



Build Love Not Walls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

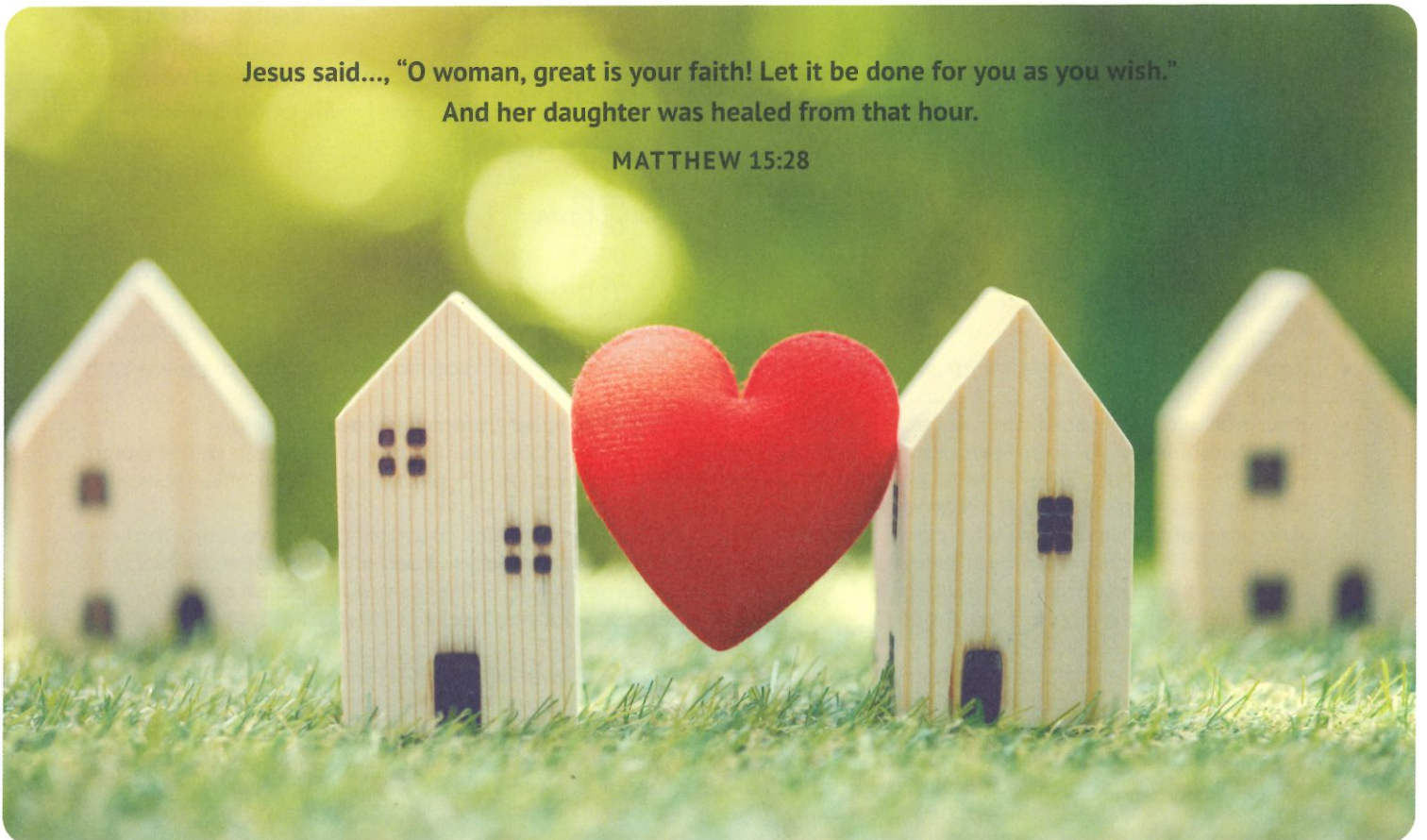
Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. ●

Reflect

***Have you ever felt isolated by a wall?
Who built it—you or someone else?***

Jesus said..., "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28



Catholic Communities



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
419-446-9288

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Tuesday and Thursday

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St. Peter

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Archbold, OH 43502

MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions *starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.*
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20th Sunday – Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY & FESTIVAL (Save the Date)

Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrating our Feast Day and Festival on September 24, 2023. Come and enjoy a day of fun & food. Starting the day is a very Special Celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light breakfast, silent auction, special activities and ending with an Our Lady of Mercy Festival dinner. More information to follow.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR – CATHOLIC BOOTH DAYS

It is that time of year again!! Our Lady of Mercy has 3 days that we are asked to help at the Fulton County Catholic Churches fair booth. Friday, Sept. 1 – 8 p.m. -10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5 – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 7 (Our Lady of Mercy's full day) Noon – 10 p.m. This is a GREAT way to evangelize and help support our Catholic faith. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the entrance. Should you have any questions please see Sherry Renner or call 419-388-5695. **PLUS** – you get to enjoy all the yummy fair food.

PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

SHARING YOUR FLOWERS WITH MARY

If you have any flowers out of your garden that you would like to share with Mary, there will be extra vases on the back table every Sunday to put them in and then you can place by the statue of Mary.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"It is impossible for our human nature ever to stop moving; it has been made by its Creator ever to keep changing. Hence when we prevent it from using up its energy on trifles and keep it on all sides from doing what it should not, it must necessarily move in a straight path towards truth." - St. Gregory of Nyssa

Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Aug. 20 – We too are called to withdraw at certain intervals into deeper silence and aloneness with God, together as a community as well as personally. To be alone with Him – not with our books, thoughts, and memories but completely stripped of everything – to swell lovingly in His presence. Silent, empty, expectant, and motionless. We cannot find God in noise or agitation.

Aug. 21 – "Mother, how can you remain so joyful surrounded by all this suffering and aware that so many are indifferent?" The question always makes me smile. Jesus is the source of my joy, not anything in this world. I go to prayer, every day, so He can fill me with His joy. When I am weary and discouraged, I go and sit with Jesus. He invited us to do that. "Come to me, all you who are weary burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Aug. 22 – Mary did not feel ashamed. She proclaimed Jesus her son. At Calvary we see her standing upright-the mother of God, standing next to the cross. What a deep faith she must have had because of her love for her son! To see Him dishonored, unloved, and object of hatred. Yet, she stayed upright.

Aug. 23 – Here is another paradox: When you don't have anything, then you have everything. Having nothing liberates you in unimaginable ways, be careful what you become attached to. In the end we have to give it all up anyway. But it is not true that we leave this world with nothing just as we came into the world with nothing. We can't take things or money with us, but we take all the love we have allowed God to fill us with.

Aug. 24 – We fear the future because we are wasting the today.

Aug. 25 – so helpless and weak. I think that is why God uses me, because I cannot depend on my own strength. I rely on Him twenty-four hours a day. If the day had even more hours, then I would need His help and grace during those hours too. I cling to Him in prayer, and I encourage you to do the same.

Aug. 26 – Each one of us is merely a small instrument. All of us, after accomplishing our mission, will disappear. The only question is: Will you collaborate with God so He can use you to do His work here on earth?

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.

Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

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Our Lady of Mercy is at 96.01%.

HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at toledodiocese.org/careers

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 22, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass.

To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

 **Love and Life Programs**
Program 1: *I + YOU = WE*



Happy relationships don't grow on trees. Inspire your Marriage!

October 7 - 8, 2023
Immaculate Conception Church 414 Madison St. Port Clinton, OH 43452

This is a unique weekend filled with lectures, dynamic workshops, and individual couple dialogue that leads you through 6 simple steps to real joy in your marriage. All married couples will benefit from this workshop.

Program Leader
Fr. Jaroslaw "Jay" Szymczak
Institute of the Holy Family • Warsaw, Poland

Cost
Registration \$250 per couple, \$300 after Sept. 25th

Includes

- Lecture & detailed workshop materials
- Coffee, tea & refreshments
- All meals

More Information
loveandlifeprogramsohio@gmail.com
Aaron & Stephanie Gonyea 614-378-4975




Saturday, October 7th 8 am - 9 pm and Sunday, October 8th 8 am - 4 pm

2023 FEAST OF

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Kindly join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas in welcoming as principal Celebrant and Homilist Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati


Join In Preparation
SEPT. 28 - OCT. 6
Pray a Rosary Novena in preparation for the Feast Day



