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Dear Friends in Christ,

During this pandemic when we have had months without being allowed to offer public Masses and then months more of restrictions (capacity limits, required face covers etc.), and general fear and anxiety, there has also been some amazing things occurring. Because Mass attendance on the weekend is only a fraction (<25%) of what is normal, we have increased the number of daily Masses and that attendance is higher than normal! Another amazing and remarkable occurrence is that the number of people coming to Adoration and making visits to the Blessed Sacrament has also increased. Even more amazing is the number of people coming to Confession each week. These are all wonderful signs. While they do not make up for not being able to have everyone back for Sunday Mass, they are good and encouraging signs of the Catholic faith being alive and well here at SJV even during these difficult times.

There has been other positive signs that have developed during this time. Now much of this is anecdotal, but there are enough of them from numerous sources to give them credence in my book. During this time I have heard that many families have been spending more time together in good ways. There has been more family meals and more “in home” recreation. This has been an opportunity for spouses and siblings to spend more time together. Another positive is that people are turning off the TV and computer. From the reports that I hear, the decision to “turn off” was initially made out of disgust – nothing but negativity and bad news - and then it became something appreciated as something beneficial. When the TV and computer (phone, etc.) was turned off and the constant stream of nastiness and distraction was blocked or reduced, people started feeling better. They became less worried, less fearful, less anxious, and less on edge about things. They became more relaxed and calmer. Another thing I am hearing is that people are reading their Bible and spiritual books more than before. While many are unable to attend Mass in person, they are reading and praying the Liturgy of the Word on Sundays. This has spurred them to read the Scriptures even during the week and even take up other spiritual reading. I have also heard from people that they are praying the Liturgy of the Hours. This brings to mind the beautiful passage of St. Paul: ***“All things work together for the good for those who love the Lord.”*** (Rom 8:28) Or, as it is sometimes stated, “God can write straight even with our crooked lines!”

What has so many worried and anxious and even mad is the unknown and the fact that we cannot control it. Viruses are invisible to the naked eye. We cannot tell if someone has allergies or COVID-19. We cannot tell if someone is positive and asymptomatic or perfectly healthy. We are mad at the government for not doing enough or for doing too much. We are mad at the schools for not starting classes or for starting classes. We are upset because we have to wear masks or because others don't! None of us can make others bend to our will. So, we get mad. We worry. We lash out and act out. We moan, gripe and complain about others or we throw a pity party for ourselves. To what good? When has our fear, anger, worry, lashing out, complaining or self-pity, ever effected anything good in another? When has it really, truly, made us ever feel good? The reality is that the only person we can change is our self. We can change and God will help us change. Each of us can grow in holiness but we have to want to be holy. We have to trust Jesus over ourselves. We can choose to follow Jesus more closely in our words, actions and attitudes. We can each choose to be less worried and less angry. We can choose to be more forgiving, more patient and understanding. Every last one of us can choose to be kind. We can decide to be positive and affirming. We can choose happiness and the key to happiness is holiness!

How is the Lord calling you to greater holiness during this time? What are the daily opportunities that are in front of you? How can you take advantage of this time and help others grow closer to Jesus? In what ways is God calling you to have greater peace, calm and trust, in your life? I invite you to come to Eucharistic Adoration or to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 and the church and chapel are open every day until 8:00 p.m. Come to a weekday Mass. Come to confession, turn off the TV, phone and computer; pick up your Bible or a good spiritual book. Pray a family rosary. Spend some time with the kids, go for a walk, hold hands with your spouse, eat a home cooked meal with the family, visit a neighbor down the block, get to know the folks on your street; speak of positive and good things and remember to laugh! Pray for one another and thank God every day for His countless blessings. Pray that we may all use this time to become better and holier.

