

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*September 11, 2022 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time*



*I will rise and go to my father.*

*'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'*

*"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need for repentance."*

*- Luke 15:6c-7*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*



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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: Closed

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

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## Mass and Sacrament Schedule

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.\*  
(\*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also  
livestreamed)

*Capacity limits have been lifted  
and reservations are no longer  
required. Masks are optional.*

*All are welcome!*

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.

**(Please note: Friday daily Masses &  
First Friday Mass & Adoration  
temporarily suspended as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Online

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our  
Facebook Page or Twitch)

### Confessions:

Sunday mornings  
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.  
(offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times  
offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of  
each month @ Noon  
(except during Lent)

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Men's Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our  
Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

*Mundelein Seminary Tolton Teaching Parish Program: Seminarian Updates*

I am entering my second year here both at Mundelein and IC. Again, I am from the Wichita diocese in Kansas, where I attended college seminary at our House of Formation before coming up this way. I have three more years before, God willing, I am ordained a priest.

This summer, I lived at our House of Formation once again and studied Spanish with my brothers in my class and the class below me. I had not studied Spanish in five years, but it went remarkably well, and I managed to learn a good deal. Having more class during the summer was not my favorite summer experience, as there was not a lot of active ministry I was able to provide. On the other hand, I got to grow into the ministry of presence and let the Holy Spirit do His work, something I always need to work on. I experienced this most prominently with a Hispanic family who hosted me for dinner twice a week. This was by far the best part of the summer, as they welcomed me into their family. This was a great opportunity to practice my Spanish, but also to learn about their culture and life in Mexico. As often happens in encounters between two different cultures when there is a language barrier, it also provided the opportunity for us to ask each other some very direct questions. We also got to go to various Hispanic ministry events in the evenings. I got to give a talk to the charismatic group. One of the major fruits of the summer was coming to know how much our two cultures have to offer each other. Growing up in an American Catholic context, especially one in which most people were descended from German farmers, there was a strong catechesis with a systematic understanding of the Faith and a strong emphasis on doing things right. It might be said that our motto was, *"If you love me, keep my commands."* The Hispanic culture, on the other hand, has a much more intimate and colorful view of who God is and what a relationship with Him looks like. There is also often a lesser understanding of the importance of the sacraments and a less organized approach to things in general. It might be said their approach is, *"the Word of God is near you, in your heart and on your lips."* In any case, this summer left me ready to serve in either context in the future, wherever I am needed.

Looking ahead to this year at IC, I look forward to being able to add to my experience of ministry, both by serving in whatever small way I can, and witnessing the service of others to their home parish. Please pray for me, and I will pray for all of you. - Joseph Mick



Hello, my name is Jacob McGuire. I am a seminarian of the Diocese of Wichita in Kansas and I am starting my first year of Theology at Mundelein. I grew up in the country near Cherokee, a very small town located in the southeast corner of Kansas. I am the youngest of three and was raised in a family that deeply cared about the Faith and has continued to be very supportive of my discernment to the priesthood. I went to public school for most of my life, with college seminary being my first exposure to a Catholic school. There were only a few Catholics at the schools I went to growing up, so I didn't have much exposure to a Catholic community outside of my parish. However, I was involved at my parish from an early age, as I started serving right after First Communion and was involved with helping with Fish Frys and other parish fundraisers in middle and high school. It was towards the end of my sophomore year of high school that I first felt the call to discern the priesthood. Over the next couple of years, I prayed about it and found myself becoming more open to the possibility until finally I decided to go to minor seminary after I graduated from high school.

For my four years of college seminary, I went to the House of Formation in Wichita, KS. It was started back in 2017 and is owned by the Diocese of Wichita. I went to a local Catholic university called Newman University for classes and had various opportunities to help minister to the people of my diocese. The House has several unique aspects compared to other minor seminaries, such as there being only seminarians from Wichita, and that we had to learn to cook and clean for ourselves. While this didn't give me any exposure to other dioceses, it gave me a ton of experience of my own; in fact, before entering seminary, I had never been to Wichita, which is the "main" city of the diocese. Being in Wichita for those four years helped me to know many priests and people of my diocese that I would have otherwise not met until after ordination. It also helped me to realize how important fraternity among brother seminarians is, which I am sure will become more important now that I am further away from some of them.

