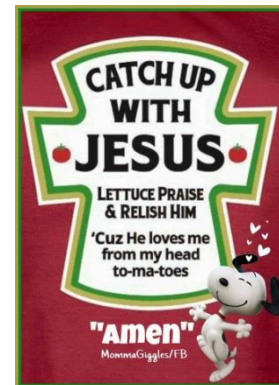
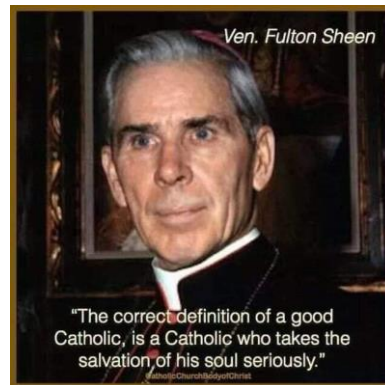


Green Tomatoes Journal First Edition

June 15, 2022 As long as you are green, you grow.



Thank you for saying “yes” to my Green Tomatoes Community. A Christian is a disciple, a student, of Jesus Christ. I’m always learning and I love it! I hope sharing some thoughts and insights with you will help you continue to grow.

Since you have responded personally to my invitation, I feel that this journal should have more of my personal thoughts and reflections. Baptism is a way of life. Christianity is a way of life, a relationship, a “way.” The sad state of the Church is parents make baptism promises and don’t keep them, they don’t raise their children to be good Christians. I was lucky. My parents were converts and very devout. We never missed Sunday Mass or Holy Days of Obligation. Theresa and I were able to send our children to St John the Evangelist school (now closed), and Antonian High School (Jessica teaches math there now). I think over 85 percent of Catholics send their children to public schools. Where will they learn their faith if their parents don’t know it? Do they go to Faith Formation, or do they just go to Mass sometimes? Those of you who are parents, your children’s eternal life is in your hands. Please don’t think heaven is automatic, or just be “good,” whatever that is, and you get into heaven. We are living in a pagan culture that is anti-God, anti-Church, materialistic, relativistic, nihilistic and any other “istic” you can think of. I will make resources available for you to help you learn your faith and continue to learn. You might even like the resources I share with you better than my tomatoes!

Something I can recommend right now is a show called “The Chosen,” It is a television series that has completed two seasons. It is available on Roku, Fire Stick, You Tube, Android app and the internet. It is free, but they will ask for a donation. It is all about the disciples and how Jesus changed their lives. The first two episodes don’t even feature Jesus much, mostly Simon and Mary Magdalene and Nicodemus. This is good because many of us have seen movies about Jesus, but this is about the disciples of Jesus and that is exactly where you and I are now. If you have seen it, recommend it to others. Please watch

the first three or four episodes and don't be surprised if you don't love it. Here's a link, if you want to check it out:

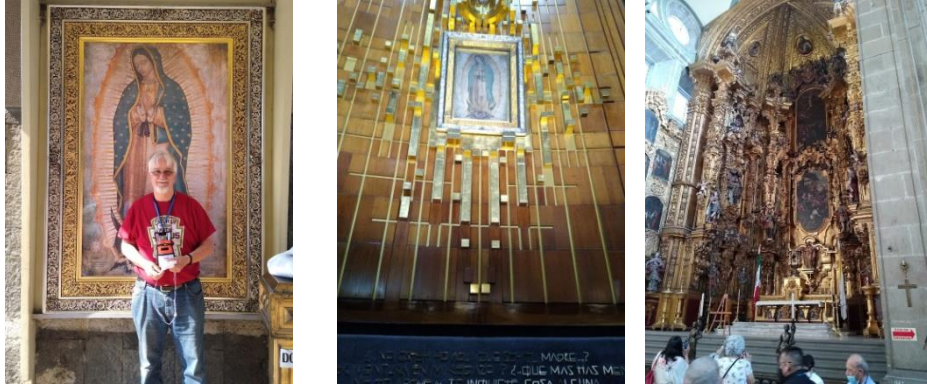
[The Chosen \(TV Series 2017–\) - IMDb](#)

I will be going to Medugorje June 21-28, so the future journal will have a lot from that pilgrimage. Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, July 30, 2022 for my next retreat "Medugorje and the End Time." Future emails will have a flyer describing the retreat. I think you will find it very interesting. My last retreat March 5 received positive reviews and I want this next one to be even better! If you want to be on my retreat team, let me know.

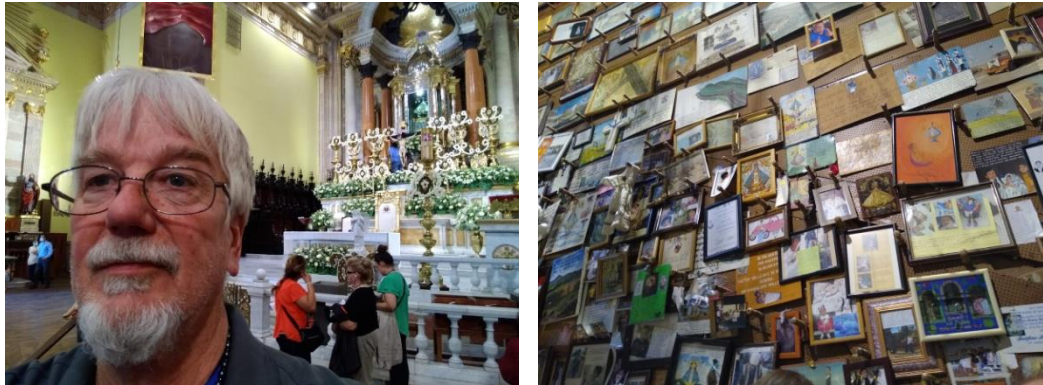
Do you give God some quiet time so he can speak to your heart, inspire you? I'd like to share something that God gave me this very morning. I was reading the Divine Office and noticed how certain themes repeated themselves and how the readings complimented each other. I decided to study and reflect on the readings and write a poem called "The Messiah." A recording is attached with this journal.

I will finish up with my report on my Mexico trip, May 17-24th this year. We ate well every day, three full meals! Hotels and restaurants were great, some had mariachis to serenade us. Fr Antonio loved to sing with them! We saw huge cathedrals with lots of world class statues and sculptures and gold inlaid artwork. One church was built over a silver mine, how convenient! While a number of rich people donated a lot to help with these huge and beautiful churches, it was the poor peasants who contributed their time and talents to actually build these churches with huge stones, high ceilings and beautiful sanctuaries and altars.

What type of home do we make for Jesus in our hearts? Is it beautiful? It is clean? It is inductive to prayer, worship and adoration? Do we even spend time with Jesus in prayer, especially after receiving him in holy communion? Do we confess our sins often and keep our hearts in a state of grace? Do we believe that we receive the person of Jesus, not just his body and blood, soul and divinity? We are God's temple now, what we become in heaven depends on the materials we send to heaven to build with. Consider your tithes, your talents, your time, your treasure and make sure you are invested in heaven, where your heart and treasure belong with Jesus.



The Second most visited cathedral in Mexico is San Juan de los Lagos. We arrived during a prayer service that was very moving. Afterwards we saw the “miracle room,” where a lot of healings were claimed and posted on the wall. Need a miracle? Let me know.



My homily, “Batman and the Trinity,” was well received last Sunday, so I will attach it to this email.

My website will have continued updates, including homilies and teachings.

Feel free to visit it:

<https://holyspiritministriesatx.com/home-green-tomatoes>

Thanks for your precious time!

Until the next issue, I remain faithfully yours,

Deacon Evan G Wittig

Note two attachments.