

August 19, 2020

Good Morning All,

Muggy weather is back but it is cool in the Church. After Mass this morning, we have Adoration Wednesday till 5:00. Pop by the property and spend some time in silence and prayer as suggested by Cardinal Robert Sarah below in our Quote of the Day.

Also read the information on St. John Eudes. He led an impactful life in our church. Here is one of his quotes: "You must never separate what God has so perfectly united. So closely are Jesus and Mary bound up with each other that whoever beholds Jesus sees Mary; whoever loves Jesus, loves Mary; whoever has devotion to Jesus, has devotion to Mary."

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081920.cfm>
2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: St. John Eudes
3. Quote of the Day: "Silence and prayer are not a defection. They are the strongest weapons against evil. Man wants to "do", but above all else he must "be". In silent prayer man is fully human. He resembles David before Goliath. For prayer is the noblest, most sublime, and most vigorous act, which elevated man to the level of God..." Cardinal Robert Sarah

Our enrollment in the school on Day One was 95 students ~ over a 25% increase over last year! Please continue your prayers for our teachers and students. Our teachers are working hard to give the students a great education and provide structure for these students and families.

Thank you again for your support of our parish and school. We have a terrific parish!



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## Saint John Eudes



Stained glass window in Saint-Pierre de Dourdain | photo by GO69

How little we know where God's grace will lead. Born on a farm in northern France, John died at 79 in the next "county" or department. In that time, he was a religious, a parish missionary, founder of two religious communities, and a great promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese. Lest he infect his fellow religious, during the plague he lived in a huge cask in the middle of a field.

At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months.

## Parish Office Communication

In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. He had permission from his general superior, the bishop, and even Cardinal Richelieu to begin this work, but the succeeding general superior disapproved. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community.

That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary—devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries. The new venture, while approved by individual bishops, met with immediate opposition, especially from Jansenists and some of his former associates. John founded several seminaries in Normandy, but was unable to get approval from Rome—partly, it was said, because he did not use the most tactful approach.

In his parish mission work, John was disturbed by the sad condition of prostitutes who sought to escape their miserable life. Temporary shelters were found, but arrangements were not satisfactory. A certain Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several of the women, one day said to him, “Where are you off to now? To some church, I suppose, where you’ll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures.” The words, and the laughter of those present, struck deeply within him. The result was another new religious community, called the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge.

John Eudes is probably best known for the central theme of his writings: Jesus as the source of holiness; Mary as the model of the Christian life. His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart led Pope Pius XI to declare him the father of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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