In Pace Christi,  
*Jr. Jim*

**This Sunday's Reading**

**Reading 1** 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12

**Reading 2** ROM 8:28-30

**Gospel** MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

**Mass Readings**

<b>Monday</b>	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 27, 2020**

9:00 AM +Otilia Partidas

12:10 PM +Ruth Ottenweller

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

9:00 AM +The Chu Family

12:10 PM +Patricia S. Cromiller

7:00 PM +David Gherke

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

9:00 AM Frank Hoffman

12:10 PM Mark Scroggins

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**

9:00 AM +Jerry Lowry

12:10 PM Hilda Diaz

7:00 PM Jim and Dana Pratt

**Friday, July 31, 2020**

9:00 AM +Pauline Marie Paneral

12:10 PM +Michael Fleming

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

5:30 PM +David Gunter

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

8:00 AM Paula Higbee

11:00 AM +Maryanne Evans

12:30 PM +Alfonso Fernandez

2:00 PM +Jose de los Reyes Fernandez

5:30 PM Andy and Sandy Pierce

7:00 PM +Dario Breto

**Other Remembrance**

S. Bockholt



**Let us Pray**

For the soul of the recently deceased, Minerva Jimenez. May Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**  
 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday**  
 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m.,  
 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
 Spanish: 2:00 p.m.,  
 7:00 p.m.

**Weekdays**

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 7:00 p.m.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
 6:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**NOVENA & ROSARY**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
 Novena of the Sacred Heart  
 1st Fridays following  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary after 9:00 a.m. daily Mass

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday  
 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

**BAPTISMS**

Classes offered monthly.  
 Please contact the Parish Office

**MARRIAGE**

Please contact the Parish Office at least eight months prior to desired date

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Please contact the Parish Office

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## STEWARDSHIP



Your continued support and financial stewardship is vital in fulfilling our parish mission of bringing the love of Christ to others. **New to online giving?** Automatic, electronic giving is easy, safe and confidential. Donate on [WeShare](#) or simply text a dollar amount to 281.884.3212.



**St. John Vianney's  
Feast Day  
Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to give a donation for Church flowers on this day, please contact the Parish Office (281) 497-1500



**AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE  
Let us Rejoice and Pray for these soon-to-be married couples:**

Karina Vazquez and Ricardo Luna



In honor of  
Karla Roberts and Garret Graham

**Donated by:**  
Garrett Graham

**New Parishioners  
Welcome to our St. John Vianney Family**

Ingrid Kouassi, Alex Buenaventura and Deisy Nunez, Jessica Wimberley, Jorge Loera and Roseleen Caballero, Wade and Korinne Provoast, Sky Svatek, Victoria Noriega, Simeon and Martina Irogbele, Audra Tunnell, Matthew and Alex Lane, Babafemi and Victoria Adigun, Daniel and Lauren Shea, Guy and Judith Jones, Alec and Raquel Smith

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Did You Know...** You may request a Mass for any of the following special intentions:



- For the living
- For the deceased
- In thanksgiving
- For an anniversary
- For a birthday
- For healing

For more details, please come to the parish front office.

## WORSHIP

### Eucharist

**“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”** Matthew 26:40

The Adoration Chapel is  
Open 24/7



Please observe “Social Distancing”  
but not “Spiritual Distancing”

