



St Anthony's Parish

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR C

9th October 2022

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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Tuesday 6.00pm. Please email judyparishnews@gmail.com or call 0414 007 009

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 10/10/2022– 16/10/2022

MASS TIMES:

Monday 10/10	6.30pm
Tuesday 11/10	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday 12/10	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 13/10	9.30am
Friday 14/10	7.30am & 9.30am

Rosary 9.00am before 9.30am weekday Mass.



Sunday Masses

Saturday 15/10	StA & StL Grade 2 Family Mass	5.00pm
Sunday 16/10		8.30am & 10.30am

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.
No Confession on Monday.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 10/10/2022-16/10/2022

MASS TIMES:

Monday 10/10	No Mass
Tuesday 11/10	7.30am
Holy Hour	7.30pm
Wednesday 12/10	9.30am
Thursday 13/10	7.30am
Friday 14/10	9.30am
Providence Mass	11.00am
Saturday 15/10	9.00am

Sunday Mass

Saturday 15/10	5.00pm
Sunday 16/10	8.30am & 10.30am

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

VIGIL MASS	15/10	6.30pm
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If you need a Priest in the case of a genuine emergency please call 0403 435 471

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.

REFLECTION 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-Sr Mary Fermio

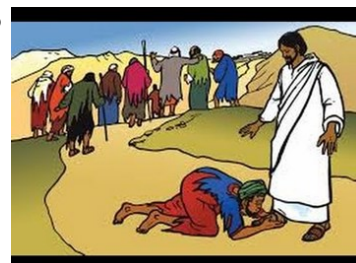
Since I have been using a walker to get around, I have many more occasions to use the phrase THANK YOU! to helpful people who open doors, put said walker in boot, put the rubbish bins out, pay a visit, etc.

Of the ten lepers Jesus healed, nine seemed to forget or ignore him. Did Jesus feel hurt at the lack of gratitude? His response to the sole foreigner who came to thank him: *Were not ten made clean! Where are the other nine?* shows he knew exactly how many were in the group. They did what their religious laws demanded and so could return to their community. But their healing, they took for granted and failed to acknowledge God's goodness.

How would you react? We can take so much for granted – waking up each morning, food on the table, the electricity works, etc. etc. Do we say : **Good God - morning! Or Good morning, God.** Where do you fit in this story?

Do you do all the right things but forget to thank God, the Giver, for all the goodness you receive?

Take some time to list your blessings and Thank God, remembering to use the two words Thank You frequently.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Looking for love? Needing hope? Seeking God's love? Find peace, hope and love through the Catholic Faith. Call our Catechist Naim Chdid to learn more 0437 004 790. Classes begin at 7.00pm at St Anthony's Church of Padua, 67-75 Exford Road, Melton South (Age 16+) **Topic is: 'Incarnation'** "And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.."

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM PROGRAM (Children 6-12 years old) – St Anthony's Padua Hall

The Children's Catechism program will be held on four Sundays in October (9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th) 11.30am-12.30pm.

Pre-Register: Contact AHFI Missionaries 0404 380 305.

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU *A parent training resource on forming children in a Catholic vision of sexuality.*

Dr Gerard O'Shea is professor of Religious Education at the University of Notre Dame and author of 'As I Have Loved You'.

He will present a session for parents of the parish on how to form their own children in a Catholic vision of human sexuality according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Venue: Padua Hall, St Anthony's Parish, Melton South Presenter: Professor Gerard O'Shea Date: 20 October, 2022 Time: 7:00 PM Duration: 1-hour presentation, followed by time for questions.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community September 28-Nov 6. Go to [40 Days for Life](#) for more information.

ST ANTHONY'S

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE-ROSTER

The roster for hosting our Lady of Fatima statue will be compiled in the 1st week of December. Any **NEW** family who wishes to go on the roster, must put their details on the clipboard in the Church foyer. Thank you.

