

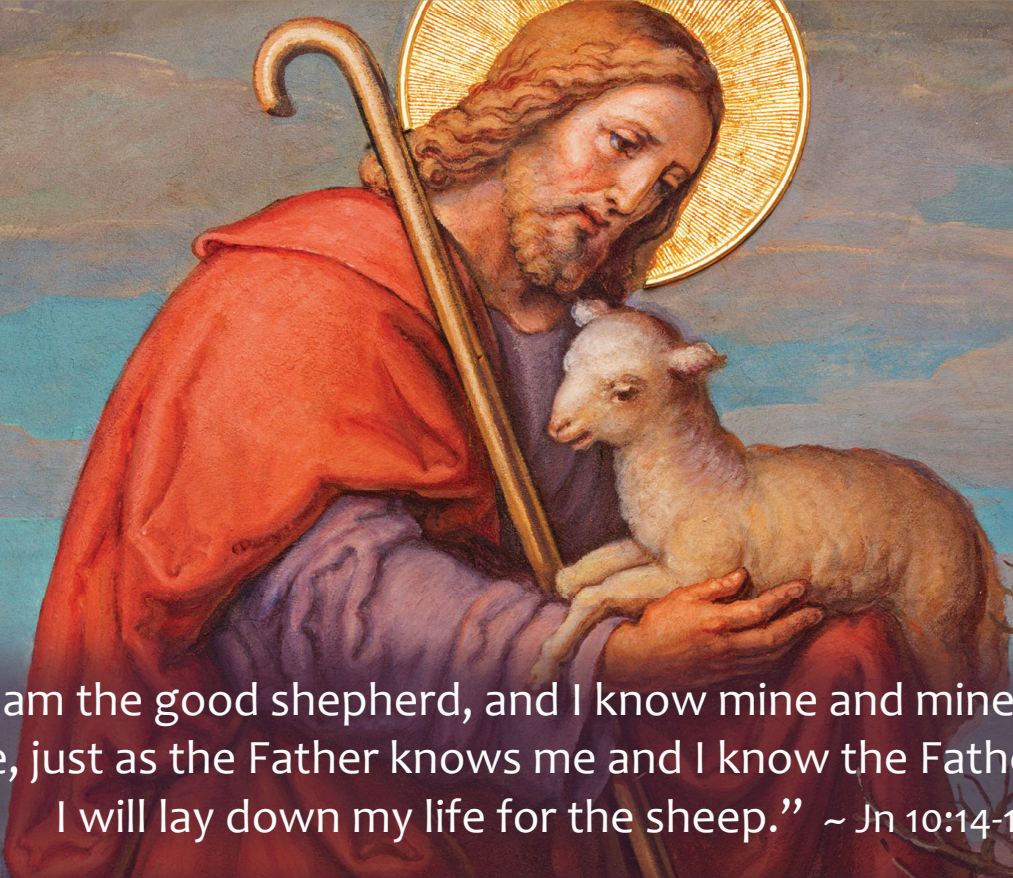


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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ♦ April 21, 2024**



“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” ~ Jn 10:14-15

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday

4:00pm..... Ss. Peter & Paul  
5:30pm..... St. Thomas

### Sunday

7:30am..... St. Thomas  
9:00am..... Ss. Peter & Paul  
10:30am.... St. Thomas

## "Temporary" Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat  
8:30am @ St. Thomas

## Sacrament Guidelines

### Baptisms:

*Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.*

### Marriages:

*Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.*

## "Temporary" Confession Schedule

### Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas

### Tue, Wed, Fri

3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas

### Wednesdays

6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)

### Saturdays

7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas

3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul (in Library)

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*From  
Fr. Jenson's  
Desk*



This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Easter Season. In our Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd. In our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from St. John's 1<sup>st</sup> epistle, we are called God's children. Put together, we can see why Jesus refers to Himself as our Shepherd. He knows what we need better than we do, as parents often know better

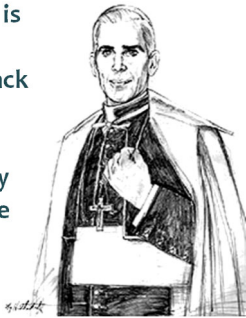
than their kids what is in their best long-term interests. Because our Lord knows us better than we do ourselves, He acts to guide and protect us, as a shepherd does his sheep.

This is something that we can rely on all our lifelong. In His eyes, we are His children. He loves us unconditionally and despite our sins. We can always turn to Him for forgiveness and know that we will receive it if we are sincerely sorry. The Lord also seeks to guide us in the pathways of life to the most fulfilling and loving way for each of us. Jesus is truly our Good Shepherd, always on the watch for danger to our salvation and our peace of heart. Trust in Him, for His love is everlasting.