Join In Celebration
SATURDAY, OCT. 7, 2023
4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary by Archbishop Schnurr, Bishop Thomas and a guest family
5 p.m. Holy Mass, Archbishop Schnurr, Celebrant and Homilist, Bishop Thomas, Concelebrant

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL
2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

Saturday, Oct. 7
4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary
5 p.m. Feast Day Mass



TO REGISTER FOR THE NOVENA VISIT WWW.TOLLOPRAYS.ORG

For more Diocese of Toledo happenings please visit toledodiocese.org/calendar

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of August 20– August 27

Sunday, August 20–St. Bernard of Clairvoux - St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was one of seven children born to a noble family in Burgundy, France. All seven children, six sons and one daughter, were offered to the service of God by their devout mother. Before St. Bernard was born, a holy man foretold of his great sanctity. As a child Bernard was given an excellent education. He excelled at his studies, and also possessed a personal charm that attracted many people to him. He prayed about his vocation, and at the age of twenty-two left his worldly wealth to become a Cistercian monk. Four of his brothers joined him at the monastery in Cîteaux, along with many others belonging to the Burgundian nobility. He later founded and became abbot of the Abbey of Clairvaux, which rapidly grew to over 700 monks and 160 daughter-houses. Bernard, with his natural charisma, was also a skilled arbiter and counselor who proved to be instrumental in the support of the true pope of Rome against the schism of a rival anti-pope. Bernard's reputation for holiness and piety was widely known. He traveled throughout Europe as a preacher and became one of the most famous and influential men of his century. He was a man of reform, and was effective in opposing the appointment of unworthy men to episcopal offices, while others reformed themselves at his censure. St. Bernard composed many theological works and wrote tenderly on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is a Doctor of the Church, and the patron of beekeepers and candlemakers. His feast day is August 20th.

Monday, August 21 –Pope St. Pius X - Pope St. Pius X (1835-1914) was born Giuseppe Melchiorre, one of ten children from an impoverished family living in Venetia, then under the political control of the Austrian Empire. His parents valued education and ensured that Giuseppe walked nearly four miles to school every day. Drawn to the priesthood, he received a scholarship to enter one of the best seminaries of his day, and was ordained in 1858. After the death of Pope Leo XIII, who made him cardinal, he was elected Supreme Pontiff in 1903. Saint Pius X was a man of virtue, sanctity, and zeal, and a great defender of the Catholic faith against heresy. He ranks as one of the greatest reforming popes in history. In his eleven-year pontificate he contributed to reforms in papal elections, seminary life, Eucharistic practice, liturgy, biblical studies, the Divine Office, catechesis, the organization of the Roman Curia, and canon law. He was also known as a pastoral pope for encouraging Catholic social action as well as the development of personal holiness, piety, and a daily lifestyle which reflected deep Christian values. He promoted the reading of Sacred Scripture by all the lay faithful, and harshly denounced the evil of Modernism as "the summation of all heresies." He also lowered the age of First Holy Communion to the age of reason. He was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Confidence. Pope St. Pius X is the patron of pilgrims and first communicants. His feast day is August 21st.

Tuesday, August 22– St. John Kemble - St. John Kemble (1599-1679) was born in England to a prominent Catholic family when Catholicism was outlawed in the country. He was ordained a priest in 1625 and ministered in England as an itinerant priest for fifty-three years. Although persecution of Catholics was rampant, in his particular region Catholics were generally not harassed. In the infamous "Popish Plot" of 1678, Protestant politicians began a violent crackdown on Catholics, particularly on priests. Although 80 years old at the time, Father John Kemble was arrested. He was warned in advance but declined to leave his flock, saying, "According to the course of nature, I have but a few years to live. It will be an advantage to suffer for my religion and, therefore, I will not abscond." Although he was found innocent of any involvement in the "Popish Plot," he was condemned for being a Catholic priest and sentenced to death by being hanged, drawn, and quartered on August 22, 1679. His last words, addressed to the crowd were: "The failure of the authorities in London to connect me to the plot makes it evident that I die only for profession of the Catholic religion, which was the religion that first made this Kingdom Christian." He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970. St. John Kemble is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is August 22.

