

# LASALLIAN AND OTHER VIDEO LINKS (ED SIROIS)

## 01. DAILY PRAYER/REFLECTIONS

(please note that a couple of these feast days may not fall on the same date each year)

### September

- 02 Martyrs of Rochefort (F.S.C.) [https://youtu.be/xdDVX72\\_qOo](https://youtu.be/xdDVX72_qOo)

Here is a short reflection and prayer focused on the Martyrs of Rochefort whose feast day is September 2. As part of the anti-Christian policy of the French Revolution, all priests and religious (including many Brothers of the Christian Schools) who had refused or revoked the oath to the civil constitution of the clergy were to be deported. 829 arrived at Rochefort and were interned on prison ships, and many died there.

- 02 St. Solomon Leclerq, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/tOgfeKRjB-8>

Here is a short but compelling reflection and prayer about St. Solomon Leclerq, F.S.C. LeClerq is one of the martyrs of the French revolution and was the Secretary-General of the Institute at that time. His feast day is September 2.

- 05 St. Teresa of Calcutta [https://youtu.be/catVui\\_DhxQ](https://youtu.be/catVui_DhxQ)

This short reflection prayer is about St. Teresa of Calcutta who loved and served the hungry, the poor and the outcast in India. Her feast day is September 5.

- 12 Holy Name of Mary <https://youtu.be/I9gbvKVBeg8>

This Marian feast is celebrated September 12

- 22 St. Jerome <https://youtu.be/jrgnQSH3fgE>

This great Biblical scholar learned Hebrew and Greek and produced the Vulgate, the Latin translation of the Bible that was used for centuries. This Latin Bible was later translated into other languages, and it wasn't till the 20th century that we got Bibles translated directly from Hebrew and Greek into modern languages. St. Jerome's feast day is September 22nd.

- 26 St. Paul VI <https://youtu.be/prX1XMHLAUs>

Here is a short reflection and prayer to celebrated Saint Paul VI, the pope who worked hard to implement the reforms initiated by the Second Vatican Council. His feast day is September 26.

- 27 Blessed Scubillion Rousseau, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/K7sa4LleaEY>

Blessed Scubillion Rousseau, F.S.C. from France was serving as a catechist in his native village when he was introduced to the Brothers. He entered the novitiate in 1822. After 10 years of teaching in schools

throughout France, he left for the island of Reunion where he dedicated the rest of his life teaching and caring for the enslaved natives. He died April 13, 1867. We celebrate him on September 27th.

## October

- 09 The Turon Martyrs (F.S.C.) <https://youtu.be/cC5jB8Nlbig>

This video is a reflection and prayer about the Turon Martyrs who we celebrate and remember on October 9. They were killed at the time of the Spanish civil war primarily because they were Christian Brothers who taught religion to children.

- 09 Jaimie Hilario, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/IRdHOEoFRww>

Here is a brief reflection and prayer focused on St. Jaime Hilario, F.S.C. During the Spanish civil war he was arrested and could have been freed by denying he was a Catholic and a Brother of the Christian Schools, he would not make that denial and was killed. His feast day is October 9th, the same day as the Turon Martyrs.

- 11 Pope Saint John XXIII <https://youtu.be/yFdp8rp3rUw>

Pope John XXIII, the man who convened the Second Vatican Council in order to let in a little fresh air (think Holy Spirit) - we celebrate him on October 11, the day the first session of the council opened.

- 23 Arnold Reche, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/gjKwGITsClg>

Arnold's father was extremely religious albiet poor shoemaker. He taught catechism to the younger children, but when he became a young adult, he began to drift towards a more secular life. Eventually began classes conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, and he joined the LaSalle Brothers. Arnold treated the wounded in the trenches during the Franco-Prussian War, and was awarded the bronze cross for his work. He taught at the Brothers boarding school at Rheims, France. until his death. His feast day is October 23.

- 31 All Hallows' Eve <https://youtu.be/H8Y08vQbFzk>

Here's a reflection prayer for All Hallows Eve (Halloween) which is, of course, October 31. This reflection explains the source of some of the common practices of this spooky night.

