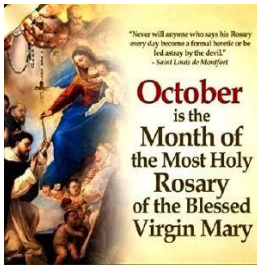


Sacred Heart Parish

27th September 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



By tradition, the Catholic Church Month of the ROSARY OF THE BLESSED Virgin MARY dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us "thumbnails" of the life of Christ and his Mother.

- **The Joyful Mysteries** are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.
- **The Luminous Mysteries** bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.
- **The Sorrowful Mysteries** remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.
- **The Glorious Mysteries** It tell us what happened after Jesus died-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

The 12 Monthly Themes

- January; The Holy Name of Jesus Honouring power, sanctity of the name Jesus
- February: The Holy Family Reflecting on the home life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- March: Saint Joseph: Honouring the foster father of Jesus and protector of church.
- April: Holy Eucharist; Focusing on the Blessed Sacrament and the Resurrection.
- May: The Blessed Virgin Mary — Celebrating the Mother of God, often with traditional May crownings
- .June: Sacred Heart of Jesus Meditating on Christ's immense, burning love for humanity.
- July: The Precious Blood of Jesus — Giving thanks for the blood Christ shed to save humanity from sin
- .August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary — Honouring Mary's motherly love, mercy, and purity.
- September: The Seven Sorrows of Mary (or Our Lady of Sorrows) — Remembering the deep grief and sacrifices of the Blessed Mother
- .October: The Holy Rosary — Devoting time to meditative prayer through Mary's intercession.
- November: The Holy Souls in Purgatory — Praying for the faithful departed who are undergoing purification.
- December: The Immaculate Conception (and the Nativity) — Celebrating Mary's sinless conception and the coming birth of Jesus

God Bless, Fr Brian

Paul calls believers to Unity and Humility.



I had chosen a reading for my cousin's funeral on Tuesday, but I was unsure about it. I set it aside and turned to the readings for this Sunday's Mass. To my amazement, I found the perfect passage: Paul's letter to the Philippians, 2:1–8.

Paul calls believers to unity and humility. He reminds them of the encouragement, love, fellowship, and compassion they share in Christ, and urges them to be united in love and purpose. Rather than acting from selfish ambition or pride, they should value others and care for their needs. We, too, must move beyond "I want" and "I deserve" and think instead of our families and the wider community.

We are called to adopt the humble mind of Jesus, who set aside his divine privileges and became a servant. We may not be asked to risk our lives for others, but we are asked to show kindness and help those in need. We cannot help everyone, but that does not excuse us from helping someone. Jesus' ministry was centred on others, and we are called to follow his example. God Bless, Fr Brian Carmine

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THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Mary Leahy, Imelda Bennett, Dorothy Fabish, Rosalie Watson, Joseph Dravitzki, Mary-Anne White, Grace Barrett, Colin Major, Alf Smith, David Churches, Mavis Lathem, Theresa Kuriger, Ellen Kuklinski, Valerie Mannex, Janina Duynhoven, Dr. Marie Fonseka, Lou Potroz, Owen Butler
Janice Sole We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

FOOTSTEPS OF POMPALLIER PILGRIMAGE STARTS IN 6 WEEK'S TIME! Walking 100kms from Waitangi to Motuti over Labour Weekend, October 24th to 27th 2026, on the feast of Christ The King. Places still available for pilgrims. FFI and to register go to the official website www.fopp.nz

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL: For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

NOTICE BOARD & FOYER TABLE: Don't forget to look at the notice board and foyer table. The notices and posters are changing all the time

CARDS & GIFTS: Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2026

Inglewood (12 noon)	**Waitara** (11.00am)
4th October	10th October
1st November	14th November
6th December	12th December

DONATIONS COLLECTION
Sunday 20th September

Parish	$342.74
Clergy Trust Fund	$126.76

ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

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PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 27th September at 11.30am

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monthly Meeting to be held in the Burckett Hall following the 10:00am Parish Mass on Thursday, 1st October. Take Note: The AGM will follow. Any ideas for the Combined Churches Christmas Social, please? Hostess: Maureen Young.

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OPEN DAY
A time for friendship and fellowship.
Thursday 8th October
from 10.45am – 12 noon in the Burckett Hall.
This will be a time for a cup of tea, morning tea and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 11th October at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 20th October at 10.00am

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ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday 6th November at 12 noon

PARISH CONTACTS

23 Standish Street, PO Box 109, Inglewood Phone: 756 7164 or 027 672 2514
Email: shparish@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am – 12noon
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011 Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE
Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



MASS TIMES

INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word All other Saturday's	*(after)*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 11th October

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

27th September – Psalm Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Ezekiel: 18.25-28 **Philippians:** 2.1-11 **Matthew:** 21.28-32
4th October – Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Isaiah: 5.1-7 **Philippians:** 4.6-9 **Matthew:** 21.33-43