Wednesday, August 23– St. Rose of Lima - St. Rose (1586-1617) was born in Lima, Peru, one of ten children belonging to a Spanish immigrant and his wife, a descendant of the Incas. Rose was beautiful and very pious. She was so sensitive to compliments on her physical appearance that, to combat vanity, she disfigured her face with pepper and lime. When her father's finances deteriorated, Rose used her skill at needlework to help support her family. Her parents desired that she marry, but she refused, and lived as a recluse in a hut in her parent's garden. Inspired by the example of St. Catherine of Siena, Rose joined the Third Order Dominicans, dedicated her life to chastity and assisting the sick and poor, and inflicted severe penances on herself daily. For this extreme behavior she endured disapproval and persecution from her family, especially when she began to have visions and other mystical experiences. An evaluation by priests and physicians proved Rose's experiences to be authentically supernatural. She also spoke out against the corruption of her day, as the Spanish

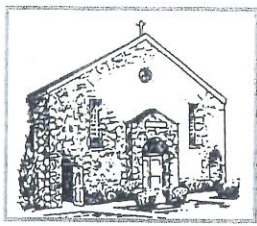
(St. Rose of Lima – cont.)

grew rich from Peru's natural resources while Peruvians became impoverished. She was greatly revered by the people, and at the time of her death, at the age of 31, her body could not be buried for several days due to the large crowds. After her death many miracles were attributed to her intercession. Rose of Lima was the first native-born saint from the Americas to be canonized. She is the patroness of the Americas, the Philippines, India, Peru, and of gardeners, florists, needleworkers, and against vanity. Her feast day is August 23rd.

Thursday, August 24– St. Bartholomew - St. Bartholomew (1st c.) is one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles who, together with his friend and fellow Apostle Philip, came from Cana in Galilee. All we know of St. Bartholomew (also called Nathaniel) is what is mentioned of him in the synoptic Gospels and the book of Acts. Philip told Bartholomew that he had found the Messiah, and, despite Bartholomew's incredulity, the two went together to see Jesus. When Jesus saw Bartholomew he exclaimed, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him!", indicating that Bartholomew possessed great purity of heart. Bartholomew then asked Jesus how he knew him, and Jesus explained that he saw Bartholomew sitting under the fig tree. This secret between Jesus and Bartholomew caused Bartholomew to immediately exclaim that Jesus was the Messiah and the Son of God. According to the Roman Martyrology, Bartholomew became a missionary in the East, preaching and evangelizing in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India, and finally Armenia, where he was flayed alive and beheaded by King Astyages. St. Bartholomew is the patron saint of nervous and neurological diseases, butchers, leather workers, tanners, cobblers, trappers, and shoemakers. His feast day is August 24th.

Friday, August 25– St. Genesius of Rome - St. Genesius of Rome (d. 303 AD) was a renowned actor and playwright, the leader of a popular acting troupe during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. When the Emperor was killing Christians, Genesius wrote plays to mock them and expose their secret rites to ridicule. To research for a play mocking baptism, he went to a priest pretending to desire the sacraments and was fully instructed as a catechumen. Genesius prepared his play and instructed the other actors in their parts. On performance day the Emperor was present. Genesius played the lead character seeking baptism, and the rite was performed in such a ludicrous manner that all present laughed. As the water was poured over Genesius' head by an actor playing the priest's part, Genesius saw a vision of the heavens opened and the hand of God touching him. He also saw an angel who showed him that his many sins had been washed away through the valid baptism he had just received. At that moment Genesius' heart was changed by the Holy Spirit and he believed in the truth of Christianity. At the conclusion of the play Genesius boldly declared his new faith, recounting how he had been a scoffer until that moment. He implored the audience, including the Emperor, to follow Christ. The crowd thought this was part of the performance, but once they understood it was real, Genesius was seized. The Emperor, furious, subjected him to cruel tortures daily to make him renounce his faith in Christ. Genesius staunchly refused and was beheaded. The Christians collected his body and buried him with the other martyrs. St. Genesius is the patron saint of comedians, dancers, actors, musicians, printers, and torture victims. His feast day is August 25th.