I hope that this gives a little bit of insight into who I am and how I got here. I am excited to be at Mundelein Seminary, and I am very excited to get to serve and be with all of you for the next few years. Please continue to pray for me and my brother seminarians as we continue to discern our vocation to the priesthood. — Jacob McGuire



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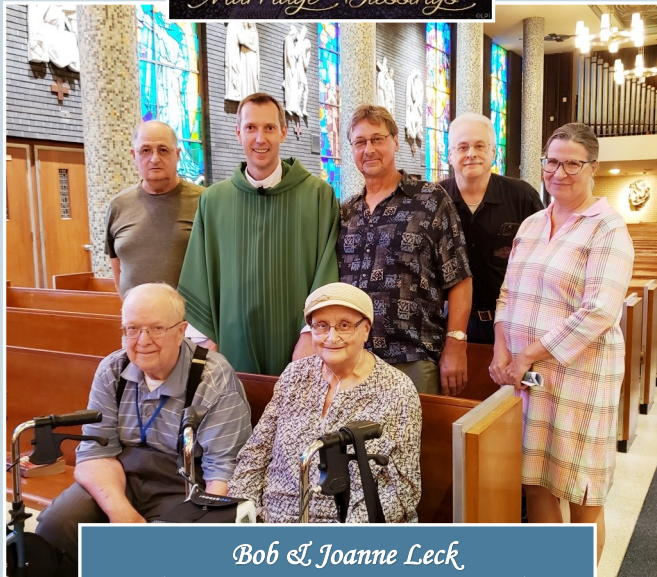
Saturday Mornings  
(beginning Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>)

Monday Evenings  
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Thank You!



*Family Masses Resume @ IC Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 A.M.*

Please join us at our 10:30 A.M. Family Mass next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (with Fr. Matt presiding) as we celebrate our new families that have joined our IC community and welcome back our returning families! A hospitality reception will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with your families and join us afterward to greet and socialize with your fellow parishioners at IC!







*Author Aaron Reynolds Visits IC School*

On Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Immaculate Conception School welcomed a very special visitor! **Aaron Reynolds**, a *New York Times* bestselling author who has written many highly acclaimed books for children, visited with our students in our Parish Center. His latest book, *Creepy Crayon!*, is currently #1 on the *New York Times Children's Picture Books Bestseller List*. The children were so excited to meet him! Aaron spoke about why he is a children's author and revealed the inspiration behind his books. He then read his new book to the children. After his presentation, Mr. Reynolds autographed copies of his books for our students.





*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*

Tom Altman  
Paul Amandes  
Arnold B.  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Roberta Berger  
John Bozek  
Vince Caeti  
Mary Cali  
Jackie Campbell  
Zita Castro  
Donna Chaplin  
James Covello  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Paige Dicks  
Margarita DiSalvo  
Emily Divarco  
**Marilyn Donovan**  
Eric Dulce  
Lilia Dulce  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Joan Fabiano  
Dolores Firlotte  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Patricia Furgat

*For those who are sick:*

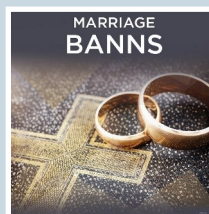
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Bonnie Jean Gorski  
Marie Hagarty  
Gloria Hernandez  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Judy Hull  
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Wayne Kinzie, Sr.  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Katherine Kreuser  
Anthony LaPash  
Denis Mahoney  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Pat Miaso  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Glen Molo  
Molly Morris  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray  
Brendan Nelson  
Anne O'Brien  
John O'Brien  
Jackie O'Koniewski  
David Olson  
Ashton Peterson  
Leo Pfest  
Mary Potwora  
Helen Rasmussen  
Rosaleen Reilly  
Bill Remblake  
Joe Rispoli  
Pia Rizza  
David Rodriguez  
Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.  
Don Skorey  
Edward Stanczyk  
Wivina Stremel  
Jill Swagler  
Alma T.  
Donna Tisdale  
Camilla Trevino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
Mary Ellen Vanderman  
Henry Wagener  
Miss Westhoff  
Rita Zambon  
**Denis Zamirowski**