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 27th September	Next Week Sun 4th October
Readers	Marg Evans Alan Gibbins	Alan Spurdle Dennis Dravitzki
Prayers of Faithful	Mark Duynhoven	Daniel Chow
Presentation of Gifts	Joe & Roma Potroz	Mary Coombe Cathy Churches
Communion Ministers	Alan Spurdle Joy Woodward Dennis Dravitzki	Christiane McIntyre Ngaire Dravitzki Tanius D'Ath
Altar Servers	Josh Chloe	Casey Blake
Music	Music – Sue Marsh	Music Group
Power Points	Nicky	Mark
Counters	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey
Cup of Tea	Maureen D'Ath Nancy Leahy	D'Ath Family
Church Cleaning	Ranee D'Ath & Family 25 / 26 September	Susanne Duynhoven & Karla Campbell 2 / 3 October

MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH

Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

Mass Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28: The Lord responds to those who complain about fairness. God's ways are just. A virtuous person who turns to iniquity will face consequences, but if they repent, their life will be preserved.
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25: The psalmist seeks God's guidance and asks for instruction in truth. Remembering God's compassion, the psalmist asks for mercy and guidance. The Lord, good and just, leads sinners and the humble in righteousness.
Second reading – Philippians 2:1-11: Encouraged by Christ's love, unity, and compassion, we're urged to be of one mind, considering others above ourselves. Christ's selflessness and humility serve as an example, leading to exaltation and acknowledgment of His lordship.
Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32: Jesus presents a parable of two sons asked to work in a vineyard. One initially refuses but later obeys, while the other agrees but doesn't go. The lesson highlights that actions, not words, reveal true obedience and righteousness, and tax collectors and prostitutes enter God's kingdom due to genuine belief.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Thanksgiving Mass for the Closure of St Joseph's School, Patea: All are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass marking the closure of St Joseph's School, Patea, on Saturday 12 December 2026, 10.30am, at St Patrick's Church, 27 Egmont Street, Patea. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch at St Joseph's School. For catering purposes, please RSVP with numbers attending to stpatspatea@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 1 December.

National Centennial Mass for Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert: All are invited to a special Centennial Mass marking 100 years since the passing of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, celebrated by the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand at St Mary of the Angels Church, Wellington, at 2pm on Sunday 4 October 2026. The Mass will honour Meri Hōhepa's enduring legacy of service, particularly her work among Māori and with society's most vulnerable people. For more information, visit https://www.compassion.org.nz/history/celebrate-compassion-2026

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18.
The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer.
Find out more at: https://missio.nz/
The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have written a letter to Catholic Schools and Parishes – you can find it at https://bit.ly/MissionSundayNZ2026

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years: St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed. Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses. All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026: St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October. Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026 Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718





These Videos are amazing and follow the Catholic Church teaching

They are informative and produced by Catholic Professionals teaching in Catholic Theological colleges.

DO NOT BE PUT OFF, TRY ONE. DIP YOU TOE INTO THE POND AND LEARN

Invite some friends around and watch one together over a snack tea, coffee, and beer.
Send this email to your families encouraging them to go deeper and to just watch.
Or invite them round for video and meal.

- It is finished Scott Hahn
- The heart of Spiritual life Dr Brant Pitre
- Understanding the Mass through Sacred Scripture
- The Mass explained Active Participating Dr Brant Pitre
- The Mass explained Fr Mike Schmitz
- The Eucharist in Scripture. Scott Hahn
- Christ as Priest, Prophet and King in the Mass
- Church 101 Breaking the habit
- It is finished What do you mean the 4th cup. Dr Scott Hahn
- The Eucharist in Scripture: The Lambs Supper Scott Hahn
- Jesus and the roots of the Papacy Dr Brant Pitre
- The Kingdom of God is at Hand Dr Brant Pitre
- Scott's Hahn perspective on Matthew Gospel
- The Bible and the Sacrifice of the Mass Dr Scott Hahn



The Mass presenter Mike Schmitz speaks very fast but there are captions on the screen
Breaking the Habit is lighter than the videos with Dr Hahn and Dr Brant Pitre