- *This weekend we have 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at St. Thomas, and next weekend at Ss. Peter and Paul. Please pray for our youth that encountering Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion will bring them the wonders of God's love for them and the ability to trust in Him throughout their lives! Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for them!*
- *See page 5 for pictures of our newest member, Stephen Fuchs, when he was received into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.*

**“The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.”**

~ Venerable Fulton  
J. Sheen



**New Attack on Your Faith Rights!**

Pretending to be an “Equal Rights Amendment,” abortion and gender advocates in Minnesota are proposing a sweeping amendment copied largely from New York’s so-called “Equality Act.”

Both would enshrine abortion up to birth in the states’ constitutions, but proposed language in Minnesota has NO protection for faith, religion, or conscience. NONE. Even New York’s most extreme amendment in the nation has protections for creed and religion.

Minnesota doesn’t need the most radical (Un)Equal Rights Amendment in the nation, perhaps in the world. Call your state Representative today at 651-296-2146 and your state Senator at 651-296-0504. Tell them to vote NO on the radical (Un)Equal Rights Amendment, bill SF37, that discriminates against churches and people of faith.

-Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCCL) www.mcccl.org

**Liturgical Ministers**

Please enter into your web terminal—by Friday, May 3rd— the dates you will not be available to serve for the months of June, July and August; or contact the Parish Office before May 3rd to let them know your unavailable dates.

Thank you.

**Coffee & Rolls**

All are invited to the Parish Center Dining Hall for coffee, juice and rolls following the 9 AM Mass.



**Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.*

**Ss. PETER & PAUL  
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Tuesday - Friday  
9am - 4pm

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Bill Maurer-Chair, Lark Ahlstrom, Paul Gibson, Todd Johnson, Scott Ritter, OPEN POSITION, Tim Spaulding

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# NEWS & EVENTS



**Knights of Columbus**  
*Southwestern*  
**Pancake & French Toast Breakfast**

*Free-Will Offering*

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**

**Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center**  
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*Dick Weller Drawing at 12:15 PM*




## Home Missions Appeal

**Next Weekend—April 27/28**

Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information: [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis (Denny) Kerber whose funeral will be held on Thursday, April 25th. The Mass will be at St. Thomas in Corcoran at 11 AM with visitation in church from 9:30 AM to Mass time. The Luncheon will be at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center immediately following the Mass.

*We express our deepest sympathy to Peggy, Kathleen, Tom, and family and pray that the love of God and friends will provide comfort for you during this difficult time. May Denny rest in the eternal peace of Christ; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Knights of Columbus "Dick Weller Memorial" Raffle

You may notice the Knights of Columbus out in full force over the next few weeks wearing their blue vests outside of church, and you may wonder what's going on? Well, it's the annual Dick Weller memorial raffle!



You can support your church/community/youth activities and charitable works of your local KC Council #9601 by purchasing a ticket for a chance to win cash prizes! For more information please call Pete at 763-479-3987.



Status of Sanctuary Renovation as of Wed, Apr 17.

## PARISH & CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday, May 11, 9 AM**

**Your help is needed:** May 11<sup>th</sup> is our Ss. Peter & Paul Parish/Cemetery Clean-Up Day. We will be edging, raking, trimming trees and bushes, spreading mulch, and a number of other chores to "spring clean" our grounds. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please bring any hand tools and gloves you think you may need. If you are not able to help with the cleanup, please consider bringing some bars or water for our lunch. If there is inclement weather, we will do the cleanup the following Saturday.

Contact Rick Lehn (612.759.8800) with any questions. For donating bars or water, please call Joyce at 763.300.5135.

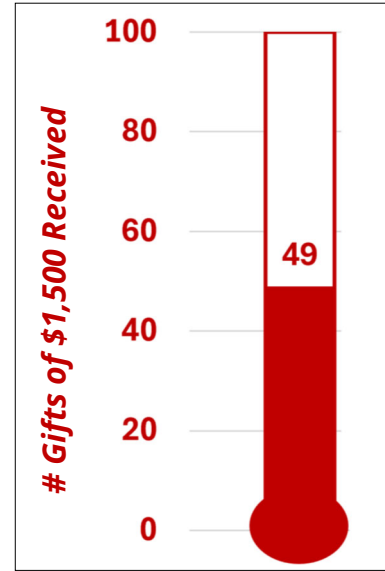
## Fr. Jenson's \$1,500 Challenge



Fr. Jenson's challenge continues - for 100 families to match his donation of \$1,500 toward the restoration of our sanctuary as the first step in renovating our church.

If you would like to take part in this endeavor, please indicate your donation is for the challenge. If you would like to make payments, please indicate on each payment that it is to go toward the challenge. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code to the right or going to our website.

