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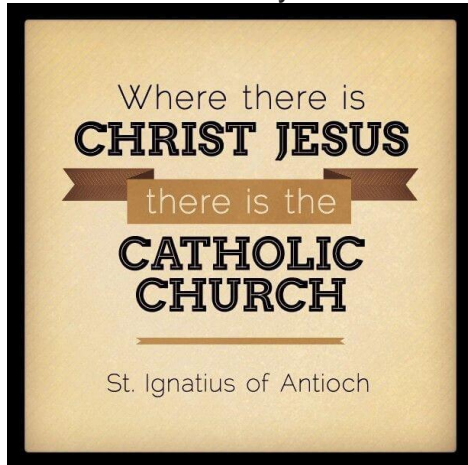
Hello Monday! Let's get it started....

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110920.cfm>


2. **The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Each diocese has a cathedral, the home church of the bishop of that diocese. In Rome, Italy, the bishop is the pope and his cathedral is St. John Lateran. Find out more why the universal Church celebrates this particular one.


3. Quote of the Day:



We may not have a cathedral, but we have a beautiful church with wonderful

people! 

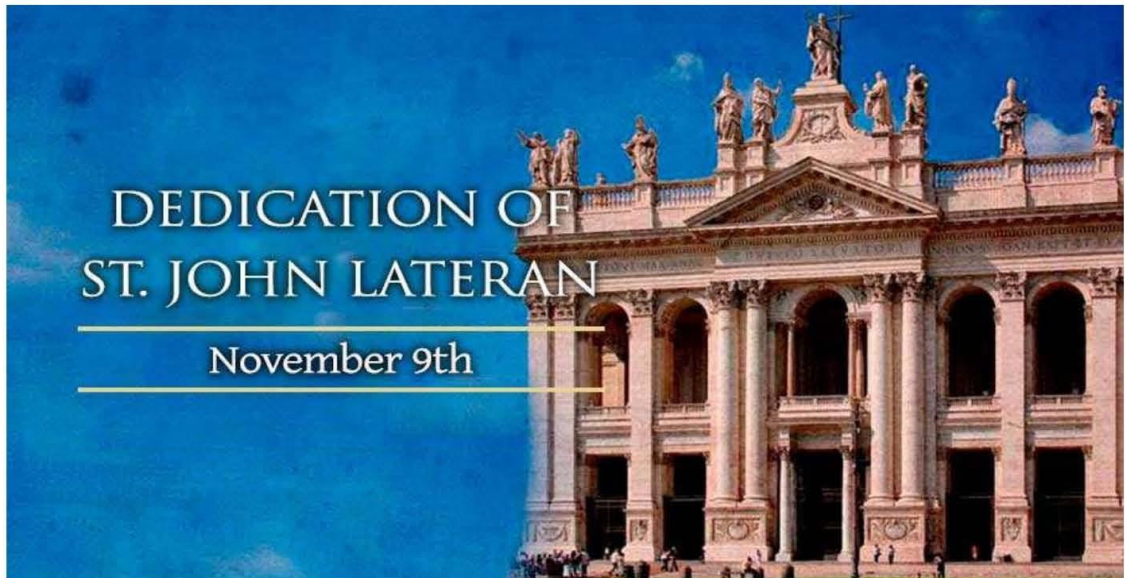
Enjoy your day! Nice weather so go for a walk and thank God for all the gifts he gives

us when we look around! 

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The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The word cathedral comes from the Latin word *cathedra* meaning chair, which is a symbol of his authority as a successor to the apostles.

A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, this means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world."

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated. In the 14th century when the papacy returned to Rome from Avignon, the church and the adjoining palace were found to be in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds Saint Peter himself celebrated Mass.

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The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it.

*Sources: catholicnewsagency.com and franciscanmedia.org*