "An old grave digger is called an Elderberry."

Confucius Say: "People who have gift of gab, not know how to wrap it up."

Confucius Say: "A man who sits on tack gets point and will surely rise."