- 31 Halloween (Jack-O-Lantern) <https://youtu.be/lxEhiiF5T9M>

Here's a fun reflection on Halloween. October 31, of course.

## November

- 01 All Saints Day <https://youtu.be/n450nQAljAQ>

Here's an All Saints Day reflection and prayer for, of course, November 1st.

- 04 St. Charles Borromeo <https://youtu.be/incB7Efk4p0>

St. Charles Borromeo, was the Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and a cardinal of the Catholic Church. He was a leading figure of the Counter-Reformation combat against the Protestant Reformation

together with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri. In that role he was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He is celebrated on November 4th.

06 Martyrs of Almeria <https://youtu.be/yRr0mqkmoU>

Two groups of Lasallian martyrs are celebrated on November 6, and the Almeria Martyrs is one of them.

06 Martyrs of Valencia [https://youtu.be/\\_oOGJu3EwxI](https://youtu.be/_oOGJu3EwxI)

Two groups of Lasallian martyrs are celebrated on November 6, and the Valencia Martyrs is one of them.

11 St. Martin of Tours <https://youtu.be/mm4ekPM6Ny0>

Here's a reflection on the patron saint of France and of conscientious objectors to killing in war - St. Martin of Tours. His feast day is November 11 (not Feb 11 as it mistakenly says near the end of the video).

21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <https://youtu.be/1YRZAnzHC50>

This reflection is about the feast celebrated on November 21st each year - the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

29 Dorothy Day <https://youtu.be/4eivvYKfgHY>

Some celebrate this incredible woman on her birthday, November 5th, and others on the anniversary of her death, November 29th. Co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, she was and is a powerful witness to the love of God for the poor and marginalized.

## December

10 Thomas Merton <https://youtu.be/5IEyabEzG7Q>

When Pope Francis addressed the U.S. Congress when he visited the U.S. he mentioned four great Americans, and spiritual master Thomas Merton, mystic and author, was one of them. We celebrate him on December 10th.

17. St. Hildegard of Bingen <https://youtu.be/kBnLmd0o0mA>

December 17 - the feast of the great St. Hildegard of Bingen.

## January

12 St. Andre Bessette <https://youtu.be/nhiJ01XeJ0A>

Here's a reflection about the wonderful St. Andre Bessette of Montreal, a devotee of St. Joseph to whom he prayed to cure the sick and suffering who came to ask for his prayers, and whose feast day is January 12.

29 St. Benilde Romancon, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/XgEc8SijYg>

On January 29 we celebrate the De La Salle Brother, now Saint, Benilde Romancon, F.S.C.

30 St. Mutien Marie Wiaux, FSC <https://youtu.be/mDYOnm2BM60>

A great disciple of St John Baptist De La Salle is celebrated on January 30th - St. Mutien Marie Wiaux, F.S.C.

## February

02 Presentation of the Lord <https://youtu.be/2N9FAuz6gzs>

On Feb 2nd, forty days after the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

09 St. Miguel Cordiero, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/bfoJDr9Jvds>

The Ecuadoran to become a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, this man, whose feast we celebrate on February 9th, overcame many obstacles but in the end became a brilliant educator.

13 Blessed James Miller, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/VsDBEIGNbRI>

This young man from Wisconsin served as a teacher first in Cretin High School before being sent to teach in Nicaragua where, due to political tensions, he was at risk of being killed. James Miller F.S.C. was later sent to Guatemala where he taught, and he remained there until he was murdered. His killing was never resolved despite a long investigation. His feast day is February 13th.

## March

24 St. Oscar Romero <https://youtu.be/IBCRMQn-JDI>

This archbishop from El Salvador became the voice of the poor and excluded in the 1970's and that led to his death. He was assassinated in 1980 while saying Mass. His feast day is March 24th

30 Sr. Thea Bowman <https://youtu.be/0HQKKL6WxKA>

Thea Bowman was educator, missionary disciple, advocate for cultural awareness and racial harmony. A convert to Catholicism, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. She died of cancer in 1990 and we remember her on May 30th, the anniversary of her death.

