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THE (AMAZING) FINGERPRINT OF GOD



by Andrea Garcia

"In these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, ...who is the very imprint of his being."

- Hebrews 1:2-3

Recently I was admiring the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel online and Michelangelo's *Creation of Adam* caught my eye. Some call it "The Fingerprint of God," depicting God reaching down, finger to finger in all his awesomeness, giving the spark of life to Adam.

This began my focus, using an ancient form of reflection known as Visio Divina, or "divine seeing." This is related to the more well-known practice of Lectio Divina. Visio Divina is a contemplative practice in which one gazes at an image, allowing it to speak to the soul and reveal a deeper meaning. As I looked closely at the fresco, I soon became more aware of God's infinite love for me personally. I could almost see the

electricity between the fingers of God and Adam. It was the *same* feeling I had when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit as a teenager. God is so amazing!

I would like to invite you at some point to try Visio Divina during your prayer time. Gaze at the image of *The Creation of Adam*, depicted above. What part of the painting catches your attention? Spend a few minutes taking it all in. Now ask God to speak to you about why that particular part stood out to you. Take another few minutes to think about it. And now take a moment to imagine God touching you. What is happening? What is he saying to you? Do you respond or are you in silent awe? How do you apply this understanding in your life and situation right now?

I see God's handiwork evident in everything seen and unseen in our world, whether it be through science, nature or personal experiences.

As a nanny I have come to accept that the little munchkins I care for quite regularly leave icky sticky fingerprints in the most unlikely places! Fingerprints on my glasses, clothing, windows and walls. They definitely leave evidence that they were there, leaving their mark!

God isn't messy like my little munchkins but he has left an indelible imprint on you and me and in all of creation, revealing his attributes and character that we are to mirror. With his finger he sparks and marks you and me for life with the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION. God has marked you in baptism when he called your name. Now how can you make a mark in your family, church and work community? How are you going to leave your mark? Give them evidence that you were there! ■

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In our June/July GLEANINGS issue, we talked a lot about transitions. In this issue, I want to thank our good friend Carolyn McNERNEY for almost 25 years of service. She will be retiring at the end of October (for the second time). Over the years, she has stepped into various administrative and financial roles. Her eye for detail, her love of the Lord, and her great dedication to WWCCR has made us a better ministry. (I still expect to call her for proofreading once in a while!) She is our friend forever!

The other transition happened on August 12, as I stepped into a new

role as the interim director (check out the job description at WWCCR.org) and to help onboard the new executive director when hired. Until then, the WWCCR board and staff will continue to help “all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father.”

While this GLEANINGS issue is shorter, you’ll still find teaching, prayer and event information. Please keep WWCCR in your prayers and remember that we’re praying for you too. ■

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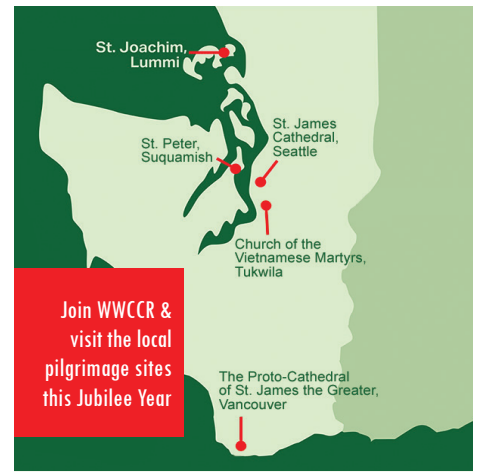


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Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

Sept 1 Pope Leo XVI	Oct 1 Pope Leo XVI
Sept 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D, S.T.L.	Oct 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D., S.T.L.
Sept 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Oct 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Sept 4 Bishop Frank Schuster, D.D.	Oct 4 Bishop Frank Schuster, D.D.
Sept 5 Fr. Jim Northrop	Oct 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
Sept 6 Fr. Donald Perea	Oct 6 Fr. Gerardo Rodriguez
Sept 7 Fr. Armando Perez	Oct 7 Deacon Ted Rodriguez
Sept 8 Fr. Leonardo Pestaño	Oct 8 Fr. David Rogerson
Sept 9 Fr. C. Vincent Peterson	Oct 9 Deacon Rey Ronquillo
Sept 10 Deacon Theman Pham	Oct 10 Fr. Steve Roman
Sept 11 Fr. James Picton	Oct 11 Fr. Juan Antonio Romero, M.Sp.S
Sept 12 Fr. Paul Pluth, J.C.L.	Oct 12 Deacon Jack Roscoe
Sept 13 Fr. Kyle Poje	Oct 13 Deacon Gary Rose
Sept 14 Deacon Dale Pollard	Oct 14 Fr. Cody Ross
Sept 15 Fr. Marc Powell	Oct 15 Fr. Stephen Rowan
Sept 16 Deacon Daniel Powers	Oct 16 Sem. Sylvester Rozario
Sept 17 Fr. Michael Radermacher	Oct 17 Sem. Tyler Russell
Sept 18 Fr. Philip Raether	Oct 18 Fr. Justin Ryan
Sept 19 Deacon Arturo Ramirez	Oct 19 Fr. Michael Ryan
Sept 20 Fr. José Maria Ramirez Briseno	Oct 20 Deacon Jerry Sadler
Sept 21 Fr. Michael Raschko	Oct 21 Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz
Sept 22 Fr. John Rashford S.J.	Oct 22 Deacon Ron San Nicolas
Sept 23 Deacon LaMar Reed	Oct 23 Fr. Timothy Sauer
Sept 24 Deacon Steven Reeves	Oct 24 Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
Sept 25 Deacon Rob Rensel	Oct 25 Fr. Milhton Scarpetta
Sept 26 Deacon John Ricciardi	Oct 26 Deacon Duane Schireman
Sept 27 Deacon Michael Riggio	Oct 27 Fr. Thomas Selvaraj Anthony Muthu
Sept 28 Fr. Kyle Rink	Oct 28 Fr. Dennis Sevilla
Sept 29 Fr. Dennis Robb	Oct 29 Deacon Tim Shamrell
Sept 30 Deacon David Robinson	Oct 30 Fr. John Shannon
	Oct 31 Deacon Joseph Sifferman

Let us pray, almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Archdiocese of Seattle as priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen



St. James Cathedral, Seattle

804 9th Ave., Seattle, WA

Saturday, September 27

Please meet at 2:00pm on the steps of the main west side entrance of the cathedral, or inside the vestibule. Special pilgrimage prayers will be included in the tour, which should take approximately 45 minutes. The vigil mass will begin at 5:30pm if you would like to attend.

The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater

218 W 12th St. Vancouver WA
(Historic church and former cathedral of the Diocese)

Saturday, October 25

Plan to arrive at 2:45pm, tour at 3:00pm (\$5.00 for booklet provided) 4:00pm Confessions at the parish & private prayer for pilgrims. 5:00p.m. Vigil Mass.

Please reserve a spot by calling our office at 206-364-2272 or by sending an email to Theresa@wwccr.org



2025 MONTHLY MASSES

You are invited to attend Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop (or unite in prayer) for this new outpouring, at 9am once a month at Sacred Heart Church, Enumclaw, WA on the dates below:

September 4 October 3
November 3 December 4



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Save the Date! - March 13-15, 2026

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Zephaniah 3:17

