

### A Note from Mackenzie DePlata.

Some of you supported her on her mission trip to Colombia. Thank you!



Dear Mission Support Team,

I have been praying for you all and cannot wait to share everything I have learned from my mission. Before traveling to Colombia, I had no idea what our group would be going through, however when we arrived we were welcomed with open and loving arms into the heart of Bogota. We stayed in the convent of the Daughters of Charity. All the sisters were so kind and loving throughout the entire stay. We worked with them on the movement they have started for rehabilitation of the homeless men and women on the streets.

This movement was started by Sor Noemi, and we worked with her throughout the entire week. We walked the streets of Bogota, praying with the homeless men and women and bringing them food and drink. We invited them to come, the next day, to the convent so we could bond with them and pray. Many of the men that would come to the program would come every day. The process is slow and simple, but I never expected the heart ache I experienced. The majority of the men, if not all, are addicted to drugs. Hearing their stories was very difficult because each story was different but laced with the same pain of loss and loneliness. These men on the streets were able to numb themselves and hide their pain in the drugs.

All the people we worked with however, were striving for a change, and striving to regain all the love they had lost. Talking to many of the men, they explained that when they come to the sisters, they not only gain a little bit of God, they also gain the sense of community they lost. They were feeling love again. I was in tears more than once because of the love in each person.

If I had to narrow my ideas into the three most important things I learned they would be 1) Love 2) Community and 3) Intimacy.

All three of these things tied together throughout my entire trip. First, is love and I'm going to state the obvious here, but God loves us. Everybody. It is a known fact, but it hit me hard when I was with people who live on the streets who have forgotten what love feels like. Somehow these people have found a strong joy and love in being together, even when they only have the clothes on their backs.

Second, is community. The importance of this word is heavy. No one can be alone in their faith, its not how God intended humanity to behave. We need each other even if we don't think we do.

Which leads me to my last word; intimacy. God brings us together in community and love. As humans we are designed to grow together and to grow with God. The opposite of all these things is loneliness. God wants us to be vulnerable and loving towards one another to combat this loneliness and grow in intimacy with God and with others.

This trip has changed my life and my faith, and I cannot thank you enough for participating directly with me through your donations and prayers. I will continue praying for you all and if you would like to hear more stories or see more pictures don't hesitate to ask! Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Much love,  
Mackenzie DePlata



### Act of Contrition

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments; but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.*

## Examination of Conscience

### How is my daily struggle?

- Jesus Christ is a loving Savior who will forgive your sins and give you grace to be a saint.
- “Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven...”—John 20:23 (Jesus instituted this Sacrament.)
- Jesus is in the confessional with you and the priest. The priest will gladly help you—just ask.
- Confess all your sins—expose all your “wounds” to the Divine Physician to heal you of your sins.
- Eight Steps to a Good Confession: (1) pray to the Holy Spirit for His light and grace; (2) examine your conscience; (3) be sorry for your sins out of love for God; (4) make a firm resolution not to sin again and to avoid occasions that cause you to sin; (5) tell all your sins to a priest during Confession; (6) after leaving the priest, promptly thank God for His love and forgiveness; (7) do the penance the priest assigned to you; (8) pray for the priest to increase in holiness.

#### **1. I am the Lord Your God: you shall not have strange gods before Me.**

Did I fail to love God today? Did I pray to Him? Have I doubted or denied my faith? Was I careless in saying my prayers? Did I read books, listen to radio programs, or watch shows or movies against the Catholic Faith? Have I been involved in any occult activity (Ouija board, psychics, Freemasonry, etc.)? Did I receive Holy Communion while not in the state of grace?

#### **2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Did I curse or swear? Did I use God’s Name in vain: lightly, carelessly, or by blasphemy? Did I use profane language? Have I insulted a sacred person?

#### **3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.**

Have I missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days through my own fault? Was I late for Mass or did I leave early without a good reason? Did I allow my children to miss Mass? Did I go to Confession within a year? Did I let myself get distracted at Mass? Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?

#### **4. Honor your father and your mother.**

Did I honor and obey my parents and/or those with lawful authority over me? Have I talked back? Did I fail to help at home? Have I neglected my children’s religious education? Have I not taken them to Mass and the Sacraments? Have I failed to spend time with my family? Have I separated or divorced civilly without consulting a priest for advice?

#### **5. You shall not kill.**

Was I angry, resentful, or did I keep hatred in my heart? Did I fight or give bad example or scandal?

Did I fail to correct in charity? Have I permitted or encouraged an abortion or mutilation (vasectomy, sterilization, etc.) to avoid children?

#### **6. You shall not commit adultery.**

Did I consent to impure glances? Passionate kisses? Sinful touches? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I look at impure images (movies, shows, or magazines, books, Internet)? Am I guilty of masturbation (impurity with self), fornication (pre-marital sex), adultery (sex with a married person), or birth control (by pills, devices [IUD], withdrawal)? Have I used pregnancy methods (IVF, etc.) not approved by the Church? Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness, and occasions of impurity?