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

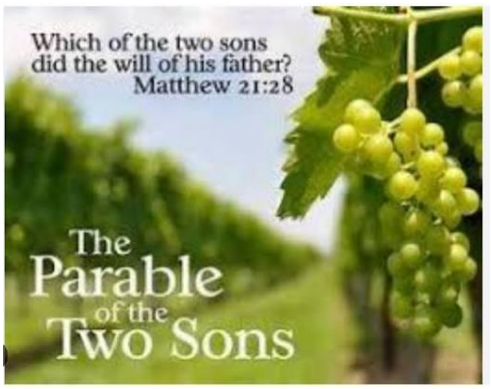
Reading 2: Philippians 4:6-9

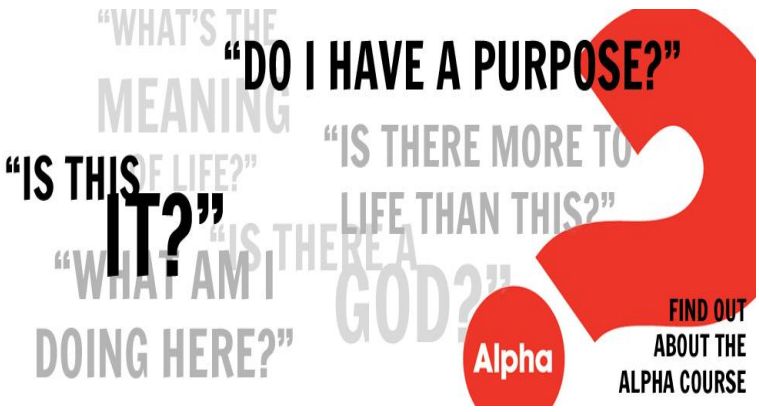
Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."





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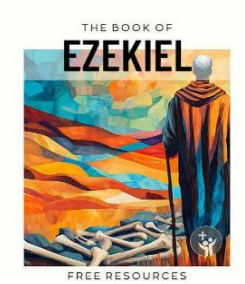

Ezekiel is a significant biblical figure whose life and prophetic ministry are documented in the Old Testament. As a member of a priestly lineage, he served as a prophet during the tumultuous period of the Babylonian exile, when the Israelites were taken captive to Babylon in 597 BCE. He warned of the impending destruction of Jerusalem and its temple, which indeed occurred some 10 years later.
His prophecies encompassed themes of judgment upon surrounding nations and the future restoration and blessing of the exiled Israelites, while also challenging them with stern warnings. Ezekiel's final vision was of the coming Second Temple and its glory in the world to come

The prophet Ezekiel is shown a vision of water flowing from the temple, which represents God's presence and blessing. The water begins as a trickle and deepens as it flows eastward, eventually becoming a mighty river. This imagery is rich with symbolism, reflecting themes of life, healing, and divine provision. *God's influence starts as a trickle of water and, as we journey, it widens and deepens.*

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Saint Thérèse_of_Lisieux Feast day 1 October



One of nine children born to holy parents Louis and Zelie Martin (both canonized as saints in 2015), St. Thérèse was born Jan. 2, 1873, in Alencon, France. Four Martin children died in infancy; the other five, all daughters, became nuns. When Thérèse was 4 years old, her mother passed away, and the family moved to Lisieux.
She is popularly known in English as the "Little Flower of Jesus", or simply the "Little Flower", and in French as la petite Thérèse ("Little Therese"). Joined the Carmelites at the age of 15, after gaining special permission from Pope Leo XIII
St. Thérèse of Lisieux – The Little Flower is called the little flower " because she viewed herself as a humble, simple wildflower in God's garden rather than a grand, striking flower like a rose. Humility: She was content to remain unnoticed and serve God in obscurity. The "Little Way": Her spiritual path focused on holiness through every day, ordinary actions done with extraordinary love, rather than through large, flashy deeds.
Childlike Trust: She believed that just as a small flower relies completely on nature to grow, people should depend entirely on God's grace with the trust of a little child. Thérèse (the "Little Flower") a Doctor of the Church on October 19, 1997.

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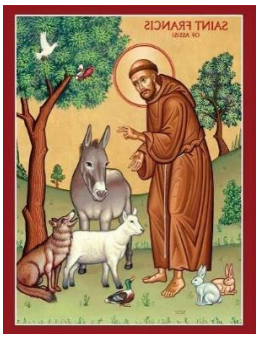

Saint Francis of Assisi was a wealthy merchant's son who transformed into a humble friar, founded the Franciscan Order, and became the patron saint of animals and the environment
His real name was Giovanni:, but his father later nicknamed him Francesco. Before his spiritual conversion, young Francis was known for partying and luxury, earning the playful title "King of Partying" from his friends. He was a prisoner of war: At age 19, he fought in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, got captured, and spent nearly a year in a dark prison.
He publicly gave up all his clothes: Francis stripped off his expensive clothes, returned them, and chose to live in total poverty. He physically rebuilt ruined churches: Hearing a vision telling him to repair God's house, he literally carried stones and rebuilt local chapels.

- Pope Innocent III initially hesitated to approve Franciscans
- Francis crossed war zones to meet a Sultan: During the Fifth Crusade to preach peace and the Gospel to Sultan al-Kamil, forging an unexpected mutual respect.
- He created the first living Nativity scene:
- In 1223, he staged the first-ever live reenactment of Christ's birth
- He viewed nature as family: He called all creatures and elements his brothers and sisters—such as Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and Sister Death—seeing creation as a direct reflection of God.
- Thérèse (the "Little Flower") a Doctor of the Church on October 19, 1997. He was the first recorded person to receive the stigmata: In 1224, after a deep 40-day fast, he experienced a vision of a six-winged angel and miraculously bore the physical wounds of Christ on his hands, feet, and side.

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