The office will track the donations, and we will keep you updated with the thermometer to the right.



# ≡ OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ≡

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Why Do a Silent Retreat...

- **To recharge your spiritual batteries:** Sometimes we get so caught up with the demands of life, and God gets pushed aside. A silent retreat takes you away from the noise and busyness of life, and allows you to recognize the hand of God in your life.
- **Clarity:** If you are currently wrestling with major questions or issues in your life, a silent retreat will clear your mind of the things that are muddying the waters.
- **Kickstarting good spiritual habits:** At a retreat center, a priest or sister is available if you would like spiritual direction during your retreat. If this is helpful, you may even want to continue receiving spiritual direction on a regular basis to keep the fire burning in your faith life.

Also, during a retreat you will attend Mass frequently, spend time in prayer and reading the Scriptures daily, and go to Confession at least once. This will hopefully encourage you to continue some of these practices beyond the retreat.

- **Purge something that doesn’t belong in you:** A silent retreat allows you to bring God into whatever wound needs His healing touch.
- **Rest:** A silent retreat allows you to get some much-needed sleep, along with a whole lot of spiritual and emotional rest as well. “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matt 11:28)

Taken from “5 Things that Happen on a Silent Retreat”, by Fr. Brenton Cordeiro, <https://catholic-link.org/5-things-youll-learn-on-a-silent-retreat>

“We need to find God and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence.

See how nature—trees and flowers and grass—grow in silence. See the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## King’s House Retreats

“What we need most in order to make progress is to be silent before this great God with our appetite and with our tongue, for the language he best hears is silent love.” ~St. John of the Cross

### Women’s Silent Midweek Retreat

(Tues-Thur) April 23-25, 2024

“Do This in Memory of Me”

#### presented by King’s House Retreat Staff

Jesus shared The Last Supper with His disciples and gave them the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples have many memories of these events and will be the focus of our retreat.

Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and Suggested Donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 6 meals.

### “A Day Away” for Men and Women

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Do you need some “ME” time to be in solitude with the Lord away from the business of life? Join us at the HOLY GROUND which is Christ the King Retreat Center, overlooking Buffalo Lake, for a day in a peaceful setting to “walk humbly with your God”. Optional guided meditations and conferences. Includes Lunch. Suggested Donation \$30.

You can register for either retreat online at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call 763-682-1394. If you are hesitant to register for a retreat due to financial restrictions, please contact the King’s House to complete your registration.

## CONGRATULATIONS, STEPHEN!

Congratulations and welcome to our newest member of the Catholic Church, Stephen Fuchs! Stephen was baptized into the Catholic Church, and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 30, 2024. He and Erica Pouliot will be married this summer.





## THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL  
MINISTER SCHEDULE**April 27, 4:00 PM—Choir sings**

Priest.....Fr. Jenson  
 Sacristan .....JoAnn Schlosser  
 Rosary .....Bill & Vicki Magevas  
 Ushers.....Lee Schlosser, Butch Peitz  
 Lector.....James Garcia  
 EMHC .....Diane Oberg

**April 28, 9:00 AM**

Priest.....Fr. Jenson  
 Sacristan .....Mary Kaye Schneider  
 Rosary .....Sandy Jordan  
 Ushers.....Allen Pouliot, John Grenzer,  
 Glen Schneider, Jeff Sieg  
 Lector.....Terese Weber  
 EMHC .....Meg Clemens  
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 TOAST BREAKFAST

OBSERVANCES FOR  
THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 21, 2024

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations

**Monday:** Earth Day

**Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St.  
Adalbert, Bishop &  
Martyr

**Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of  
Sigmaringen, Priest &  
Martyr; Administrative  
Professionals' Day

**Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist

**Friday:** Arbor Day

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter

**We Pray for the Sick**

Willie Anderson	Baby Julia McGuire
Rosie Arens	Oliver Moyer
Sue Evensen	Cory Plotts
Diane Growchowski	Ellie Rux

**We Pray for Those in the Military**

Eric Alger—Army; Bryan Beal—Army National  
Guard w/34th Red Bulls; Patrick Eikmeier—  
Army National Guard; Dalton Pouliot—Army  
National Guard; Nickolas Sieg—Army; Peter  
Weber—Air Force.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**April 23-28, 2024**

Tues .....†Michael Bryant  
 Wed .....†Marion Merz  
 Thur .....†Ron Arens  
 Fri.....†Fr. Robert M. Schwartz  
 Sat, 8:30am .....†Bill Erchul  
 Sat, 4:00pm.....First Holy Communicants  
 Sat, 5:30pm .....†Bonnie Morin  
 Sun, 7:30am.....†Marc Tadych  
 9:00am .....Parish Cluster  
 10:30am .....†Anna Maria Lombardo