THE SEARCH The Search, is a 7 week program, it is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes hosted by Chris Stefanick and featuring other experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion...they examine our place in the larger story of existence. Are you ready for The Search? The program will be held at St Anthony's Church **from 12th October 10am-11.30am and 6pm-7.30pm**. Please add your name and phone number to the clipboard in the Church foyer or **TEXT** your details 0414 007 009.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CORPORATE DINNER

Venue: Tabcorp Park, 2 Ferris Rd, Melton 3337

Date: 22nd October 2022 **Time:** 6pm till late

Dress Code: Black Tie

Adult: \$100 per head **Child:** \$50.00 (12 years and under)

Contacts: Julie S 0402182 458 & Ana T 0406 503 363

LIVE BAND-FUN FOR ALL-GROUP ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND WILL

GO TOWARDS FUNDING THE EXTENSION OF PADUA HALL

ST BERNARD'S

MORNING TEA

Please join us for the monthly morning tea this Sunday after both the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses.



RELIGIOUS ITEMS-STALL

This weekend 8th & 9th October we will have a stall selling religious items, after all Masses.

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence and Friends Mass on Friday 14th October at 11am. Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch. If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short 0419 507 438

SOUL FOOD CHRISTMAS GIFT

Soul Food Program Inc. has seen a big increase in our numbers of Guests over the last few years.



Our Christmas function for this year will be on Wednesday 14th December 2022. Soul Food are once again looking for people to be a Sponsor for our children this Christmas. You will be asked to buy some presents for the child (first name and age given), put into a gift bag, and delivered to Soul Food for distribution. The present will be handed to your child at our Christmas function. For many of our children, this is the only gift they will receive for Christmas. We would like to collect the presents by the end of November, so we can be organized early. If this is something you would like to do, please call Jenny on 0408104155, and you will be allocated a child.

CONGRATULATIONS ZAC & AMANDA MIESEN!

Zac Miesen and Amanda Fontaine were married during Nuptial Mass at St Bernard's on Friday, 30th September. The young couple were supported by many family and friends, including Zac's father Paul and Amanda's parents Mark and Marianne. During the Mass, a candle was placed by the lectern in memory of Zac's late mother, Marita. Members of Amanda's family from Denmark sang a moving hymn about marriage at the Signing of the Register entitled "It's Delightful to Share a Road". Following their honeymoon, Zac and Amanda will live here in Bacchus Marsh. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Miesen!



Bingo is held every Tuesday night at 7pm in the Padua Hall, St Anthony's Parish. Canteen services available and complimentary tea and coffee provided. Come along and enjoy a great night., and with a bit of luck you could be one of our lucky winners!

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED.

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 15th & 16th October

Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator

15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm Vigil: Stephen Fernandes

8.30am: Sefulu Seufatu

10.30am: Nikshita D'Souza

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Aloysious Dacunha

8.30am: Philip Anyayahan

10.30am: George Bonello

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Olen & Coleen

8.30am: Ron & Natalie

10.30am: Leonia & Godwin

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Sheila Jongebloed & Nazzarenu Mercieca

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Donald Abela, Anthony D'Cruz, Francis D'Cruz, Jorris D'Cruz, Philip D'Cruz, Wilfredo de Guzman, Rick Galanti, Bridget Gomez, Josep Gomez, Rose Gomez, Michael Portelli & Darcy Silva.

Please pray for the Sick:

Hazel Michael, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Samantha Smith, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Christina Tuigamala, Uatoa Tuigamala, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers. **PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD : THIS WEEKEND

5.00pm: Vikki Benson

8.30am: Maggie Kratochvil

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 15h & 16th October

5.00pm: Evana Miesen

8.30am: Margaret Love

10.30am: Dominic Van Der Linden

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

October: Greta & Grace Kratochvil

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Caleb Davis.

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Kevin Bridges, Sr Mary McArdle rsj, Dominic Morabita, Fr John Nagle, Tim Shea, John Trask & Betty Williams.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, George Farrell, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Cathy-Sue Nuelist, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Colin Taffe, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young and all those who have requested our prayers. **PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.**

SERVICE / COMMUNITY

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 15th & 16th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Julie Sequiera
8.30am: Mercy Seufatu
10.30am: Gilles Maitre

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS –22nd & 23rd October

5.00pm Vigil: Joe Perera & Gavin & Allison Pereira
8.30am: Geoff & Debra Sutton
10.30am: Dwi Rochfort

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Regina & Richella Tuala



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330
The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting Room 10.30am.
New members most welcome, training provided.
Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' in the Church foyer.
We cannot accept re-packaged food.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

We're here to support City of Melton residents get ahead through access to our foodbank and other community programs. It's never just about the food or the budget help, it's about recognising the beauty that is in the person and bringing it out so they can be their best.
Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our Churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow with Jesus Christ offering to you their gifts and talents.