## April

07 St. John Baptist De La Salle <https://youtu.be/27OM-mB-tpQ>

This upper class French priest was moved to establish schools for the children of the poor. He is the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. and the inspiration for tens of thousands of lay colleagues who work along side of them. His feast day is April 7th.

10 Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. <https://youtu.be/zfDQ6HjAePU>

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a Jesuit priest from France, a scientist who was also a mystic and he was a living example of how modern science and Christian faith are fully compatible. He died in New York City on April 10, 1955.

23 Cesar Chavez <https://youtu.be/iBi4FF2SY7o>

Cesar Chavez was a Mexican American who led the non-violent struggle for the rights of working

people, especially those of migrant farm workers. Years after his death, President Clinton honored him with a Presidential Medal of Honor. We honor him on the anniversary of his death (from natural causes), April 23rd.

28 St. Gianna Molla <https://youtu.be/QYgpV19eD88>

This Italian was a medical doctor, wife and mother who chose to lose her life rather than harm the unborn child she was carrying in her womb. We celebrate this pro-life icon on April 28th.

30 Daniel Berrigan, S.J. <https://youtu.be/Ps4-wNMa8wM>

He was a poet, Jesuit priest, educator, anti-war activist who spent seven years in prison for non-violent protests, and many would say he was a prophet. We remember him on April 30th, the anniversary of his death.

## May

1 St. Joseph the Worker <https://youtu.be/5aoWHB64gRU>

To foster devotion to Saint Joseph, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. We celebrate him on May 1st.

03 Sts James and Philip <https://youtu.be/5f9D0JNUs34>

Not much is known about these two apostles of Jesus, and they are celebrated together on May 10<sup>th</sup> because that's the day their remains were brought to Rome. James, Son of Alphaeus, is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, “brother” of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote” (John 1:45)

10 St. Damien the Leper Priest [https://youtu.be/8xM\\_FJNtSs4](https://youtu.be/8xM_FJNtSs4)

On May 10th we celebrate a Belgian farm boy who served in Hawaii. When leprosy became a problem there, and its victims were isolated in a shameful leper colony, this priest insisted on living with them and ministering to them. He eventually became a leper himself.

15 St. John Baptist De La Salle <https://youtu.be/27OM-mB-tpQ>

19 Blessed Raphael Rafiringa, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/Q03pr6FH23M>

Here is the story of a great Lasallian from Madagascar. He was teacher, catechist and mediator of peace in turn, as well as a poet and a literary figure of acclaim such as to be enrolled in the national academy. He became most famous between 1883 and 1886 when the political situation led to the expulsion of the missionaries from the Island. The Catholics proclaimed him as their guide and for three years he kept alight the flame of the faith. When the Christian Brothers returned to Madagascar, they found many more Christian communities than when they had left. His feast day is May 19th.

23 Saint Oscar Romero <https://youtu.be/IBCRMQn-JDI>

This archbishop from El Salvador became the voice of the poor and excluded in the 1970's and that led to his death. He was assassinated in 1980 while saying Mass. His feast day is March 24th

30 St. Joan of Arc <https://youtu.be/imZ6KzuwreM>

May 30th is the feast day of the well know French woman, St. Joan of Arc. The national heroine of France, she was a peasant girl who, believing that she was acting under divine guidance, led the French army in a momentous victory at Orléans that repulsed an English attempt to conquer France during the Hundred Years' War. She was captured a year afterward and was burned to death by the English and their French collaborators as a heretic

## June

03 Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) <https://youtu.be/vXYc6YFRo6g>

This is a special day of devotion and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. Since the readings for Holy Thursday focus on Jesus washing his disciples feet at the Last Supper, Thomas Aquinas proposed this feast in order to create a feast day focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, which is June 3rd in 2021.

03 Charles Lwanga and Companions <https://youtu.be/lfQxksswLXk>

On June 3rd the Church remembers Ugandan Charles Lwanga and other converts to Catholicism who suffered and died for their faith.