*For our faithful departed:*

Richard L. Miceli



"Eternal rest grant unto them,  
Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon them."

*For those preparing to be joined together  
in Holy Matrimony:*

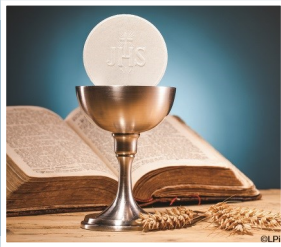
Samantha Rose Portera and  
Kevin Aoraha

"And the two shall become one..."  
– Ephesians 5:31

*For those who serve our country:*

**U.S. Army** - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco  
**U.S. Air Force** - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal  
**U.S. Marines** - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at [vets.archchicago.org](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday)** – †Tony & Jean Reszotko; †Elizabeth Serafin; †Margaret & Kenneth Allen; †The Furgat Family; †Robert Dillon (on his 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Lucia Peppe; †Margaret Pryma (Birthday Remembrance); †Eugene Hollister; and Rich Flanagan (on his 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday) (Living)

**8:30 A.M.** – †The Furgat Family; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †George Buschauer; †John Miles Joyce; Halina & Anthony Serafin (Living); Stanley Flondro & Family (Living); and Dennis & Roberta Jaburek (Living)

**10:30 A.M.** – †Maria Martino; †Joseph Paura (on his 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Aniello Porcelli; †Joseph Henmueller; †David Grex; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Bodillio Doque; †Patrocenia Cabanatan; †Gregorio Ramos; †Francisca Ramos; Joanne Brady (Living); and The People of the Parish

**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Exilda & Raymond Luedtke

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Jeanette Duggan

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8:30 A.M.** – †The Furgat Family; and †Molly Kurt

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Mary Fontem; and †Paul Klatt

**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

*Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)*

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**5:00 P.M.** – †John Wisniewski; †Madeline Mazzone; †Stephanie Klatt; Rafael Salvat (Living); and Timothy Bellizi (Living)

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Walter & Katherine Sment; †George Buschauer; †Eugene & Francis Coelho; and †Francis & Moira Cross

**10:30 A.M.** – †Anna Arriva; †Marie Martin; †Minnie Simone; †Louis & Frances Allocco; †The Furgat Family; †David Grex; †Charlie Manley (Birthday Remembrance); and The People of the Parish



**September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

**Maureen McGee  
Kogen**

Requested by: The McGee Family

**September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

**The Abraham  
Family**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>**

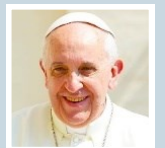
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

**John  
Wisniewski**

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

*"Following Jesus means bearing, like Him, one's own burdens and those of others, making one's life a gift. Jesus asks this of us: live the Gospel and you will live your life, not halfway but to the full."*





Special Collection For Franciscan Works - Liberia Mission: September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (Mission Cooperation Plan Appeal)

## FRANCISCAN WORKS + LIBERIA MISSION, INC.

IC warmly welcomes our special guest, Joan Agosto, who will speak @ all our Masses this weekend!

### WHO WE ARE



Franciscan Works is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for the poorest of poor children through education rooted in Gospel values. Our organization supports Liberia Mission - a community of love, learning, work and prayer.

Liberia Mission, which began with just three orphans in 2003, alleviates poverty and promotes transformation by providing faith formation, quality education, a loving home, and life skills training for youth so that they may become capable and compassionate citizens and future leaders of Liberia.

