



December 18, 2025



# Announcements

- 1) All Certificates, Sponsor Forms & Saint Forms DUE January 8, 2026
  - 2) Potential Sponsors Discussion Group
  - 3) Faith Formation Story Due January 23, 2026
  - 4) Men's Retreat: January 30 - Feb 1, 2026
  - 5) Next Class 1/8/2026 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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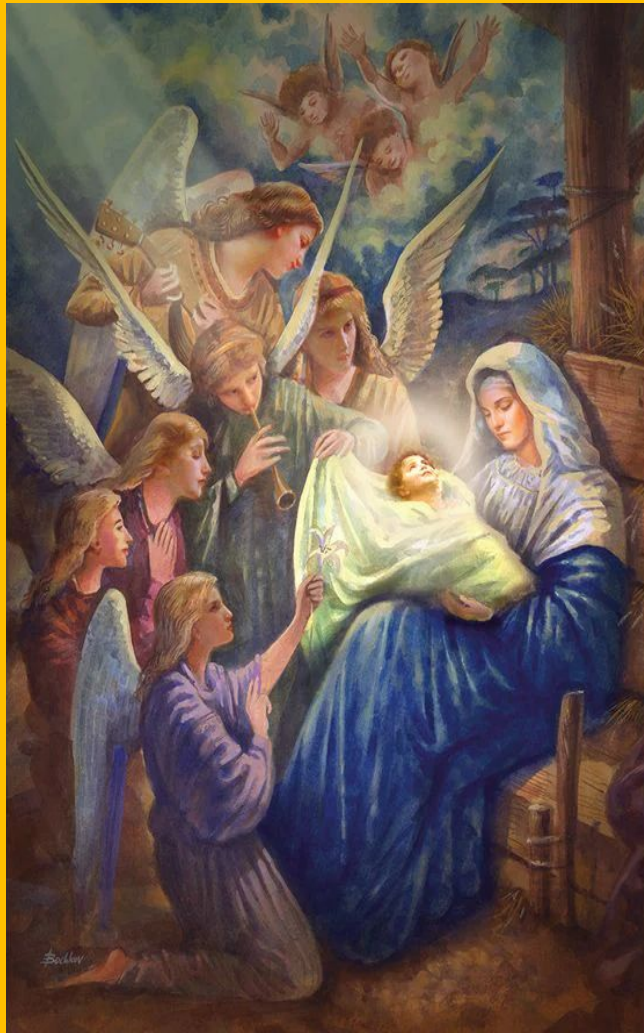
# **Blessing of the Wine**

