



**Our Lady of the Fields Church  
Year of Mercy Reflections  
Sunday August 27 & 28, 2016**

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### The Saints In Mercy

**Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997)** dedicated her life to connect with the Lord in worship and mercy. Her favorite prayer was already a plan:

**“My God... I do not want to go back. The poor are in my community. Their security is mine. Their health is my health. My roof is that of the poor. Not simply those who are poor, but the poorest of the poor: those whom others will not approach for fear of being infected, of getting dirty; those who do not go to church because they have no clothes to wear; those who do not eat because they have no more strength; those who collapse in the streets, knowing they are about to die while the living bypass, ignoring them; those who are no longer able to cry because they have no more tears.”**

**She found the strength to embrace every poor and marginalized person with Charity, as she said to her sisters. “Did you see how the priest treats Christ’s body with such love and gentleness during the holy mass? Try to do the same in the houses of the dying and the sick you visit; there you will find Jesus in the guise of pain.”**

**She described her plan of mercy in three steps. The beginning: “We always start by cleaning latrines: this is how we begin to open hearts.” The middle: “I love Jesus with all my heart and with all my being I gave him everything, even my sins and he has surrounded me in the tenderness of his love. Now and forever I belong completely to my crucified spouse.” The end: “I work for the sanctification of the poor, to give Saints to God.”**

**On 4 September the Universal Church will recognize a saint of our time, who, when among us, understood how worship and mercy point to a navigable road, from the most humble of places to God’s very throne!**

**“Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.”**

**“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.”**



**“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”**

***Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
“Be careful what you promise Jesus!”***

***She never said precisely what happened on one September 10 but it involved distinctly hearing the voice of Jesus on the train to Darjeeling to go on retreat. And for years she kept hearing his voice asking, “Wilt thou refuse?” She heard it in every conversation of prayer, each day when she received the Eucharist, and every encounter with a person in need. She is the saint of dispelling the darkness in which many of us find ourselves, as she said.... “If I am going to be a saint, I’m going to be a saint of darkness, and I’ll be asking from heaven to be the light of those who are in darkness on earth.”***

***St. Teresa of Calcutta, please pray for us!***