## 02. SEASONAL PRAYER/REFLECTIONS

### Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent [https://youtu.be/UnYU2O2\\_y\\_0](https://youtu.be/UnYU2O2_y_0)

Advent - week one

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent <https://youtu.be/PeGcLrbpKL0>

Advent - week two

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent <https://youtu.be/BudsQNNbN14>

Advent - week three

4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent <https://youtu.be/1p7dJngJ7U>

Advent - week four

### Christmas

After Christmas is Over <https://youtu.be/J68zB83tQqg>

This is a reflection on the conviction that Christmas is a beginning, not an end (and, in fact, Christmas day is

the first day of the Christmas Season, not the last).

The Feast of the Epiphany <https://youtu.be/rupHRbh9y3s>

The Magi, gifts for and honor to the Christ child...traditionally this feast is celebrated on January 6th.

The Baptism of the Lord <https://youtu.be/zgdzMdhUQjc>

Here is the feast we celebrate as the Christmas liturgical season comes to an end.

## **Lent**

Carrying the Cross (Br. Fred Mueller, FSC) <https://youtu.be/NuUmj351VVM>

Br. Frederick Mueller, F.S.C. - a reflection and prayer focused on the sufferings of Jesus and the need for us to pick up and carry our own crosses.

Getting Ready for Lent <https://youtu.be/nX4dqy7QUml>

This reflection and prayer is meant for the days just before Lent begins.

Why Lent? 1 <https://youtu.be/t-96SOAUurM>

Why Lent? 2 (Ash Wednesday) <https://youtu.be/tnHnThctel0>

As the title suggests, this reflection and prayer is focused on the beginning of Lent - Ash Wednesday.

Why Lent? 3 (Holy Week) <https://youtu.be/6z6uFRtvuFk>

Reflections on Holy Week - Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday

## **Easter**

Resurrection Reflection <https://youtu.be/6NDIwe6GBx0>

He is risen! Alleluia!

Risen: An Easter Reflection <https://youtu.be/bm54CHgTYP8>

Very simply this is a reflection on the meaning and significance of the resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

## **03. MISCELLANEOUS PRAYER/REFLECTIONS**

A Tame Jesus? <https://youtu.be/4Q1R8JzzXQo>

This reflection asks how and why Christians are tempted to domesticate Jesus the prophet from Galilee.

All I Really Need to Know <https://youtu.be/AkrUzU9Flaw>

Here's a video reflection based on the book by Robert Fulghum.

Ben Linder (Matt Daly) <https://youtu.be/0S-ltRiUalc>

Here's Matt Daly's observations and reflections on Ben Linder, an engineer murdered by the Contras while working on a hydroelectric dam meant to serve the poor in rural Nicaragua.

Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini <https://youtu.be/uEDHZd6GppQ>

He was a pastor and a bishop, and in 1887 he founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles and in 1889 established the St. Raphael Lay Association for Assistance to Migrants. In 1895 he founded the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles.

Carvaggio's "Doubting Thomas" (Matt Daly) [https://youtu.be/H2fOQP\\_Gllo](https://youtu.be/H2fOQP_Gllo)

Matt Daly reflects on this famous painting of an infamous incident from the Gospels - the apostle Thomas expressing doubt about the resurrection of Jesus.

The Christian Story (Himes) <https://youtu.be/flguEaZSD-w>

A theology professor at Boston College, Fr. Michael Himes tells of his childhood memories of learning the true Christian story.

Cousins, Sisters and Brothers [https://youtu.be/wG1\\_Zquz\\_Iw](https://youtu.be/wG1_Zquz_Iw)

We're all daughters and sons of the one God, all members of the same human race...

Daniel Berrigan, S.J. <https://youtu.be/h7IWCyvrAt0> // <https://youtu.be/Ps4-wNMa8wM>

He was a poet, a Jesuit priest, a pro-life and anti-war activist who spent over seven years in jail for non-violent protests, and many say he was a prophet.

