



The Wisdom Meal

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Common sense and wisdom are two different realities, similar but not the same. Common sense can be taught, and it tends to be black and white, rather obvious. For the most part, parents teach their children common sense. *Don't run with a knife in your hands. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wash your hands before you eat.* Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be more nuanced. It has a depth to it that cannot be taught. Rather, it is learned by experience and is more obscure than obvious. Sometimes, wisdom may not even seem to make sense. *One finds life by losing it. We find meaning not by focusing on ourselves but rather upon others and their needs. Less is more. Might does not make right.* Wisdom is the home of God.

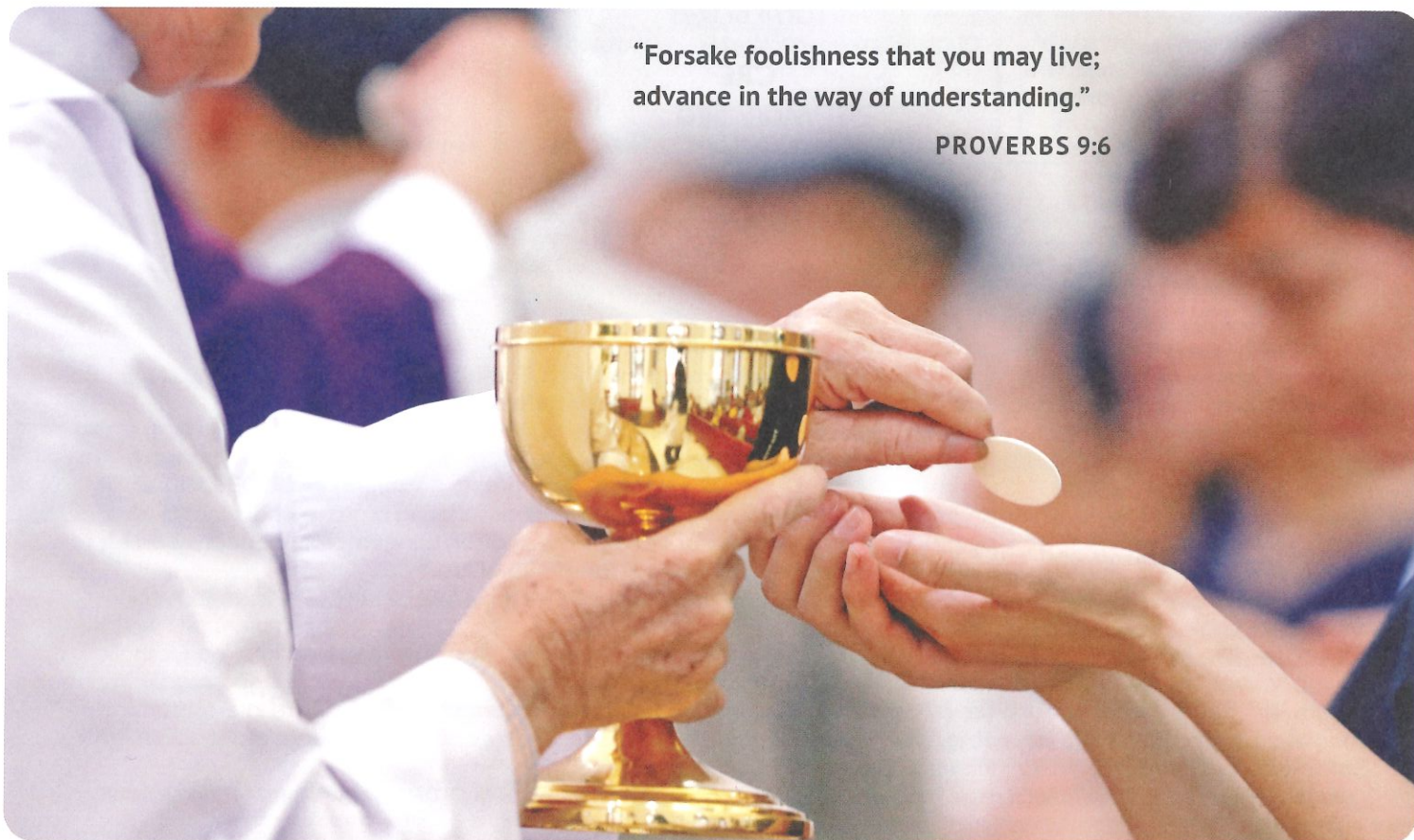
Throughout Scripture, the virtue of wisdom is often personified as Lady Wisdom. She is thought to have been present with God even before creation and with God at creation (Proverbs 8:22–31). Wisdom has spread her table before us and invites us: “Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I have mixed!... / advance in the way of understanding” (Proverbs 9:5–6). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh. To feast on Jesus’ Body and Blood through the Eucharist is to feast on the wisdom of God. There, at his table, we begin to look at life the way God does. ●

Reflect

When faced with difficulties, do you stop and pray for wisdom—to see as God sees?

