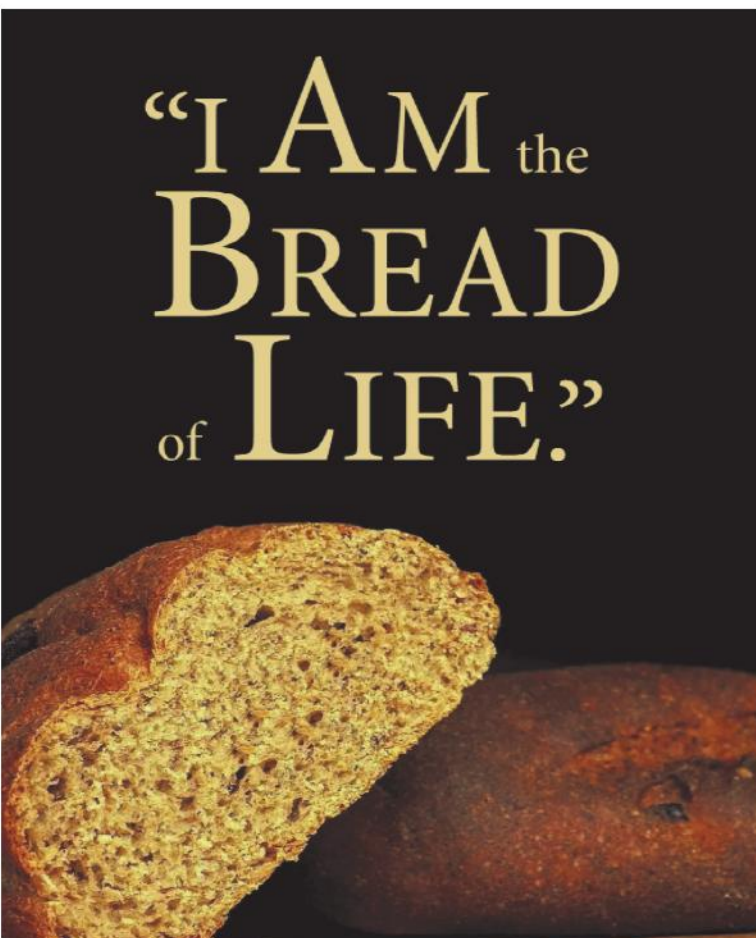




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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 | Matthew 17:22-27

No Mass

Tuesday • August 10

Saint Lawrence

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 | John 12:24-26

7:00 p.m.

†**Donna Kus**

By: Lee & Dori Smith and Family

Wednesday • August 11

Saint Clare of Assisi

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | Matthew 18:15-20

12:05 p.m.

†**Dale Feldpausch**

By: Eileen Schneider

Thursday • August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 | Matthew 18:21-19:1

8:30 a.m.

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By: Ed & Cease Canfield

Friday • August 13

Saint Pontian and Hippolytus

Joshua 24:1-13 | Matthew 19:3-12

8:30 a.m.

†**Janis & Julie Karber**

By: Karber Family

Saturday • August 14

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Joshua 24:14-29 | Matthew 19:13-15

5:00 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday • August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 |

Luke 1:39-56

8:00 a.m.

†**Alan Simon**

By: Roy & JoAnn Simon

10:00 a.m.

†**Vernetta Price**

By: The Price Family

12:00 p.m.

†**Susan Scarchilli**

By: Tim & Theresa Owen

6:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass



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Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and was just 15 years old when he died from leukemia. Hew was handsome and popular, a "natural jokester" who loved to make people laugh. He played soccer and video games and "couldn't say 'no' to Nutella or ice cream."

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Information taken from *Vatican News*, "Carlo Acutis: Millennial Generation Has a Blessed," by Angela Mngis Palleck

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Myah

Sally Lorenc,
Brad Walker
Matthew Joseph Caudy
Bob Jason Thelen
Jacob Epling
Rhonda Chamberlain
Adam

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Eric Martin
Jessica Mitchell
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**WE ARE ALL
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(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

L'ete Reflexions - Part Deux

At the end of last week's episode (I mean column), I indicated that I had more reflections to share than space to present them. So, back by popular demand (literary license here), is Summer Reflections, Part Two.

- Recently I took the Eucharist to a man who was nearing the end of his life and he hadn't eaten in a couple of days. I asked family members if he would be able to swallow because we never want to have the host only partially dissolved. His daughter gave him a sip of water after he received the host, but we were unsure if he swallowed it. So he was given a second sip and took a big swallow. About two seconds later, this previously non-communicative man smiled. To paraphrase a well-known axiom "A smile is worth a thousand words."

My reflection question is: "Why did he smile and what did it

mean?" As he swallowed the Eucharist with his eyes closed, perhaps he had a glimpse of heaven. Maybe he saw a couple angels or perhaps even a vision of Jesus. I'll never know what he saw, but I knew I witnessed the power of the Eucharist. I remembered his words shortly after we were introduced a few weeks earlier: "Deacon, I'm looking for peace." I promised to pray for that end for him. His smile told me: "Deacon your job here is done." He went home to the Lord the next day.

I offer this reflection as an example of what Holy Communion means to devoted Catholics who can no longer attend Mass. It doesn't have to be a deacon or priest who brings the Eucharist. Anyone with a little training in Eucharistic ministry can bring this joy to one they love. If you have someone in your life who desires the Eucharist, but can't come to Mass we can help. Call us.

- A second reflection actually comes from Blessed Solanus Casey (via Bishop Boyea) and relates to dealing with anxiety: *"Worry is a weakness from which*

very few of us are entirely free. We must be on guard against this most insidious enemy of our peace of soul. Instead let us foster confidence in God, and thank Him ahead of time for whatever he chooses to send us."

It's easy for those without anxiety to tell others "Don't worry, be happy." Unfortunately, it's not something that an anxious person can easily do. It's not like turning a light switch on and off. I do know this from personal experience, the more I trust in the Lord the less I worry and can handle problems as they surface. So I guess this is more a suggestion, than a reflection, but I urge those who know someone who is often anxious, don't just pray for them, pray with them for strength from the Lord. Being prepared with confidence in God goes a long way.

(For those wondering why I used French in the title: it means nothing. I was just feeling a bit whimsical.)

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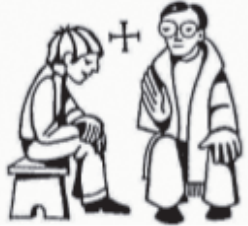
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Thank you! ~ Fr. Mike

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