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**April 22-28, 2024****MONDAY, APRIL 22**

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office closed on  
Mondays

9-10:30am Bible Study @ St. Thomas  
 6:30pm Choir Practice (Gym)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

8am-4:30pm VIA (Parish Center)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

5:30-6pm Parish Cluster Dinner—  
held @ St. Thomas  
Menu: **Tator Tot Hotdish**

6:15-7:30pm Faith Formation @ St. Thomas

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

8:30am-1pm VIA (Parish Center)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

6-11:30pm Young Adult Game Night  
(Dining Hall)  
 6:30pm First Communion Practice @  
Ss. Peter & Paul

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

4:00pm Mass with First Communion  
(Gym)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

8am-12 noon KC Pancake & French Toast  
Breakfast (Parish Center)

12:15pm Drawing for KC Raffle

6-8:00pm Holy Apostles Youth Group  
@ Ss. Peter & Paul

Readings for the week of  
April 21, 2024**Sunday:**

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,  
29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:**

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:**

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:**

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:**

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:**

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:**

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:**

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Our Lady of Loretto  
Knights of Columbus,  
Council 9601**

*Our Mission Statement: We are a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization dedicated to the values and faith of the Roman Catholic Church through our activities that promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.*

To join the Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight Greg Dvorsak at 612-840-2400 or Financial Secretary Loren Spurzem at 612-423-6401 or visit their website at KC9601.mnknights.org. *The Knights meet the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center KC Room.*

**BULLETIN  
SUBMISSIONS**

Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated elsewhere in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.  
Thank you.

# ≡ BLESSED VIRGIN'S ROSARY MINISTRY ≡

As we contemplate the new beginning and new birth in nature, it reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed—Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—wouldn't have happened.

## Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for  
**April 2024**

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and  
**for our Minnesota leaders; that they will follow God's will as they make decisions on matters of life.**

*Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at [jmschu@live.com](mailto:jmschu@live.com).*

So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honor the Woman who gave life to our Savior. When saying the mysteries of the rosary, all of the above points come into focus. May is considered the Month of Mary.

We invite you to join us in praying this most powerful prayer. Consider becoming a part of our Blessed Virgin Rosary Ministry, praying daily one decade assigned to you. Call Joanne at 763.360.2639 if you wish to join.

## Powerful Benefits of the Rosary

As Pope, Saint John Paul II invited Christians who had never prayed the Rosary to consider taking it up, and he invited those who had set it aside to rediscover it. In doing so, he reminded everyone that the Rosary possesses a number of powerful spiritual benefits:

1. The Rosary is a Christ-centered prayer,
2. The Rosary is a powerful way to contemplate the Face of Christ,
3. The Rosary is a memorial by which Mary constantly sets before us the mysteries of her Son,
4. The Rosary is an invaluable source of self-discovery and integration,
5. The Rosary is a sublime encounter of Friendship,
6. The Rosary unites us to the bond between Jesus and Mary,
7. The Rosary is a supreme source of comfort and solace,
8. The Rosary is a condensed version of the Gospels.

It is through the rosary and its mysteries that all of these points come into focus.

## The Battle of Lepanto



The rosary is a powerful prayer.

In the late 16th century, Christianity in Europe was weak and splintered and the Catholic Church was frail from the Protestant Reformation.

The Ottoman Empire was strong and growing and were undefeated in naval battle. It had conquered the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including Constantinople. They were now aiming to conquer Rome and the rest of Europe.

Pope St. Pius V gathered together as many Catholic rulers of the Mediterranean as possible, and formed the "Holy League." Even though this new Holy League consisted of many nations, the Ottoman's had more boats and were well-practiced in fighting together.

The Holy League sailed to Lepanto, Greece, where they met the Ottoman Turks head-on. They knew if they lost the war, the Ottomans would easily conquer Rome and Europe. Knowing the desperate circumstances, the Pope knew he needed to get the people back at home to pray.

On the day of the battle, October 7, 1571, he organized a public procession in Rome to pray the Rosary.

The battle of Lepanto was one of the most famous and bloodiest battles in naval history. It lasted some five hours with the ships fighting in close proximity. Miraculously, against all odds, the Holy League defeated the Ottoman Turks. When the battle was over, the Turks had lost 20,000 men and 200 vessels. The Christian losses were less than 8,000 men and only a few vessels.

Knowing that their prayers were answered, the Pope created a new feast for that day, the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, now known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Historians say that the battle of Lepanto truly was decisive in world history, as it stopped the advancement of the Ottomans into Europe, preserving the independence of the western half of Christendom.