Fr. Georges Lemaitre (Big Bang Theory) <https://youtu.be/-OVFjfaTpic>

This Belgian priest-scientist is the father of the Big Bang Theory (the science, not the TV show) who changed Einstein's mind about whether or not the universe is expanding.

Franz Jaegerstatter [https://youtu.be/JTv\\_F9MYiOc](https://youtu.be/JTv_F9MYiOc)

This Austrian Catholic was beheaded for refusing to fight in Hitler's army.

Jacques Maritain <https://youtu.be/eL9ANM54xi8>

Here's a brief overview of the life and work of this great 20th century Catholic thinker.

Jesus and the Rich Young Man (Matt Daly) <https://youtu.be/2qMIJkkQZdI>

Matt Daly re-tells and explains this incident in the ministry of Jesus.

Lasallian World & Mission (Br, Fred Mueller, F.S.C.) [https://youtu.be/P7cwkM\\_RzOw](https://youtu.be/P7cwkM_RzOw)

Here is a wonderful, informative introduction to the Lasallian world and mission presented by Br. Frederick Mueller, F.S.C.

St. Maximilian Kolbe <https://youtu.be/wVhF-aL-t14>

Here is the story of a man who did something truly Christ-like. At the Auschwitz death camp he offered his

life to save a man who was a husband and father.

Pacifism of Christ: Lasallian Perspective (Kevin Regan) <https://youtu.be/EBpPYwqOK8>

Kevin Regan reflects on the non-violent teaching and example of Jesus which formed an essential element of Christian belief and practice until the time of Emperor Constantine.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati <https://youtu.be/c3xrMxNdy4o>

The reflection focuses on a young Italian saint, a fairly wealthy young man who focused his attention on the outcast and poor. His feast day is July 4.

Pope Francis <https://youtu.be/ljw1frxk85M>

This video was produced when Pope Francis was elected and offers a general introduction to the man and his ministry.

Pope Francis Year of Mercy <https://youtu.be/hwAkdCP803c>

Here is a video reflection on the Year of Mercy, the heart of the Gospel, proclaimed by Pope Francis in 2015-2016.

Prophet <https://youtu.be/uu78CNQFGqE>

A prophet is a person chosen to be God's mouthpiece, God's spokesperson. They often speak what the public doesn't want to hear, and so they are persecuted when alive, and sometimes honored after they are "safely" dead and buried.

Raimon Panikkar <https://youtu.be/3BUaxH-QdXo>

Rejoice and Be Glad (Pope Francis) <https://youtu.be/zgG8cuHpyFE>

Here is a reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad), on the call to holiness in today's world, issued on March 19, 2018.

Return of the Prodigal Son (Matt Daly) [https://youtu.be/r7-VmGs\\_1l8](https://youtu.be/r7-VmGs_1l8)

Matt Daly uses a famous painting to reflect on one of the most well-known parables of Jesus.

Simone Weil <https://youtu.be/VPUZxBGQT-s>

Simone Adolphine Weil was a French philosopher, political activist and mystic.

The Smell of the Sheep (Fred Mueller, F.S.C.) [https://youtu.be/BmpwL7X\\_qtA](https://youtu.be/BmpwL7X_qtA)

Br. Fred Mueller, F.S.C. reflects on Jesus the good shepherd who knows his sheep and leads them to be and do what is in their best interests, and he reminds us that we, too, may be shepherds who need to learn about shepherding from our good shepherd.

The Storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matt Daly) <https://youtu.be/m6WYli4oVS0>

Matt Daly offers a reflection using Rembrandt's famous painting "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee" which is based on the story found in the Gospel of Mark 4:35ff.

## 04. EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

### A. Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (Part 1) [https://youtu.be/0f\\_CjsRytkM](https://youtu.be/0f_CjsRytkM)

Here is an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching - this is part 1 of 3.

Catholic Social Teaching (Part 2) <https://youtu.be/x3QCDNLKX9M>

Here is an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching - this is part 2 of 3.

Catholic Social Teaching (Part 3) <https://youtu.be/NOgpkTtbHOY>

Here is an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching - this is part 3 of 3.