**“Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding.”**

PROVERBS 9:6



Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

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Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday and Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday, Noon.** Please either call, email at OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

THE BATHROOM RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN!

The bathrooms are UNAVAILABLE until further notice. A port-a-potty is in the south parking lot for your use.

COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council will meet Aug. 22, 2024 and will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are glad to announce that preparations for our new CCD year are well under way, and we are grateful that Mary Bird has graciously agreed to serve in the role of CRE for our parish. There will be a brief parent orientation with Father Bill and the CCD team on Aug. 25, 2024 after Mass. Registration will take place then and the religious education calendar will be distributed. We are excited to implement new catechical resources this year, for which there will soon be a training session for catechists and parents.



FULTON COUNTY FAIR AUG. 30 THRU SEPT. 5

It is that time of the year again. Our Lady of Mercy has several times available to spread the word about our Faith in the Catholic booth at the fair. See bulletin board for the times available.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; were humility rather than fine clothes.” - *St. Dominic*

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

Today is the Feast of Christ the King.

[October 27, 1935]

500 During Holy Mass I prayed fervently that Jesus might become King of all hearts and that divine grace might shine in every soul. Then I saw Jesus as He is depicted in the image, and He said to me, **My daughter, you give Me the greatest glory by faithfully fulfilling My desires.**

501 Oh, how great is Your beauty, Jesus my Spouse! Living Flower enclosing life-giving dew for a thirsting soul! My soul is drowned in You. You alone are the object of my desires and strivings. Unite me as closely as possible to Yourself, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit. Let me live and die in You.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 4 – Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, Opera House parking lot 9 am – 1 pm

---Aug. 21 (corrected date) – Community Dinner – Fayette Methodist Life Center 5 -6 pm

---Aug. 30-Sept. 5 Fulton Co. Fair

---Sept. 28 – 38th Annual Steps for Life Walkathon & 5k Run please visit cpcnwo.org for more information & registration

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.

Privacy Issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENTS CONTINUE

RCIA (Rite of Christian Intiation for Adults)

Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Would you like more information on the Catholic Faith? Or you would like to brush up on your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? Please contact the office either email OLOMFayette@olom211.onmicrosoft.com or call 419-237-2441 Tues./Thurs. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



THANK YOU, OLM AND PARISHIONERS:

I am honored and blessed for my involvement within the programs of Our Lady of Mercy. In relinquishing these positions, please know I have genuinely received more than I have given. My 32 years of teaching jr. high and high school, with a few years as Coordinator of Religious Education blended in, have been profound and most rewarding. My past 25 years as a youth leader involved in many activities, especially Catholic HEART Workcamp mission trips, have been my pride and joy. I have been overwhelmed with your love and support. Thank you for your foundation of kindness, trusting me with your children, and for providing me with this faith-filled. With all my love and gratitude, Nete (Anita)
2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."

Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of August 18– August 24

Sunday, Aug. 18– St. Helen - St. Helen, also known as St. Helena (d. 327 A.D.), was a woman of humble means from Asia Minor. She married the future Roman Emperor Constantius Chlorus, and their son Constantine was born c. 272. Constantius divorced Helen in c. 293 to marry Emperor Maximian's daughter for the sake of political gain. When her son Constantine became the Roman Emperor, St. Helen was given the imperial title "Augusta" and was treated like royalty. After Constantine legalized Christianity across the Roman Empire, St. Helen, a Christian convert, went to the Holy Land in search of the actual cross on which Christ was crucified, despite being in her 80s. She questioned local Christians and Jews and learned that the cross was buried under the Temple of Venus. Helen had the temple demolished and excavated. There she discovered the Holy Sepulcher, three crosses, the board with Pilate's inscription, and the nails which pierced Jesus' Sacred Body. In order to determine which cross was the Lord's, the Bishop of Jerusalem touched them to a corpse, causing the man to come back to life. A second miraculous healing of a sick woman confirmed the discovery of the True Cross. Christians flocked to Jerusalem to venerate the Holy Cross. St. Helen then visited all the holy places of Jesus' life and built many churches over their locations, including Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, and the Garden of Gethsemane. St. Helen is the patron of divorced people, empresses, difficult marriages, converts, and archeologists. Her feast day is August 18th.