**Feast of St. John, Apostle and  
Evangelist**

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9 pm**

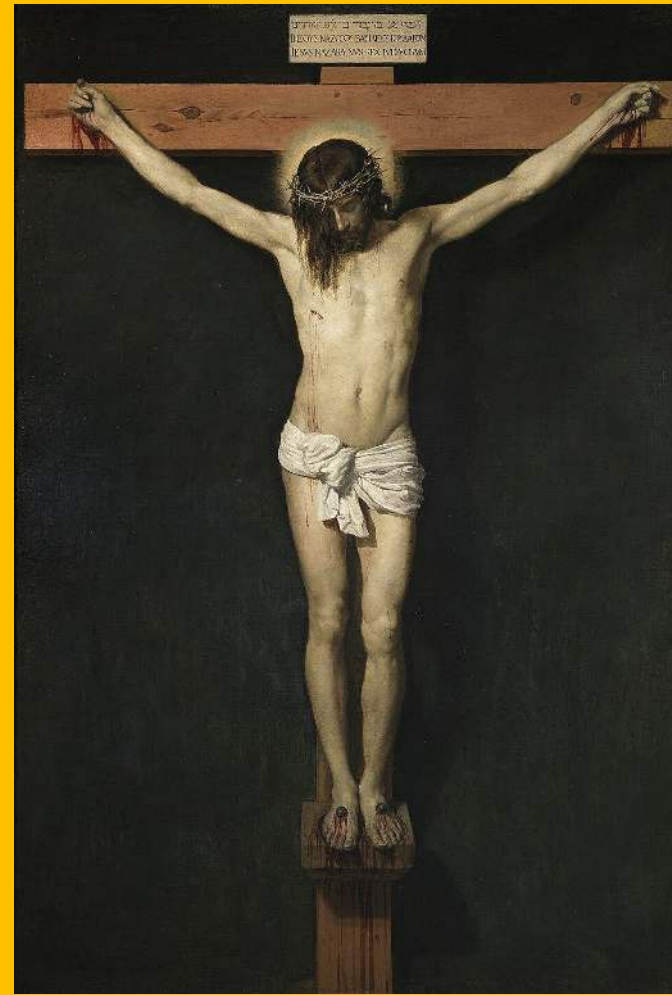
**Blessing of Wine at 7 pm**

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# The Paschal Mystery

Remember the Crib led  
one way: to the Cross

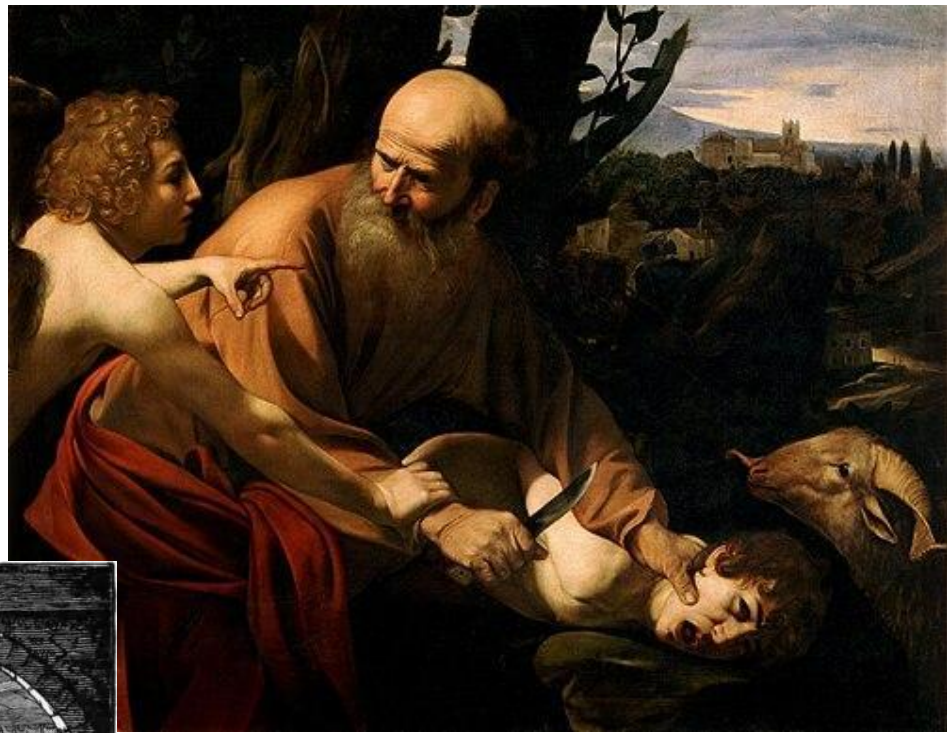




***LOVE — CCC p.870***

***Paschal — CCC p.891***

***Mystery — BIBLE p.1767***



# ***Paschal Mystery CCCp.891***

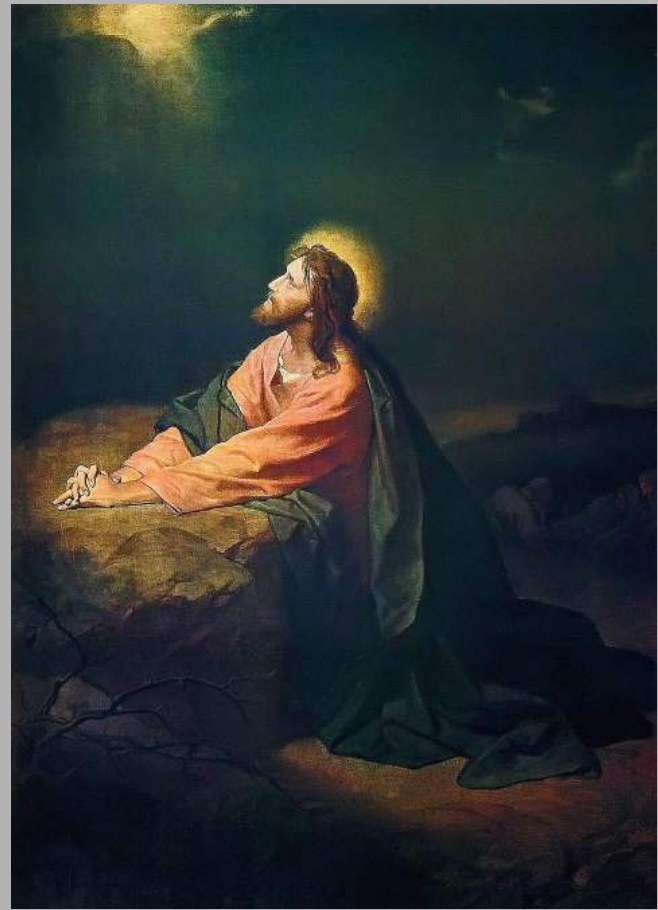
***“The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News” (CCC 571)***