Just War Tradition (Part 1) [https://youtu.be/W9\\_pF7Oh8Y0](https://youtu.be/W9_pF7Oh8Y0)

Part 1 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing.

Just War Tradition (Part 2) <https://youtu.be/Pg1v6Sk4jow>

Part 2 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing.

Just War Tradition (Part 3) <https://youtu.be/jH55Sf4-rO4>

Part 3 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing.

Just War Tradition (Part 4) [https://youtu.be/26JQ\\_k9cEjY](https://youtu.be/26JQ_k9cEjY)

Part 4 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing

Just War Tradition (Part 5) <https://youtu.be/K88-KREOKag>

Part 5 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing.

Just War Tradition (Part 6) <https://youtu.be/R5TTRluJO5U>

Part 6 of a 6 part series on the Just War (Defense) Theory, the only attempt ever to justify Christian participation in war and killing.

## B. Church/ Church History

Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Discipleship <https://youtu.be/LN5hyhskTK4>

He was a Lutheran theologian and minister who opposed Hitler and the Nazis. It cost him his life, which today is why so many take his book "The Cost of Discipleship" so seriously.

Jacques Maritain <https://youtu.be/eL9ANM54xi8>

Here's a brief overview of the life and work of this great 20th century Catholic thinker.

Pope Francis <https://youtu.be/ljw1frxk85M>

This video was produced when Pope Francis was elected and offers a general introduction to the man and his ministry.

Vatican II for Young Adults <https://youtu.be/WTurwK7ysHk>

Here's a brief introduction and overview of what seems to many teens and young adults to be ancient history, the Second Vatican Council.

## C. Bible Videos

Introduction to the Bible for Catholics (Part 1) <https://youtu.be/EyxkF4dcFEo>

Here is a brief (part 1 of 4) introduction to the Catholic understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

Introduction to the Bible for Catholics (Part 2) [https://youtu.be/7emBx\\_pQfuk](https://youtu.be/7emBx_pQfuk)

Here is a brief (part 2 of 4) introduction to the Catholic understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

Introduction to the Bible for Catholics (Part 3) <https://youtu.be/K0M9hvNPCLl>

Here is a brief (part 3 of 4) introduction to the Catholic understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

Introduction to the Bible for Catholics (Part 4) <https://youtu.be/PhiEmbTgpZl>

Here is a brief (part 4 of 4) introduction to the Catholic understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

Healing of the Gerasene Demoniac <https://youtu.be/7vEikTTzgul>

Jesus performs two controversial exorcisms - one in a Jewish synagogue in Galilee, and the other in a pagan graveyard linked to a Roman massacre of innocent civilians.

Our Father: The Lord's Prayer in Context (Flanagin) <https://youtu.be/rFzpeZOgCs4>

Prof. Zachariah David Flanagin's reflections on the Lord's eschatological prayer

The Kingdom of God [https://youtu.be/-DoIoT4\\_Xe4](https://youtu.be/-DoIoT4_Xe4)

We hear and use this phrase all the time. It was a major theme of the preaching of Jesus, and most of his parables begin with "the Kingdom of God can be compared to..." But what did he mean by it, and how would his first hearers have understood it?

Parable of the Good Samaritan <https://youtu.be/vBIVfdLT6ls>

Here's one of the most well known parables ever. But is it understood in its original context?

Parable of the Ten Maidens <https://youtu.be/iSKjIKf-GCI>

We pray for God's kingdom/reign to come, so we must be prepared because we do not know when or where.

Parables of the Mustard Seed/Yeast in Dough <https://youtu.be/ycBcDnju9X4>

Here are two brief Kingdom parables of Jesus - the Mustard Seed, and the Yeast in Dough

Parable of the Prodigal Son <https://youtu.be/r7-VmGs> // [https://youtu.be/ev\\_DkBru7\\_U](https://youtu.be/ev_DkBru7_U)

Or is this really a parable about a son who thinks he is virtuous and good like his father but is actually nothing like him?

