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MASS SCHEDULE

All worship services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

August 4, 2024: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS – AUGUST 2024 – CYCLE B

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August 4, 2024 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the passage from Exodus, the Lord provides the Israelites with miraculous food to sustain them in the desert. In the Gospel, the crowds ask Jesus for similar food, and he responds that he himself is the bread of life: they need to believe in him. “Truth is in Jesus,” proclaims the Letter to the Ephesians. Divine Master, we renew our faith in you! (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35)

August 11, 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” It’s a startling reference to the “hour” when he will hand himself over for us as a sacrificial offering. The Eucharist is food for our spiritual journey, as the hearth cake was nourishment for Elijah’s physical journey. May we never take the Eucharist for granted! (1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51)

August 15, 2024 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Today’s first and second readings celebrate the victory of God over the evils of sin and death. Mary’s Gospel canticle looks forward to this victory – which has begun with her. Mary was Jesus’ temple. Do we recognize that we, too, have the grace of being a temple of God? (Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27a, Luke 1:39-56)

August 18, 2024 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Does our spiritual life need nourishment? Today’s readings suggest some ways to obtain it. We can seek to understand our faith better (Proverbs). We can be temperate and prayerful, praising and thanking the Lord (Ephesians). We can nourish ourselves mindfully on the Eucharist (John). Where shall we begin? (Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58)

August 25, 2024 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today’s selection from Joshua, the people express their loyalty to God, who has led them out of Egypt and into the promised land. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims the disciples’ loyalty to Jesus. In the passage from Ephesians, spouses are encouraged to be loyal to one another. Lord, help us to be loyal to you and those who are closest to us. (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69)

Solemnity of the Assumption

THE CATHOLIC Church believes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. We believe in the resurrection of bodies that decay after death; Mary needed no resurrection of the body because hers was preserved from corruption. She was assumed into heaven.

This belief is a counterpart to the Catholic belief in the Immaculate Conception. To prepare a womb for the coming of the Word Made Flesh, God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception. Mary did not experience any sin—including original sin, which leads to further sin and death. Hence, sinless (immaculate) Mary also did not experience death as other mortals do. She was assumed into heaven.

The Preface for this day was composed after the Second Vatican Council. It includes these ideas about Mary, as well as this idea about the Church: We are a pilgrim people. This image had been enshrined in the council's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*. The entire Church makes a pilgrimage toward heaven. Mary, who achieved this goal, is a sign of hope and comfort for everyone else along the way. She is the beginning and the image of the Church as it comes to perfection.

The Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the evening of August 14 and anytime during the day on August 15. When this solemnity falls on a Sunday, it replaces the prayers and readings of Ordinary Time. August 15 is a holyday of obligation in the United States of America, except in those years when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. This allows those responsible for preparing Sunday worship to relax a bit more.

From the Pastor's Desk
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Birthdays: August 11 – Barbara Butchart
August 22 – Erlaine Eltomi

Anniversaries: August 31 – Dr. Nathaniel and Sandra Murdock

Best wishes to all who have special days to celebrate this month!

Masses on Facebook Live! Just a reminder...we are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to “see” you!

2024 Synod – November 1-3, 2024: This year’s Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center here in St. Louis, from Friday afternoon, November 1, 2024, through noon on Sunday, November 3, 2024. More details will follow in the coming months.

Bulletin Inserts (page 3): Beginning this month, we will begin another round of “getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues” with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the “what, how, and why” of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant’Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, which we celebrate on August 15.***