***“John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed him out as the ‘Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world’. ... [Jesus is] also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover.” (CCC 608)***

# ***The Plan***

***“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:26)***



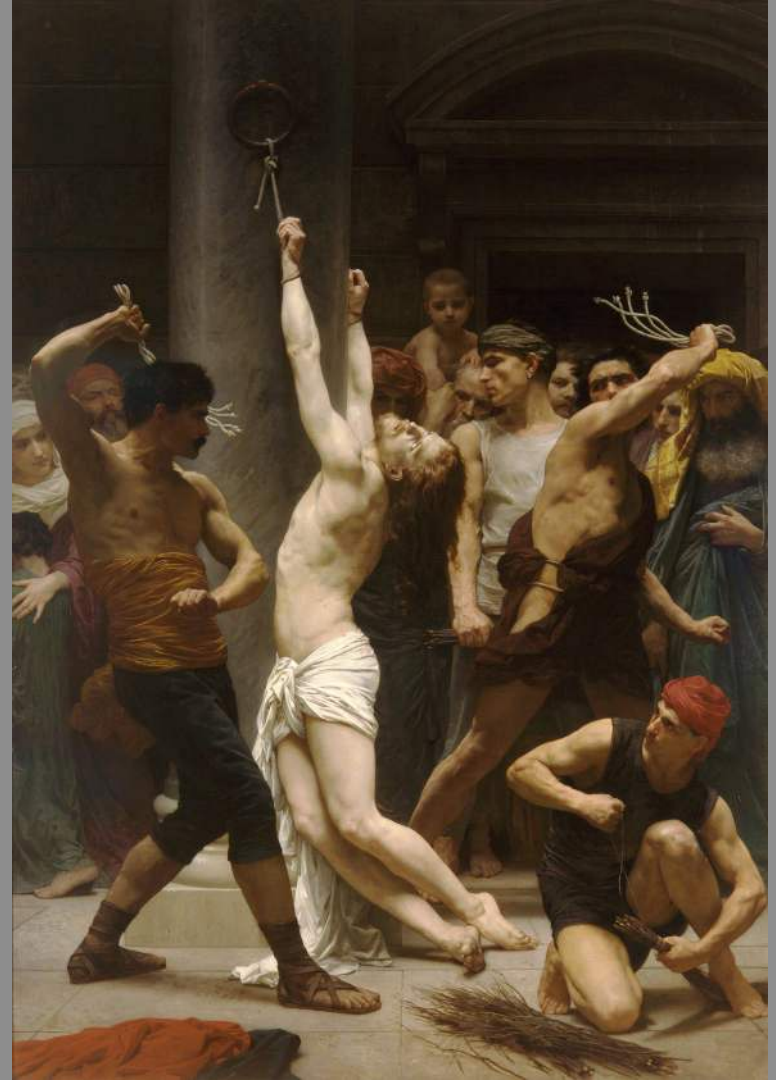
***“This Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God.” (Acts 2:23, quoted in CCC 599)***



# ***The Passion -- BIBLE, p.1769; CCC p.891***

- ***Christ's suffering was real, painful, redemptive (CCC p.896)***
- ***"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." (John 10:18)***

***"Nor did demons crucify him; it is you who have crucified him and crucify him still, when you delight in your vices and sins."***





# ***Foretold***

***Prophesied (CCC 601)***

***His Mission (CCC 606-607)***

***FOR ALL OF US***

***“The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: ‘There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer.’”***

CCC 605 quoting from the Council of Quiercy (853): DS 624; cf. 2 Cor 5:15; 1 Jn 2:2.