Parable of the Talents [https://youtu.be/zHZoU\\_ZurDU](https://youtu.be/zHZoU_ZurDU)

A parable of Jesus about what God our Father, who is Love, expects of us.

Parable of the Two Sons <https://youtu.be/tNnl10h6rSg>

Who actually remains faithful and does what the Father asks?

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant <https://youtu.be/B2gD4G3VfEU>

"Be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful!"

Parable of the Wedding Banquet <https://youtu.be/h-u587ZA-t8>

Who is invited to the feast?

Parable of the Wicked Tenants <https://youtu.be/xAOJ2jFOF2E>

Another warning from Jesus - God has entrusted some (leaders) with much, but if they do not produce.

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard <https://youtu.be/iDqW0enxuaY>

God our Father is love and mercy, and we should be like that Father.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit <https://youtu.be/IJJ5i9xCJC4>

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit - an explanation and reflection for Confirmation candidates and others...

The Ten Commandments (Part 1) <https://youtu.be/ljzaM-bTkc>

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The Ten Commandments (Part 2) <https://youtu.be/4djeX11b7sk>

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## **D. Morality/Ethics**

The Cautionary Tales (satire) <https://youtu.be/IMrFFrhm1k>

Here are a few examples of English satirist Hilaire Belloc's clever moral admonishments he composed for children. Illustrated by Edward Gorey, these short, funny pieces offer satirical moral instruction for all types of mischief makers—from a certain young Jim, "who ran away from his nurse and was eaten by a lion," to the tale of Matilda, "who told lies and was burned to death." Narrated by Peter Ustinov.

Kohlberg: Stages of Moral Reasoning (Part 1) <https://youtu.be/Hiu9GXjuaA>

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Kohlberg: Stages of Moral Reasoning (Part 2) <https://youtu.be/9ulEpP62FEw>

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Kohlberg: Stages of Moral Reasoning (Part 3) <https://youtu.be/8qXj84IVkO0>

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Kohlberg: Stages of Moral Reasoning (Part 4) [https://youtu.be/yO\\_rWNsLcDU](https://youtu.be/yO_rWNsLcDU)

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Kohlberg: Stages of Moral Reasoning (Part 5) <https://youtu.be/O53--hasf9Q>

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## **E. Religions of the World**

American Civil Religion? <https://youtu.be/BavERXAWSfg>

Is there a kind of Civil Religion many of us believe in and practice without realizing it? Some important American sociologists such as Robert Bellah answer that question in the affirmative.

Religions of the Word (Sachs) <https://youtu.be/AsondBlNdro>

Boston College professor Fr. John Sachs discusses the Catholic Church's relationship to the other religions and cultures.

Nirvana Day (Buddhism) <https://youtu.be/oreVn90BSME>

Here's an overview of one of Buddhism's most widely celebrated holidays.

Raimon Panikkar (Hindusim) <https://youtu.be/3BUaxH-QdXo>

His mother was a Roman Catholic from Spain, his father a Hindu from India. Panikkar was a Catholic priest who served as an effective and major bridge between the two religions and cultures.

Malwid al-Nabi (Islam) <https://youtu.be/mSqpwRarnZg>

Here's a brief Christian reflection on the celebration of the birth of Muhammad which Muslims celebrate during the month of Ramadan.

Christian Reflection on Rosh Hashana (Judaism) <https://youtu.be/kmBw0cjHGGw>

Here's a reflection on the first of Judaism's "Days of Awe" leading to the holiest feast day of the year, Yom Kippur.

Christian Reflection on Hajj (Islam) <https://youtu.be/PNpbhCvDKkk>

Here's a Christian reflection on one of the five pillars of Islam, the pilgrimage to Mecca that a Muslim is expected to make at least once. And it's all about Abraham (not Muhammad).

## **F. Lasallian People/Themes**

(links for Lasallian Blesseds and Saints are found on their feast days; see calendar above)

12 Virtues of a Good Teacher <https://youtu.be/Fzwf2Ylq6OA>

Here are some interesting Lasallian insights into the role of an effective educator.

