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“The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.”

~St. John Marie Vianney

May 1, 2023

Greetings in the Risen Christ, brothers!

Between the feast of **Joseph the Worker** (5/1) and the feast of the Visitation (5/31) the month of May is filled with great feasts that will keep us busy: Our Lady of Fatima (5/13); Ascension (5/21); and Pentecost (5/28), just to name the principal ones.



If this month dedicated to Our Lady and St. Joseph is not enough to remind us of our high calling, perhaps the **number of feasts of Apostles, Bishops, and Priests** will stir us to greater efforts to develop the virtues of apostolic zeal and heroic faith:

Athanasius (2), Philip and James (3), Damien of Molokai (10), Matthias (14), John I (18), Bernardine of Siena (20), Gregory VII and the Venerable Bede (25), Philip Neri (26), and Augustine of Canterbury (27). Wow – what a lineup!

I know you are joining with me on a regular basis in praying for our wounded Church. The Church and hierarchy needs serious reform, but unless the Lord calls us to have a direct hand in the reform of institutions, we must make sure that *we ourselves are living out our vocations to the fullest possible extent* for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.

The High Priest, Jesus Christ, will take care of the rest.

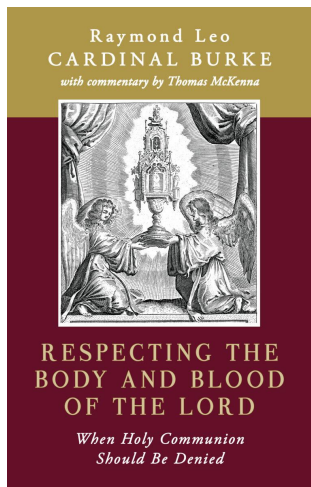
In Christ and Our Lady,

Fr. John Trigilio, PhD, ThD

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Website

New Laity Edition of Card. Burke's 915 Book



Newly published by [Sophia Institute Press](#) is Cardinal Burke's *Why Deny Communion?* book (full text) with **Thomas McKenna's** commentaries at the ends of each chapter that explain and focus His Eminence's wisdom for those who haven't had the chance to study theology or canon law.

Respecting the Body and Blood of the Lord: When Holy Communion Should Be Denied

Of particular help to the laity are questions that Thomas addresses in his commentaries:

- How the Church has consistently taught about Eucharistic discipline from the very beginning to the present day.
- Why sins against the Eucharist are sins against Christ Himself.
- How the average Catholic can live a strong Eucharistic faith and at the same time urge others to be accountable to the laws and teachings of the Church.
- What to do if someone in your family is causing scandal by not adhering to the Church's Eucharistic discipline; and most importantly,
- How we ourselves may avoid the twin pitfalls of value relativism and cowardice in insisting on the Truth of the Eucharist for our own lives and in our families.

Book Available at [Sophia Institute Press](#)

From the Web

We keep our website updated on a regular basis with news and items of interest to clergy. Here are a few of the recent highlights (click on titles):

[Burning Issues & Perspectives](#)

Featured: The Death of a Religious Community | Karl Keating's Excellent New Book | USCCB/CARA study on 2023 Ordinanti | Priests would rather go to jail that break the Seal of Confession

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[Note: we especially welcome any contributions from priests for our Blog and links to their articles online.]

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Domus Dei

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, Missouri



This basilica is the mother church of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in Missouri. Construction on the magnificent structure was begun in 1907, and the church was dedicated in 1914 but was not consecrated until its full completion in 1926.

It is of a brilliant **Romanesque style**, and its primary distinguishing mark is that it is almost entirely decorated by mosaics, the largest single collection in the Western Hemisphere and the **largest mosaic collection in the world outside of Russia**. A number of the mosaics in

the side chapels and sanctuary were crafted by Louis Comfort Tiffany himself.

The mosaics collectively contain **41.5 million glass pieces in more than 7,000 colors**. Covering 83,000 square feet, which may make it evident why the installation of mosaics began in 1912 but was **not completed until 1988!**

Three former Cardinals of St. Louis – John J. Glennon, Joseph Ritter, and John Carberry are buried in the Basilica’s crypt, as well as Archbishop John L. May.

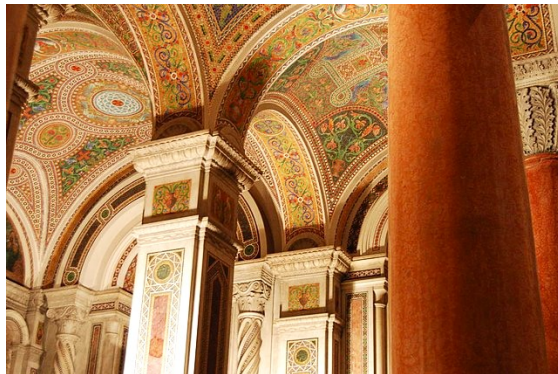


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