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 15th & 16th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 5.00pm Margot Short
Sunday: 8.30am Carmel Shea
10.30am Natalia Klenkowski

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Beatrice Younger



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

October: Stephen Millington

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.
The Vinnies Store is now located at Shop 19, The Village, 164-190 Main Street Bacchus Marsh
The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the **Moorabool Shire**, west of Melbourne Australia, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family and who are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a **No Interest Loans Scheme** for assistance of up to \$1500 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at [77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh](#)

Phone: 03 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm
Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners

Keeping in line with the Archbishop's vision for Mission, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's have put together a new Baptism Preparation Program, for any parents who wish to have their child Baptised. Preparations for Baptisms will take place on Saturdays alternating between both Parishes. A welcome Mass must be attended prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will be held on Saturday mornings at 11.00am. Parents must attend two sessions. Sessions will run from 12.00pm-4.00pm. Godparents must attend the 2nd session. Bookings must be made to attend these sessions.

Please visit our website for a detailed description of the new program.

[Baptism of Infants | St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish](#) [Baptism of Infants | St Bernard's Catholic Parish](#)
(stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au) If you have any questions please call the Parish Office.



ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Samuel or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: Joseph & Caroline Da Rocha 0421 854 711

Group 2: George & Doris Bonello 0431 459 668

Group 3: Amy & Ronald Honrade 0457 042 695

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the Month-3.00pm



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl
through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



Lord, we ask you to continue
to be with us as we
' TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL '
together in prayer.
May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
Moving within and amongst us,
And so be transformed Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97

Commentator: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS-

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ex 17:8-13;

Second Reading: 2 Tim 3:14-4:2;

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8



The Crusades IX

The Real History of the Crusades (Final Part)

Yet, even while these close shaves mentioned last Sunday were taking place, something else was brewing in Europe — something unprecedented in human history.

The Renaissance, born from a strange mixture of Roman values, medieval piety, and a unique respect for commerce and entrepreneurialism, had led to other movements like humanism, the Scientific Revolution, and the Age of Exploration. Even while fighting for its life, Europe was preparing to expand on a global scale.

The Protestant Reformation, which rejected the papacy and the doctrine of indulgence, made Crusades unthinkable for many Europeans, thus leaving all the fighting to the Catholics. In 1571, a Holy League, which was itself a Crusade, defeated the Ottoman fleet at Lepanto, off the coast of Greece. Yet military victories like that remained rare.

But the Muslim threat was neutralised economically. As Europe grew in wealth and power, the once awesome and sophisticated Turks began to seem backward and pathetic — no longer worth a Crusade. The “Sick Man of Europe”, as the Ottoman Empire came to be known, limped along until the 20th century, when he finally expired, leaving behind the present mess of the modern Middle East.

From the safe distance of many centuries, it is easy enough to scowl in disgust at the Crusades. Religion, after all, is nothing to fight wars over. But we should be mindful that our medieval ancestors would have been equally disgusted by our infinitely more destructive wars fought in the name of political ideologies.

And yet, both the medieval and the modern soldier fight ultimately for their own world and all that makes it up. Both are willing to suffer enormous sacrifice, provided that it is in the service of something they hold dear, something greater than themselves. Whether we admire the Crusaders or not, it is a fact that the world we know today would not exist without their efforts.

By Thomas Madden, catholicculture.com

The ancient faith of Christianity, with its unique respect for women and antipathy towards slavery, not only survived but flourished. Without the Crusades, it might well have followed Zoroastrianism, another of Islam's rivals, into extinction.

Thomas F. Madden is the author of numerous works, including *A Concise History of the Crusades*, and co-author, with Donald Queller, of *The Fourth Crusade: The Conquest of Constantinople*.



The Royal Galley of Don Juan of Austria, who led the Holy League to victory against the Ottoman Turks in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius V, who had encouraged the faithful to recite the Rosary during the battle, instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory for October 5, now known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.