Charles Henry Buttimer, FSC <https://youtu.be/wtmK-B6Jg-4> // <https://youtu.be/OGknvPz6IsY>

Brother Charles Henry Buttimer, F.S.C., (1909-1982) was known as a scholar and a skilled leader. He was the first American – and the first non-French Brother – to serve as Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (1966-1976).

Charles Kitson, FSC [https://youtu.be/eYUITv3B\\_eg](https://youtu.be/eYUITv3B_eg)

Everyone loved Br. Charles. He was warm and friendly, smart, well educated, and amazingly talented. And even now he is sorely missed.

Gabriel Moran <https://youtu.be/hdmg0NjKS-M>

Gabriel Moran played a major role in shaping Catholic religious education in the 20th and 21st centuries. as did his wife, Maria Harris. He died in October 2021 and is buried at the Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett, RI.

Maria Harris <https://youtu.be/4onTBpl7VDY>

She was an important and influential theologian and religious educator, and wife of Gabriel Moran.

Br. Luke Salm, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/SddzaA1nr88>

.He was a friend, a mentor, a De La Salle Christian Brother, a professor at Manhattan College, and so much more.

Influence of Women/Lasallian Mission (complete) <https://youtu.be/VEuSE6luJZ8>

This important documentary and reflection was written by Maryann Donohue-Lynch.

The Lasallian World and Mission [https://youtu.be/P7cwkM\\_RzOw](https://youtu.be/P7cwkM_RzOw)

Here is a wonderful, informative introduction to the Lasallian world and mission presented by Br. Frederick Mueller, F.S.C.

The Pacifism of Christ: A Lasallian Perspective <https://youtu.be/EBpPYywg0K8>

Kevin Regan reflects on the non-violent teaching and example of Jesus which formed an essential element of Christian belief and practice until the time of Emperor Constantine.

Honneur a Toi (French) <https://youtu.be/F8gnsZDiVGM>

Here's the De La Salle theme song in French.

Honneur a Toi (English subtitles) <https://youtu.be/0dehqgh4Blg>

Here's the De La Salle theme song in French with English subtitles.

## **G. La Salle Academy (Providence) Graduates**

Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J. [https://youtu.be/rT9p\\_2RDgGo](https://youtu.be/rT9p_2RDgGo)

Known as Fr. Dag, this La Salle Providence graduate was a medical doctor and Jesuit priest who created amazing projects to serve children in Africa dealing with HIV AIDs.

Rev. Edward Flannery [https://youtu.be/FBP\\_5\\_fr61l](https://youtu.be/FBP_5_fr61l)

This priest of the Diocese of Providence, a La Salle Academy graduate, wrote the highly influential book "The Anguish of the Jews; Twenty-Three Centuries of Anti-Semitism" and served as a major bridge between Catholicism and Judaism.

Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney <https://youtu.be/5H6Vky0j8BU>

This La Salle Providence graduate was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence and served as bishop there from 1948 until his death in 1971.

Most Rev. Thomas Maloney <https://youtu.be/DuRhZE1xVQw>

At the conclusion of World War II, this La Salle Providence graduate, a priest of the Diocese of Providence, was sent by his bishop (Russell J. McVinney, also a LSA grad) to Belgium to re-open the American College there. After serving as Rector there, he returned home and was later ordained the Auxiliary Bishop of Providence.

Br. Frederick Mueller, F.S.C. <https://youtu.be/XMwigNxTQ4A>

This La Salle Academy, Providence graduate went on to become a Brother of the Christian Schools,

an educator, a principal of his alma mater, and the creator of a widely used Lasallian formation program.

Edwin O'Connor <https://youtu.be/bngMW3bcVVo>

This great 20th century journalist and novelist was a graduate of La Salle Academy, Providence.

Dr. John O. Pastore Jr. <https://youtu.be/7dw3FySP0lg>

The father of this La Salle Providence graduate served as Governor of and later U.S. Senator for the State of Rhode Island. He, the son, became a medical doctor and has played a significant role in educating fellow medical professionals and the public at large of the dangers of nuclear warfare. He shares a Nobel Peace Prize with some of his colleagues.