Monday, Aug. 19– St. John Eudes - St. John Eudes (1601–1680) was born in Normandy, France, to a farming family. His devout parents consecrated him to the Blessed Virgin Mary when he was a child. At the age of fourteen he took a vow of chastity, and studied under the Jesuits where he earned the reputation of being a brilliant student. After his ordination to the priesthood he ministered to his countrymen who were suffering from an outbreak of the plague. He later became a missionary priest, traveling throughout France and preaching strong sermons to large crowds in churches, open fields, and in the courts of the royalty and nobility. The force of his sermons was bolstered by his great sanctity; he was considered to be a prodigy and the greatest preacher of his age. He was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout France during a time when religious fervor had grown cold. He was responsible for influencing the Church to establish these two devotions with liturgical feasts, himself composing their Mass and Office. St. John Eudes founded several organizations including the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge, which provided a new life for repentant prostitutes, and the Society of Jesus and Mary (the Eudist Fathers) which specialized in improving the training of seminarians by promoting greater virtue and dedication to the preaching of parish missions. His feast day is August 19th.

Tuesday, Aug. 20– St. Bernard of Clairvaux - St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was one of seven children born to a noble family in Burgundy, France. All seven children, six sons and one daughter, were offered to the service of God by their devout mother. Before St. Bernard was born, a holy man foretold of his great sanctity. As a child Bernard was given an excellent education. He excelled at his studies, and also possessed a personal charm that attracted many people to him. He prayed about his vocation, and at the age of twenty-two left his worldly wealth to become a Cistercian monk. Four of his brothers joined him at the monastery in Citeaux, along with many others belonging to the Burgundian nobility. He later founded and became abbot of the Abbey of Clairvaux, which rapidly grew to over 700 monks and 160 daughter-houses. Bernard, with his natural charisma, was also a skilled arbiter and counselor who proved to be instrumental in the support of the true pope of Rome against the schism of a rival anti-pope. Bernard's reputation for holiness and piety was widely known. He traveled throughout Europe as a preacher and became one of the most famous and influential men of his century. He was a man of reform, and was effective in opposing the appointment of unworthy men to episcopal offices, while others reformed themselves at his censure. St. Bernard composed many theological works and wrote tenderly on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is a Doctor of the Church, and the patron of beekeepers and candlemakers. His feast day is August 20th.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 – St. Pope St. Pius X - Pope St. Pius X (1835-1914) was born Giuseppe Melchiorre, one of ten children from an impoverished family living in Venetia, then under the political control of the Austrian Empire. His parents valued education and ensured that Giuseppe walked nearly four miles to school every day. Drawn to the priesthood, he received a scholarship to enter one of the best seminaries of his day, and was ordained in 1858. After the death of Pope Leo XIII, who made him cardinal, he was elected Supreme Pontiff in 1903. Saint Pius X was a man of virtue, sanctity, and zeal, and a great defender of the Catholic faith against heresy. He ranks as one of the greatest reforming popes in history. In his eleven-year pontificate he contributed to reforms in papal elections, seminary life, Eucharistic practice, liturgy, biblical studies, the Divine Office, catechesis, the organization of the Roman Curia, and canon law. He was also known as a pastoral pope for encouraging Catholic social action as well as the development of personal holiness, piety, and a daily lifestyle which reflected deep Christian

(Pope St. Pius X – cont.)

values. He promoted the reading of Sacred Scripture by all the lay faithful, and harshly denounced the evil of Modernism as “the summation of all heresies.” He also lowered the age of First Holy Communion to the age of reason. He was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Confidence. Pope St. Pius X is the patron of pilgrims and first communicants. His feast day is August 21st.

Thursday, Aug. 22 – John Kemble – St. John Kemble (1599-1679) was born in England to a prominent Catholic family when Catholicism was outlawed in the country. He was ordained a priest in 1625 and ministered in England as an itinerant priest for fifty-three years. Although persecution of Catholics was rampant, in his particular region Catholics were generally not harassed. In the infamous “Popish Plot” of 1678, Protestant politicians began a violent crackdown on Catholics, particularly on priests. Although 80 years old at the time, Father John Kemble was arrested. He was warned in advance but declined to leave his flock, saying, “According to the course of nature, I have but a few years to live. It will be an advantage to suffer for my religion and, therefore, I will not abscond.” Although he was found innocent of any involvement in the “Popish Plot,” he was condemned for being a Catholic priest and sentenced to death by being hanged, drawn, and quartered on August 22, 1679. His last words, addressed to the crowd were: “The failure of the authorities in London to connect me to the plot makes it evident that I die only for profession of the Catholic religion, which was the religion that first made this Kingdom Christian.” He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970. St. John Kemble is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is August 22.

