



**TECH CATHOLIC**  
community

**October 20th, 2019**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time/**  
**Year C**  
see hymnal # 1178

**Mass and Confession Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)

Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM\*\*

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM\*\*

Confession after Mass - except Mon. (7 PM)

\*\*When classes are in session

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**Joining TCC**

TCC registration go to

http://tcc.mit.edu/about-us/contact-us

TCCM is a moderated announcement list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tccm>

To post a message in the bulletin or on the TCCM list, send an email to [tcc-updates@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-updates@mit.edu)

Receive emails about all our activities by signing up for our other lists at <http://tcc.mit.edu/www/getinvolved.html#email>

**Tech Catholic Talk: Follow-up discussion to Can Nature Make Laws? An Intro to Natural Law Tradition**

On Monday 10/21, in the MDR of W11 at 8:15, we'll be hosting a follow-up conversation about last Thursday's Thomistic Institute lecture by Prof. Raymond Hain. Natural law is the attempt to derive moral rules from our rational study of human nature and the world. A lot of Catholic moral teachings, especially about sex and human dignity, are derived from natural reason and explained in terms that should be accessible to people who are open to being reasoned with. *Pizza will be served.*

**TCC Phone-A-Thon:** Volunteers are needed for a student phone-a-thon on October 22. We will meet 7-8:30 PM in the basement of the Student Center (W20-022) and will be having free dinner. We plan to call the TCC's largest donors and thank them for their support. Any help is greatly appreciated. Contact John DiCarlo ([johndica@mit.edu](mailto:johndica@mit.edu)) with questions.

**Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations:** Fr. Moloney will lead a discussion group about the nature of the priestly vocation and how to discern if God is calling you to the "order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 5:6, 7:17) using the book *To Save a Thousand Souls*. We meet on Mondays 5-6PM. To attend doesn't mean that you are thinking about entering the seminary, or even that you're not dating. It can simply mean that you're interested in supporting others think about the priesthood. Contact [mteodros@mit.edu](mailto:mteodros@mit.edu) if interested. Books are available from Father's office in W11.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith:** Fr. Moloney will be offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith on Sundays @ 11:15 AM in W11/SDR. The class will cover everything from the Trinity to Church history to the Sacraments, prayer, and the moral life. It is meant to be both a high-level introduction to the faith appropriate for interested non-Catholics, and a serious review of the faith for those who are Catholics. It is required for those in becoming Catholic, being Baptized, receiving First Communion, or being Confirmed (who should also reach out to Fr. Moloney to set up a time to talk individually ([dmoloney@mit.edu](mailto:dmoloney@mit.edu))).

**Women's Marriage Discussion Group.** This new group will be meeting every other week to discuss marriage as a vocation. It is open to all women (i.e. you do not need to be married). Our next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 22 at 6 PM at W20's first floor meeting room (by MITFCU) and we will discuss "Marriage and the Self: Knowing oneself before and after marriage." Please email [tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com](mailto:tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com) for additional details or to be added to the group's listerv. Dinner will be served and kids are welcome.

**October/November**

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**Announcing the St. Monica Society** to pray for family members who are not close to the faith. Contact [tcc-pc@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-pc@mit.edu) for details.

**Integrity@MIT:** Do you have trouble staying chaste? Are you tired of failing to live up to your virtues? Join a peer support group of Catholic men struggling for chastity. Contact [integrity@mit.edu](mailto:integrity@mit.edu) for more information and times of weekly meetings.

**Are you a Graduate Student or Young Professional interested in deepening your Catholic faith and understanding of Scripture?** The grad men's and women's groups will be holding weekly Bible studies during the semester. Contact Brandon Roach ([roachb@mit.edu](mailto:roachb@mit.edu)) or Aileen Devlin ([amdevlin@mit.edu](mailto:amdevlin@mit.edu)) for more info.

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to join one of the many groups that meet to open the Scriptures and discuss the faith. Contact [catherine.alex@focus.org](mailto:catherine.alex@focus.org) or [phillip.wullschlegler@focus.org](mailto:phillip.wullschlegler@focus.org)

**Spaghetti Suppers:** Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 PM in W11 Comm. Rm for a free spaghetti supper!