#### **7. You shall not steal.**

Did I steal? What or how much? Did I return it or make equal restitution? Did I waste time at work, in school, or at home? Have I cheated in anything? Am I stingy? Do I gamble excessively? Neglect to pay debts promptly? Do I live poverty of spirit and detachment? Have I supported my Church regularly?

#### **8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

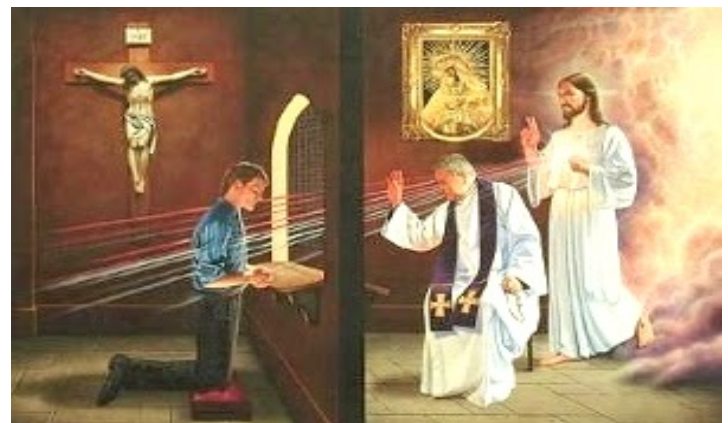
Have I lied or gossiped? Talked about another behind his/her back? Do I always tell the truth? Am I sincere? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my talk?

#### **9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.**

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by stares, bad reading or video or radio, curiosity, or impure conversations? Do I neglect to control my imagination? Do I pray at once to banish such bad thoughts and temptations?

#### **10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.**

Is my heart greedy? Am I jealous of what another has? Am I envious of him because I don’t have what he has? Am I moody or gloomy? Do I work, study, and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures of Heaven?



### **Divine Mercy Celebrations On Sunday, April 8**

There will be a Holy Hour with Confession available.  
-**St. Peter. 8:45 a.m.**, before the 10 a.m. Mass.  
-**Our Lady of the Snow. 3 p.m.** Both priests are available to hear confessions.

### **Celebrate God’s Mercy on April 8 at Our Lady**

Adoration and Confession. Those who participated in the “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” retreat will say a short prayer of commitment. There will be a potluck in the basement for everyone. Please bring something to share, and invite your friends and anyone you know who wants to receive God’s great mercy this day.

### **Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary of Saint Faustina***

**699.** [Jesus set up a Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter.] “I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners” ... “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.”



**1602.** “Daughter, when you go to Confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to Confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.”

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Then click on: “Register Now”  
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### **Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 17 – 22**

**Our Lady of the Snow.** \$20 donation to offset the cost.  
Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks for your children.)

### **Please Begin Praying**

We will have several children and a few adults making their First Holy Communion and/or receiving Confirmation in early May. Pray that they will experience God’s presence in a deeper way. Always pray that everyone become a saint.

### **Calendar of Events**

- Apr 8 (Sun).** Divine Mercy celebrations at StP & OLS.
- May 2 (Wed).** Confirmation Mass at OLS, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 (Sun).** First Communion at Our Lady, 9:30 a.m.
- May 13 (Sun).** First Communion at St. Peter, 10 a.m.  
Consecration of our five churches to Jesus through Mary.
- Jun 17-22 (Sun-Fri).** *Totus Tuus* Vacation Bible School
- Jun 23 (Sat).** Mass resumes at StB; 5:30 p.m.
- Jul 19-20 (Thu-Fri).** Sports-Bible Camp in Fraser

### **Mass Collections, March 31 – April 1**

St. Anne	\$ 1369
St. Bernard	3406
Our Lady of the Snow	2431
St. Peter	394
St. Ignatius	675
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8275</b>

### **Vocations Prayer Calendar**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

- Sat**—Jacob Machado & Ryan Mack
- Sun**—Thomas Gonzaga & Davide Milani
- Mon**—Zachary Michalczyk & Anthony Phan
- Tue**—Michael Tran & Vincent Mukalazi
- Wed**—Paolo Mori & Daniel Pereira
- Thu**—Michael Pitio & Jhan Pierre Sainea
- Fri**—Men and women applying for formation

### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS**

**KEY:** StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;  
OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

### **Easter Weekend Masses**

- Sat, Apr 7, StA, 5 p.m., +Anne Marie Adams
- Sun, Apr 8, StB, 7 a.m., Timothy and Jodee Seitz
- Sun, Apr 8, OLS, 9:30 a.m., +Paul Robertson

### **Weekday Masses**

- Mon, Apr 9, StA, 8:30 a.m., +Anne Marie Adams
- Tue, Apr 10, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Larry Whitty
- Wed, Apr 11, StB, 8:30 a.m., Tim and Pat Pulliam
- Thu, Apr 12, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** Zachary Hayes
- Fri, Apr 13, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** Parishioners and visitors

### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI**

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

- Sat, Apr 8, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors
- Sun, Apr 8, StI, 4 p.m., Mark and Debbie Goulette