Saturday, August 26– St. Orontius of Lecce - St. Orontius of Lecce (1st c.) was the son of the Roman imperial treasurer in Lecce, Italy. Upon his father's death he inherited the position. Orontius was converted to the Christian faith along with his nephew, Fortunatus, by Justus, a disciple of St. Paul the Apostle. Orontius was later denounced to the authorities as a Christian and was ordered to sacrifice to the pagan gods. He refused and was arrested, removed from his office, tortured, and exiled to Corinth together with Fortunatus. In Corinth the pair met St. Paul the Apostle, who consecrated Orontius as the first bishop of Lecce. When Orontius and Fortunatus returned to Lecce they were persecuted and imprisoned again, but were released and ordered to stop preaching. They continued to preach in the surrounding cities, and were arrested a third time and executed. St. Orontius' feast day is August 26th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



AUGUST 20, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Aug. 20	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Jeannette Tidwell Karl Obermoser
	10:30 am	SP	Natividad Anonar Pat & Juanita Arend
Tues. Aug. 22	7 p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Wed. Aug. 23	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Aug. 24	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Aug. 25	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Aug. 26	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	Gina Dammon, Wayne & Nancy Grime
Sun. Aug. 27	8:30a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella Ron Lichtenwald
	10:30a.m	SP	Mary Grime

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Sept. 1 – Catholic Fair Booth help 8 p.m.-10p.m.
- Sept. 5 - Catholic Fair Booth help 2 p.m.-4p.m.
- Sept. 7 – Our Lady of Mercy's day at Catholic Fair Booth help 10 a.m. - 9p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for August 13, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (14 envelopes)	\$ 1,126.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 166.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 455.00)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
CPC Jar	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 50.00
Votive Candles	\$ 2.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 1,544.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	August 27, 2023
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Evan Beuregard Kennedy Kunkle
Greeters/ Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Jerry Van Zile Dennis & Denise Miller

Word(s) of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

PITY – sympathetic sorrow for one suffering, distressed or unhappy

EXULT – to be extremely joyful

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon the earth; among all nations, you salvation.

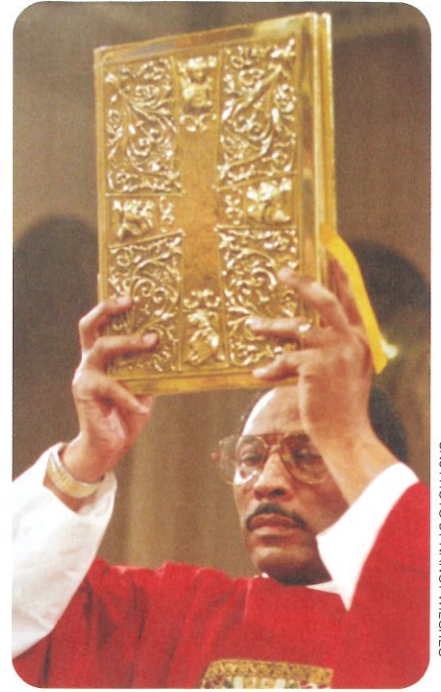
May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. **Psalms 67: 2-3,5**

Dear Padre,

**Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?**

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21 <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i> Jgs 2:11–19 Mt 19:16–22	August 22 <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Jgs 6:11–24a Mt 19:23–30	August 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jgs 9:6–15 Mt 20:1–16	August 24 <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Rev 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 <i>Weekday</i> Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 Mt 22:34–40	August 26 <i>Weekday</i> Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 Mt 23:1–12	August 27 <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

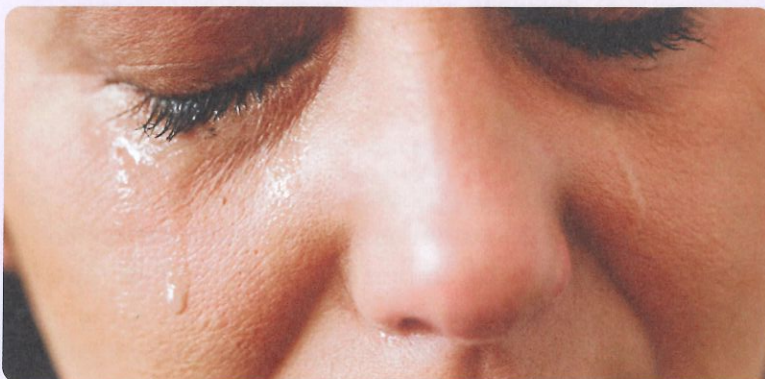
Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020



KAROLINA GRABOWSKA/PEXELS