### Adoration

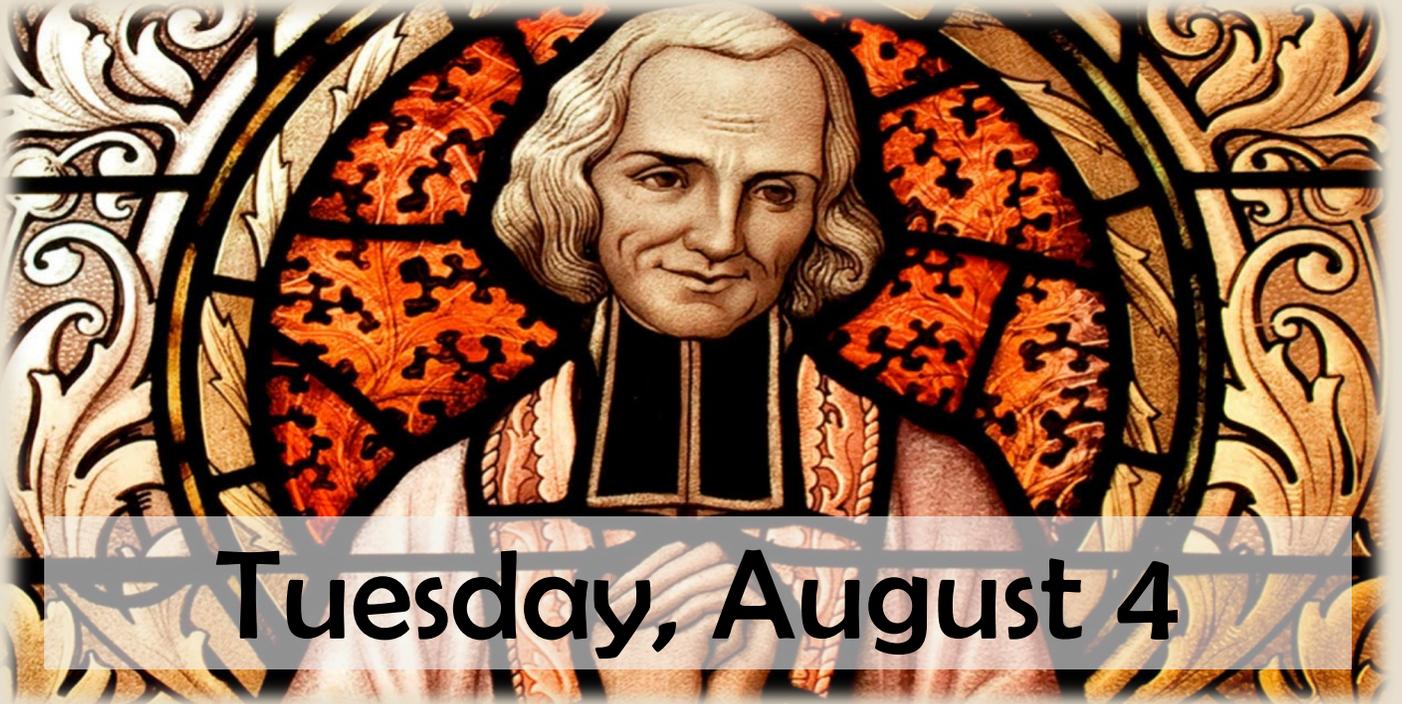
### Weekday Masses



**Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
7:00 p.m.**

# The Feast of St. John Vianney

In honor of God and the Blessed Virgin Mary  
And in celebration of the Feast of our patron saint,  
St. John Vianney



## Tuesday, August 4

These are trying times. Keeping it together amidst all of the stress and the uncertainties isn't easy.

Let nothing separate us from the love of God!

While we cannot all gather together for *The Feast of St. John Vianney* due to the current health crisis, we can still praise the Lord. All are invited to make a visit to the *Blessed Sacrament from August 4, the Feast Day of St. John Vianney, through August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.*

***Masses for St. John Vianney***

***August 4***

***9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 pm***

***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

***August 15th***

***9 am***

The Church and Chapel are open daily from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and the Adoration Chapel is open 24/7.

Even if you are unable to come to church, please join us in pray during these days.

Keep social distance, not spiritual distance.

## Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Current Health Crisis

### Join us in prayer:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I Love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## YOUTH FORMATION

**CCE and Sacrament  
Registration  
2020-2021  
is now open**

**We invite you to register your student, PK-12th grade, for our weekly faith formation classes.**

**Sacrament forms available  
by appointment only**

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and RCIC:**

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**For Youth Confirmation: email**  
[tcooper@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:tcooper@stjohnvianney.org)

**CCE Registration forms  
available online:**

<https://www.stjohnvianney.org/youth-formation/>

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I. I the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods before me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
- IV. Honor your father and your mother
- V. You shall not kill
- VI. You shall not commit adultery
- VII. You shall not steal
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

## ADULT FORMATION



# *Catholic? Thinking about it? Know someone who is?*



For information on the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation) process contact:

**Yvonne Gill: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)**

The RCIA process is an opportunity to learn about the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church with no pressure or presumption that you will decide to come into Communion with the Catholic Church.



Enjoy the parish subscription to **Formed.org** where you can stream inspiring movies and Bible studies; read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers! All available for virtually any device...anytime, anywhere!



### **It is easy to access:**

- 1) go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
- 2) Enter parish code: eef590
- 3) Create your personal account

## ADULT FORMATION



### *The Activated Disciple*

***The August 28/29 presentation by Jeff Cavins has been postponed.*** When restrictions to

gather in large groups have been lifted a new date will be set and announced with the hope that current ticket holders will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend you can, at that time, request a refund.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and resolve, to be an Activated Disciple!

The best gift you can give your children is a strong marriage.

Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend

JULY 31-AUGUST 2

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRIAN & TINA LITTLE

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## SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

### COUNSELING SERVICES FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Catholic Charities is accepting new clients with a wide range of mental health concerns, including but not limited to depression, anxiety, trauma, or grief. Clients will be assessed by the intake staff. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

Anyone requiring these services is asked to call the intake line at **713.874.6590**

### TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: COVID-19 MENTAL

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, **help is available**. Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at **833.986.1919**



You can visit SJV's [COVID-19 Resources Page](#) to see available resources for Basic Needs, Financial and Employment Advice and Physical, Emotional and Behavioral Health. We continually update this page as we learn of new and updated resources.



May mothers receive ongoing care and support in raising their children.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Mary, Glory Be*

**Reflection:** While motherhood brings with it many joys and blessings, it also involves challenges and difficulties. In raising their children and dedicating themselves to their families, mothers participate in a type of "daily heroism," one for which they "do not always find support in the world around them" (*Evangelium vitae* 86).

Providing and caring for children as a single mother includes additional hardships. Today, **one in four children are being raised without a father**. There are many reasons this might occur in any given circumstance. However, it is also true that in a culture that largely rejects the Church's teachings on marriage, life and sexuality, women and their children are often disproportionately impacted.

In the midst of this reality, the Church is called to be a beacon of light, hope and support. May we respond to this call, individually and communally, to surround mothers with assistance and support as they lovingly care for their children.

**Saints Anne & Joachim**, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who have difficulty conceiving, as well as those who are aging. Today we venerate them both with this [novena](#).



## PARISH LIFE

# Join St. Anne's Society

for a drive through feast day celebration

in honor of our

## 40th Anniversary at St. John Vianney

**Today!**  
**Sunday, July 26th**  
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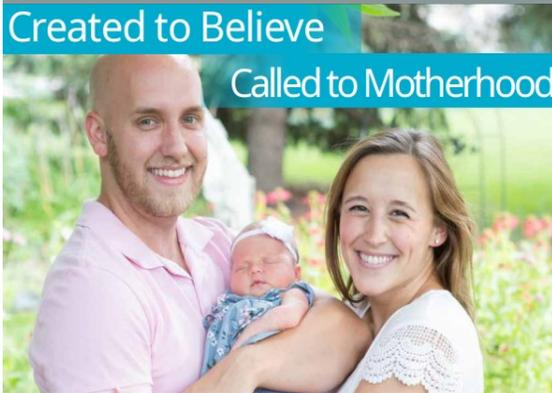
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are welcome*

