

Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina

916. This day is so special for me; even though I encountered so many sufferings, my soul is overflowing with great joy. In a private room next to mine, there was a Jewish woman who was seriously ill. I went to see her three days ago and was deeply pained at the thought that she would soon die without having her soul cleansed by the grace of Baptism. I had an understanding with her nurse, a [religious] Sister, that when her last moment would be approaching, she would baptize her. There was this difficulty however, that there were always some Jewish people with her. However, I felt inspired to pray before the image which Jesus had instructed me to have painted. I have a leaflet with the Image of the Divine Mercy on the cover. And I said to the Lord, "Jesus, You Yourself told me that You would grant many graces through this image. I ask You, then, for the grace of Holy Baptism for this Jewish lady. It makes no difference who will baptize her, as long as she is baptized.

After these words, I felt strangely at peace, and I was quite sure that, despite the difficulties, the waters of Holy Baptism would be poured upon her soul. That night, when she was very low, I got out of bed three times to see her, watching for the right moment to give her this grace. The next morning, she seemed to feel a little better. In the afternoon her last moment began to approach. The Sister who was her nurse said that Baptism would be difficult because they were with her. The moment came when the sick woman began to lose consciousness, and as a result, in order to save her, they began to run about; some [went] to fetch the doctor, while others went off in other directions to find help.

And so the patient was left alone, and Sister baptized her, and before they had all rushed back, her soul was beautiful, adorned with God's grace. Her final agony began immediately, but it did not last long. It was as if she fell asleep. All of a sudden, I saw her soul ascending to heaven in wondrous beauty. Oh, how beautiful is a soul with sanctifying grace! Joy flooded my heart that before this image I had received so great a grace for this soul.

The Culture of Death

If we do not respect life at the *beginning* (abortion, infanticide), we will not respect it in the *middle* (school shootings, theater shootings, terrorism, severe bullying), and we will not respect it in the *end* (direct euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide).

Visit the following youtube video to see the commercial that was banned from the Superbowl a few years ago:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2CaBR3z85c>

2017 Pregnancy Resource Connection Banquet

The banquet is Friday, February 17, 2017. It is held at Young Life-Crooked Creek Camp (3000 CR 517-Fraser). Silent Auction/Raffle starts at 5:30, banquet at 6. Admission and childcare is FREE, but pre-registration is required. You can register by going online www.pregnancyresourceconnection.org or calling 970-887-3617. If you have donations for the raffle or silent auction, please contact Valerie Steineck: 303-815-0055, Jan Robar: 970-887-2000, or the PRC office 970-887-3617. Come for a fun evening!

End of Life Decisions

To protect yourself, please visit the following website: <https://www.ewtn.com/morals/end-of-life.htm>. This link will give fundamental Catholic teaching on end of life decisions. At the end of the article, you will find advance directive durable power of attorney and healthcare proxy forms; you just need to click on them and print them.

Calendar of Events

-**Mar 1.** Ash Wednesday; Lent begins.

-**Mar 3.** Stations of the Cross begin on Friday evenings.

Mass Collections, January 21 – 22

St. Anne	\$ 595
St. Bernard	2556
Our Lady of the Snow	1294
St. Peter	388
St. Ignatius	<u>435</u>
Total	\$ 5268

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Blaise Buches & Cesar Cruz & Anthony Huan

Sun—Jeffrey Dodds & Rommy Goyes

Mon—Alberto Marrufo & Jun Pham

Tue—Jahn Sainea & Jack Rueschhoff

Wed—Daniel Viana & Hernaldo Arrieta

Thu—Jason DiRito & Zachary Michalczyk

Fri—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Jan 28, StA, 5 p.m., Joseph and Annette Burbach

-Sat, Jan 28, StB, 7:30 p.m., Len and Cheryl Conley

-Sun, Jan 29, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 29, OLS, 9:30 a.m., +Christopher Clancey

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Jan 30, StA, 8:30 a.m., Marianne Vonnegut

-Tue, Jan 31, OLS, 7:30 a.m., +Steve Wassmer

-Wed, Feb 1, StB, 8:30 a.m., +Regina Sleater

-**Thu, Feb 2, OLS, 5:30 p.m., Honor Ulveling**

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Jan 28, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 29, StP, 10 a.m., +Jeremy Ronk