Friday, Aug. 23 – St. Rose of Lima - St. Rose (1586-1617) was born in Lima, Peru, one of ten children belonging to a Spanish immigrant and his wife, a descendant of the Incas. Rose was beautiful and very pious. She was so sensitive to compliments on her physical appearance that, to combat vanity, she disfigured her face with pepper and lime. When her father's finances deteriorated, Rose used her skill at needlework to help support her family. Her parents desired that she marry, but she refused, and lived as a recluse in a hut in her parent's garden. Inspired by the example of St. Catherine of Siena, Rose joined the Third Order Dominicans, dedicated her life to chastity and assisting the sick and poor, and inflicted severe penances on herself daily. For this extreme behavior she endured disapproval and persecution from her family, especially when she began to have visions and other mystical experiences. An evaluation by priests and physicians proved Rose's experiences to be authentically supernatural. She also spoke out against the corruption of her day, as the Spanish grew rich from Peru's natural resources while Peruvians became impoverished. She was greatly revered by the people, and at the time of her death, at the age of 31, her body could not be buried for several days due to the large crowds. After her death many miracles were attributed to her intercession. Rose of Lima was the first native-born saint from the Americas to be canonized. She is the patroness of the Americas, the Philippines, India, Peru, and of gardeners, florists, needle-workers, and against vanity. Her feast day is August 23rd.

Saturday, Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew - St. Bartholomew (1st c.) is one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles who, together with his friend and fellow Apostle Philip, came from Cana in Galilee. All we know of St. Bartholomew (also called Nathaniel) is what is mentioned of him in the synoptic Gospels and the book of Acts. Philip told Bartholomew that he had found the Messiah, and, despite Bartholomew's incredulity, the two went together to see Jesus. When Jesus saw Bartholomew he exclaimed, “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him!”, indicating that Bartholomew possessed great purity of heart. Bartholomew then asked Jesus how he knew him, and Jesus explained that he saw Bartholomew sitting under the fig tree. This secret between Jesus and Bartholomew caused Bartholomew to immediately exclaim that Jesus was the Messiah and the Son of God. According to the Roman Martyrology, Bartholomew became a missionary in the East, preaching and evangelizing in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India, and finally Armenia, where he was flayed alive and beheaded by King Astyages. St. Bartholomew is the patron saint of nervous and neurological diseases, butchers, leather workers, tanners, cobblers, trappers, and shoemakers. His feast day is August 24th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



AUGUST 18, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Aug. 18	8:00a.m.	OLM	Jeannette Tidwell, Living & Deceased Sarnac family, Ron & Melody Lichtenwald family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Virgil Fry, Sasha Budowski Lynn Schrickel
Tues. Aug. 20	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Aug. 21	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Aug. 22	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. Aug. 23	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Aug. 24	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Aug. 25	8:30a.m.	OLM	Mike & Joyce Dwyer, Frances Uzdella Conklin family, Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Aug. 22 – Pastoral Council meeting 6:15 pm
- Aug. 30 – Sept. 5 -Fulton Co. Fair
Our Lady of Mercy's Catholic booth
Days - Sept. 3 & Sept. 5 (see bulletin Board for sign up times)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for August 11, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (14 envelopes) \$ 1,476.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 23.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over / (Under) (\$ 248.00)

OTHER COLLECTION
 Maintenance \$ 1,005.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 5.00
 Postage Help \$ 2.00
 Votives \$ 22.25
 Assumption of Mary \$ 5.00
 Altar Rosary Dues \$ 30.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other) \$ 2,568.25

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	August 25, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Evan Beauregard Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Dennis & Denise Miller
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Barb Bruggeman Terry Kovar

Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

FOREVER – eternally; without ever ending

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

John 6:54-56

Dear Padre,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

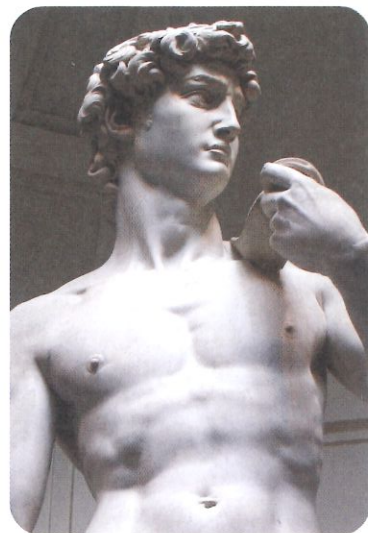
It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

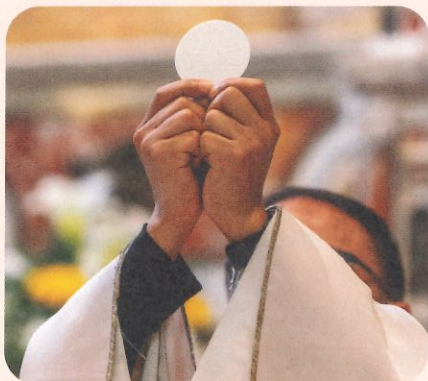
So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MORTA PONS MORETA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25
Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 24:15-23	Ez 28:1-10	Ez 34:1-11	Ez 36:23-28	Ez 37:1-14	Rv 21:9b-14	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Mt 20:1-16	Mt 22:1-14	Mt 22:34-40	Jn 1:45-51	Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
						Jn 6:60-69



FABIO LOTTI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018