*Be sure to grab a  
goody bag before you  
drive away!*

## PASTORAL CARE AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Called to Motherhood



**Canafamilyinstitute**

**Friday Morning**

**August 28 Room E5,6,7,8,9**

**Tuesday Evening**

**September 8, 2020**

**7–9 Room C9/10**

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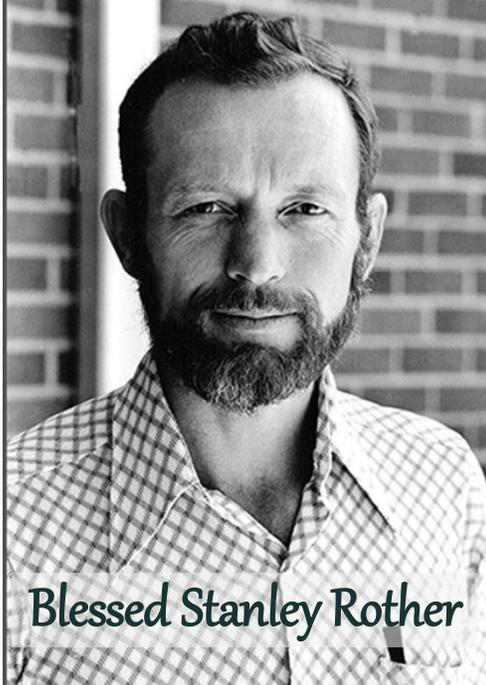
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## SAINT OF THE DAY - JULY 28

### Blessed Stanley Rother's Story

(March 27, 1935 – July 28, 1981)



**Blessed Stanley Rother**

On May 25, 1963, Stanley Rother, a farmer from Okarche, Oklahoma, was ordained for his home diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa. Having flunked out of the area seminary due to his difficulty with Latin, Fr. Rother finally accepted an invitation to attend Mount St. Mary

Seminary in Maryland, where he finished his studies and was approved for ordination.

After serving in his local diocese for five years, Fr. Rother joined five priests, three religious sisters, and three laypersons to staff a Guatemalan mission in Santiago Atitlán serving the Tz'utujil people. The Oklahoma City diocese heard the call of Pope John XXIII to send missionaries to foreign lands, especially Central America. These twelve individuals felt the call, and with their bishop's approval, left the comforts of the United States to live and work in Guatemala.

By 1975, Fr. Rother was alone at his parish in Santiago Atitlán, the others having returned home for various reasons. He served the Tz'utujil people for 13 years and won their hearts and souls. Ever the farmer, and always unpretentious and mild mannered, Fr. Rother experimented with various crops as well as fulfilling his heavy pastoral duties which included as many as five Masses in four different locations on a given Sunday and as many as 1,000 baptisms a year.

Guatemala's civil war reached the highlands and Lake Atitlán by 1980. Government troops camped on the parish farm and Fr. Rother witnessed the

assassination of a number of his parishioners, including the parish deacon.

Warned of imminent danger, Fr. Rother returned to the United States for three months early in 1981, to visit with his family and friends. Against the advice of his family and the local bishop, Fr. Rother returned to Atitlán to be with his people. He remembered a Sisters' community who had fled the country and later tried to return but the people asked, "Where were you when we needed you?"

On the evening of July 28, three masked men entered the rectory and shot Fr. Rother to death. His beloved parishioners mourned him repeatedly crying, "They have killed our priest."

Pope Francis declared Stanley Rother a martyr on December 2, 2016. He was beatified in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017.

### Reflection

The declaration of a blessed or saint is always a celebration of the Church as the people of God. To single out an individual for his or her holiness and service builds up the entire community of faith. But this is doubly true for the Church in the United States and in Oklahoma, as one of our own is both declared a martyr for the faith and enrolled in the ranks of those declared Blessed by the Church. May the dedication, faith, and service of Blessed Stanley Rother be a source of strength for all in this country.



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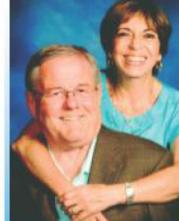
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