*Please consider a donation to Franciscan Works + Liberia Mission Inc. All donations are tax-deductible.*

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"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - Francis of Assisi

### WHAT WE DO

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Liberia Mission educates over 500 students from kindergarten to university level who would otherwise have difficulty attending school. Students are formed in the Catholic faith and are taught to live purpose-driven lives, as they walk in the steps of Christ. Students also benefit from Leadership Development through the Soul-diers for Christ Outreach Ministry, where they complete acts of faith and service in their surrounding community.

#### MICRO-BUSINESS

The students attending St. Anthony benefit from a skills-based vocational education. Courses in carpentry, masonry, tailoring, animal husbandry and agriculture teach the practical skills needed to rebuild Liberia after its devastating 14-year civil war. We are shaping future nation builders, while building a "Community of Love" as we are called to do as Christians.

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Liberia Mission students also run our Piggery and farm micro-businesses. They learn how to care for animals and crops, while completely managing two successful businesses. This teaches them the value of hard-work and encourages entrepreneurship.



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Your help is needed for this important ministry. Please be generous this weekend (if you are able). Thank you!  
To learn more about Franciscan Works and Liberia Mission, please visit their website at [www.franciscanworks.org](http://www.franciscanworks.org)



### Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “*who is God*” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

*“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).”* One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. *“Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”* ©LPi

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#### Special Collection Next Weekend: September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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## SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God’s call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

#### Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	G. Abraham	D. Sebastian	Youth Lector
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	M. Dosek	M. Davila & E. Niewinski
Altar Servers	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; M. Gallagher	B. Yak; A. McMahon; M. Moorehouse	E. Serb; I. Luna; E. Carroll



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**What's Happening @ IC...****Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> -**

3:10-4:30 P.M. - Jr. Ringers Rehearsal; CH

7:00-8:30 P.M. - Overtone Rehearsal; CH

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> -**

7:30-9:00 P.M. - Baptismal Preparation Session; RA

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> -**

8:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH

2:00-3:30 P.M. - IC Teacher Development Session (with Fr. Matt); RA

4:00-5:00 P.M. - Religious Education Program Classes Begin; SC

7:00-8:30 P.M. - Alpha Alumni Connect Group; RA

7:30-9:30 P.M. - Parents Club Mtg; NWCR

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> -**

7:00-9:00 P.M. - School Board Mtg.; RA

**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> -**

8:15-10:00 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> -**8:30-10:30 A.M. - Fall Alpha Saturday Morning Sessions  
Begin; RA**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> -**

10:30 A.M. - Family Mass; CH

(Hospitality Reception To Follow In Church Vestibule)

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - Tolton Teaching Parish Program Committee  
Mtg; RA7:00-11:00 P.M. - Holy Name Men's Club Membership Event: Sunday  
Night Football (Bears Vs. Packers); BA**Your Gifts to God and Parish...**

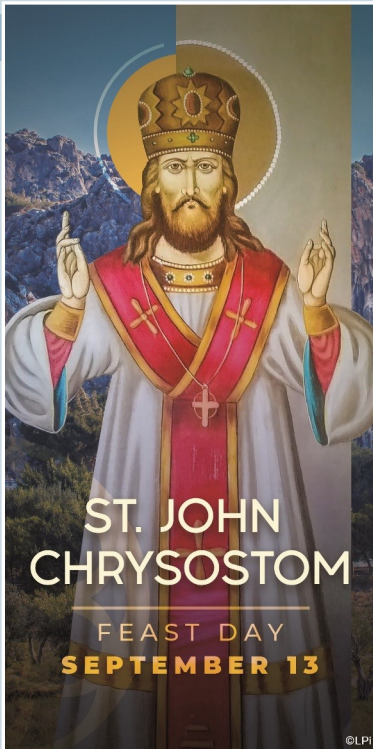
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*Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint John Chrysostom (September 13<sup>th</sup>)*

Born in Antioch in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398, he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568. ©LPi

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