# *Death*

*God died and experienced real death (CCC 624-630)*

# *He descended into Hell*

*Today a great silence reigns on earth, a great silence and a great stillness. A great silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. . . "I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. . . I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead."*

# ***Resurrection – Bible, p.1773; CCC 638***

***“The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, ... the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross” (CCC 638)***



***“But no one was an eyewitness to Christ's Resurrection and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically. Still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses.” (CCC 647)***



# The Resurrection is ...

- “... an object of faith” (CCC 648)
- “... confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings.” (CCC 651)
- “... fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself” (CCC 652)
- “... truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed” (CCC 653)
- “... principle and source of **our** future resurrection” (CCC 655)



***Ascension – Bible,  
p.1742; CCC 665-667***



# ***Why Do You Care?***

***Not a history lesson***

**This is about YOU -- your  
life, your suffering, your  
death, your resurrection,  
your redemption**

**You are in God's perfect  
plan and are called to  
respond to Divine Love**

***LOVE, IN FACT, IS THE VOCATION WHICH INCLUDES  
ALL OTHERS; IT'S A UNIVERSE OF ITS OWN,  
COMPRISING ALL TIME AND SPACE - IT'S ETERNAL!***

Source: CCC 826, referenced as St. Thérèse Of Lisieux, "Autobiography of a Saint," tr. Ronald Knox (London: Harvill, 1958) 235.

# ***Why Cover this NOW?***

- Advent
- Christmas





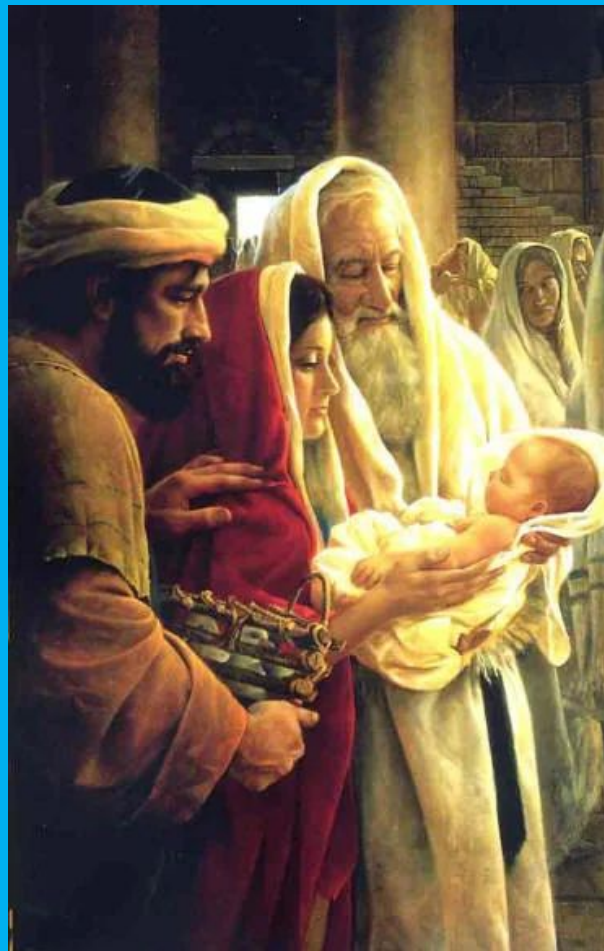
# ***What Do You Do Now?***

## ***Further reading***

- ***CCC 988-1019 – this is for each of us: we suffer, we will die, what then?***
- ***Matthew's Gospel and prophecies JESUS fulfills***

## ***Advent journey***

- ***Remember the Crib led one way: to the Cross***
- ***Pray***
  - ***Presentation and Simeon's joyful response (Luke 2:22-40)***
  - ***Be like Mary and ponder all these things in your heart (Luke 1:29)***



# Questions

1. Was there anything in the lecture you didn't understand, or would want to have covered in more detail?
2. What did you learn about the love of Jesus Christ for YOU, personally?
3. Does it make sense to see the Paschal Mystery in Advent and even in Christmastime?
4. What would you like to offer Jesus this Christmas?