**Prison Ministry in Boston:** MIT Student OPS (Operation Prisoner to Soldier) is an MIT outreach program partnered with TEJI (The Educational Justice Institute). More info and questions contact Jacqueline Pedlow ([ipedlow@mit.edu](mailto:ipedlow@mit.edu)).

**Taizé Prayer:** Invitation from the Episcopal Ministry to join in the MIT Chapel on Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM for Taizé Prayer, a contemplative practice of scripture, chant, and silence.

**Drop-in Grief Support Group:** Tuesdays from 5-6pm in W20-303. Open to students of all religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical viewpoints. See [http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life\\_after\\_loss\\_drop-in\\_support\\_group](http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life_after_loss_drop-in_support_group)

## How to foster a sense of God's presence throughout the day

*Brother Lawrence (1610-1691) was a simple Carmelite whose extraordinary spiritual life was preserved in some letters he dictated, collected under the title The Practice of the Presence of God, excerpted below. His secret: constant small prayers that helped him recall that God was at his side. Many spiritual authors recommend this method of "praying without ceasing" (1 Th 5:17) as especially compatible with a busy daily routine.*

I worshipped God as often as I could, keeping my mind in His holy presence and calling it back as often as I found it had wandered from Him. I made this my business, *not only at my set times of prayer but all the time; every hour, every minute, even in the height of my work, I drove from my mind everything that interrupted my thoughts of God...*

When we strive to keep ourselves in His holy presence, and set Him always before us, this hinders our sinning against Him, and doing anything that may displease Him. *It also begets in us a holy freedom, and, if I may so speak, a familiarity with God*, where, when we ask, He supplies the graces we need. Over time, by often repeating acts [and short prayers] that call our attention back to God, they become habitual, and *the presence of God becomes quite natural to us...* A little lifting up of the heart and a remembrance of God suffices. *One act of inward worship, even for a soldier marching with sword in hand, is prayer which, however short, is nevertheless very acceptable to God...*

Think of God as often as possible. Accustom yourself, by degrees, to this small but holy exercise. No one sees it, and *nothing is easier than to repeat little internal acts of adoration all through the day...*

**If sometimes we become a little distracted from the Divine presence**, God gently calls us back by a stirring in our souls. This often happens when we are most engaged in outward chores and tasks. Then it is good to respond with exact fidelity to these inward drawings, either by elevating our hearts towards God, or by meek and fond thoughts regarding Him, or by such words as love forms upon these occasions (for instance, "My God, here I am all devoted to You," or "Lord, make me according to Your heart")...

I know that for the right practice of the presence of God, *the heart must be empty of all other things*; because God will possess the heart alone. He cannot possess it alone without emptying it of all else; neither can He act there and do in it what He pleases unless it be left vacant to Him...

Immediately make a holy and firm resolution *never more to forget Him*. Resolve to spend the rest of your days in His sacred presence for the love of Him—even being deprived of all consolations if He thinks it fitting. Set heartily about this work, and if you do it sincerely, be assured that you will soon find the effects of it...

We must work faithfully, without trouble or disquiet, calling our mind back to God mildly and with tranquility as often as we find it wandering from Him. It is, however, necessary to put our whole trust in God. *We must lay aside all other cares, and even put aside some forms of prayer, which though very good in themselves, have become mere routines*. Prayer devotions are only the means to attain to the end—once we have established a habit of the practice of the presence of God, we are then with Him who is our end, and so we have no need to return to the means. We may simply continue with Him in our commerce of love, persevering in His holy presence with *an act of praise, of adoration, or of desire, or with an act of acceptance of the divine will, or thanksgiving*, and in all the ways our spirits can invent...

If the mind is not sufficiently controlled and disciplined at our first engaging in prayer, it contracts certain bad habits of wandering and dissipation. These are difficult to overcome. **The mind can draw us, even against our will, to worldly things...** Let it be your business to keep your mind in the presence of the Lord. If your mind sometimes wanders and withdraws itself from Him, do not become upset... *One way to re-collect the mind easily in your times of prayer, and preserve it more in tranquility, is not to let it wander too far from God during the rest of the day*. Keep your mind strictly in the presence of God. Then being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm when you sit down to pray, and to recall it from its distractions.

I have told you already of the advantages we may draw from this practice of the presence of God. Let us set about it seriously and pray for one another.