# Servant of God Julia Greeley

b. 1833-1848

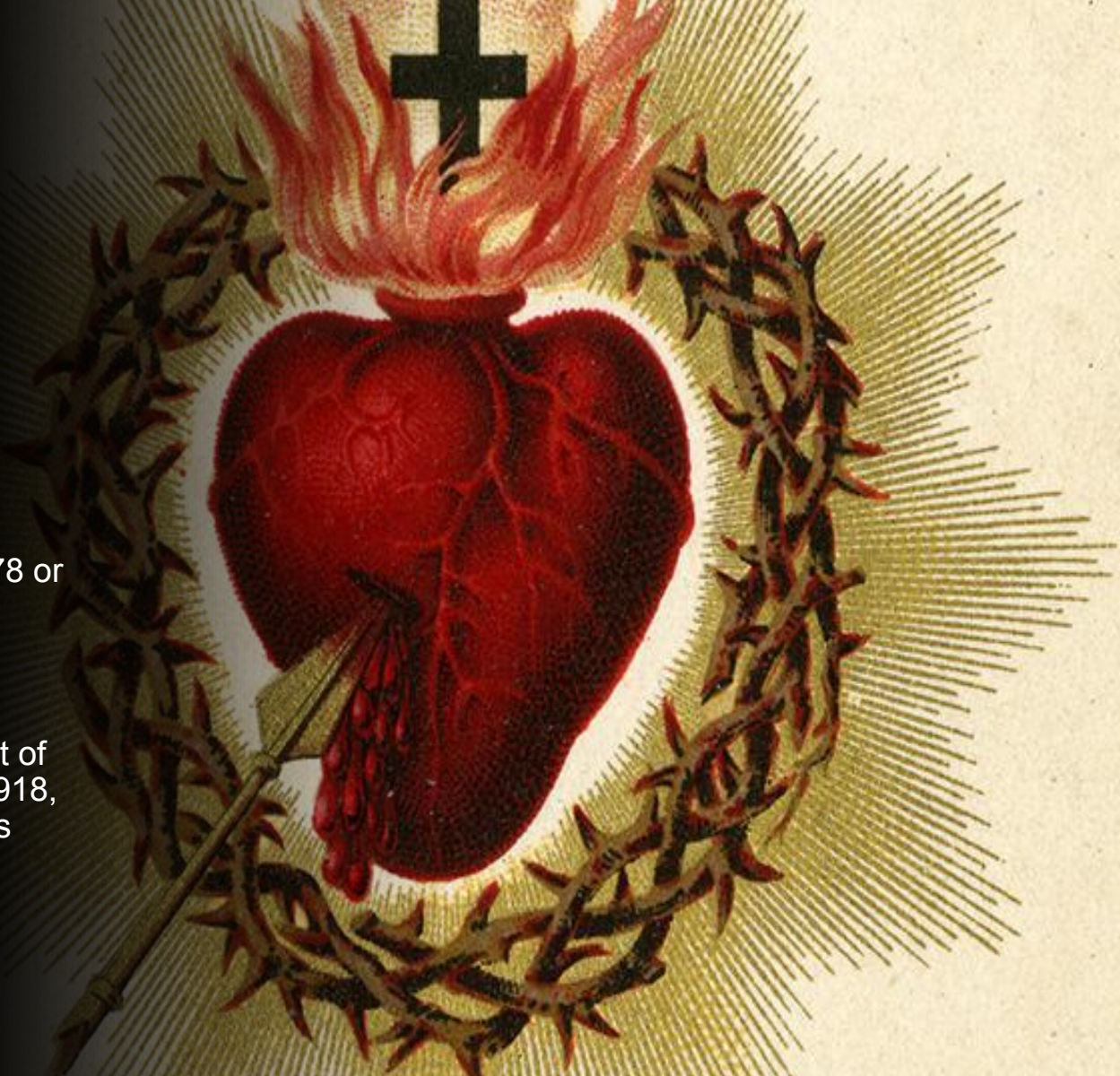
d. June 7, 1918

Feast of the Sacred Heart



# Apostle of the Sacred Heart

- Denver's Angel of Charity
- Former slave
- Illiterate
- Came to Denver around 1878 or 1880
- Baptized at Sacred Heart Church June 26, 1880
- Died at midnight on the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 7, 1918, a First Friday, in St. Joseph's hospital







## Julia and the Urquharts

- Only photo we have of Julia
- Child is Marjorie Ann Urquhart, the “little white angel”
- Photo taken by Julia’s friend, Fr. William Ryan, founding pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church
- Marjorie and her mother, Agnes, bought the original headstone for Julia’s grave, “Beloved Julia” in 1956

2017: Exhumation of the  
mortal remains of Julia  
Greeley at Mt. Olivet  
Cemetery







June 7, 2017

- 99th anniversary of her death
- She was 5 ft 1 inch tall
- She had severe arthritis on her spine, legs and hands



# 100 years since her death in 2018

- Placed in a marble crypt in the Cathedral
- The faithful may venerate her there





# Servant of God Julia Greeley

## Apostle of the Sacred Heart

- Awaiting word from the Vatican that she has been named “Venerable”
- Needs a verified miracle to be named “Blessed”
- A second miracle to be “Saint”

# Closing Prayer

