

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 22nd
 9:00 AM Claire Steers (1st Anniversary)
 5:00 PM Jo Ann Achstatter

Sunday August 23rd
 9:00 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 11:00 AM Margaret Scibelli
 5:00 PM Msgr. Gerald Langelier

Monday August 24th
 9:00 AM Herlinda Manrique Munoz

Tuesday August 25th
 9:00 AM Rev. Timothy Hirten

Wednesday August 26th
 9:00 AM Miguel & Gladys Sanchez

Thursday August 27th
 9:00 AM Louis Holzen & Family

Friday August 28th
 9:00 AM Mary C. Shannon

Saturday August 29th
 9:00 AM Brother Ralph Darmento
 5:00 PM Barbara Dix

Sunday August 30th
 9:00 AM Homai Gharda
 11:00 AM Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr.
 and Roland Pugliese
 5:00 PM Jerzy Stasiak



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stumpp, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, James Leung, Rose McArdle, Maureen Kelly, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Paul Henry, Virginia Winberry, Dennis Roberts, Rev. Radu Titonea, Carolyn Kalnberg, and for all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.



PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

Major Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Major Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC; Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army; SCSO Ajay James, (NSW) U.S. Navy; SPC Benjamin Bravmann; U.S. Army; PO2 John Schaefer, USCG; and all parishioners currently in the Military

Pray for all of our police, fire, and corrections officers, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Brother Ralph Darmento
 Rev. Timothy Hirten
 Mary C. Shannon

Our Parish Food Pantry is not open in order in order to protect the health of our volunteers; however, we do have some Grab and Go Bags prepared for anyone in an emergency situation but you must call the rectory ahead of time as we have no staff regularly present.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Please note that, since all of our offices and buildings are currently closed, all regularly scheduled meetings are temporarily cancelled.

Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Academy will be closed until Further Notice

SUNDAY – August 23rd
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
MONDAY – August 24th
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
TUESDAY - August 25th
Weekday
WEDNESDAY – August 26th
Weekday
THURSDAY – August 27th
Saint Monica
FRIDAY – August 28th
Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
SATURDAY – August 29th
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the months of June & July 2020:

Kenneth Warren Bravman
 Jayden Santiago Monterroso
 Ella Marie Morgan
 Lara Reese Schlichter
 Anna Grace Brower



MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of July 2020:

John V. Maldonado & Brittany A McGarry

Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22



Mary is both a queen and a mother, but she is more mother than queen. Mary's Queenship and "mothership," or motherhood, spark to life simultaneously. In the very moment Mary becomes a mother at the Annunciation, she also becomes a queen. The Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that her Son will sit on "the throne of his ancestor David" and that "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" ([Lk 1:32-33](#)). Since Jesus is a king, and since He is conceived in the womb of Mary, and since in Israel the mother of a king was always a queen, (the daughter not necessarily so), Mary becomes a queen. Some texts from the early centuries of the Church call Mary the "domina," the female of "dominus," Latin for "master" or "Lord."

It is not royal blood, but her motherly relationship, that makes Mary a queen. And since nothing is excluded from the realm of Christ the King, Mary is the Queen of that same realm, including both heaven and earth. This realm was not earned through violent conquest or political machinations. The Kingdom of Christ the King was purchased through a blood sacrifice of the King Himself who died on the cross. Soldiers were not killed so that Christ could walk over their corpses on the battlefield in order to rule a vanquished people from a secular throne. No, of course not. Christ humbly allowed Himself to be murdered so that He could rise forty hours later and ascend into heaven to be seated, like a king, at the right hand of the Father. (Kings sit. Their audience's stand.) Christ gives the world a new form of reigning, a reinterpretation of the words "I win!"

Mary is that heavenly queen in the mysterious vision of the Book of Revelation in which appears "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" ([Rv 12:1-3](#)). The complex symbolism of this crowned empress encompasses Mary, Israel, and the Church Herself. Mary's coronation, the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the rosary, has not been defined dogmatically but has been celebrated liturgically and depicted in art since early medieval times. The most ancient depiction of Mary as queen is a mosaic from the 500s in a small church in the historic center of Rome! But the feast day of her Queenship was only placed in the Church's calendar in 1954. Vatican II stated unequivocally that "Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe..." (Lumen Gentium, 59). After the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the octave of Mary's Assumption was abrogated but is still recalled in her Queenship being commemorated eight days after August 15, showing the link between the two celebrations.

Earthly kings, queens, and kingdoms, so present throughout the lived history of mankind, are, more cosmically, images or signs of the structure of authority that lies behind all creation. Mankind naturally organizes its public life to ensure peaceful co-existence with others, to promote order and tranquility, and to foster the common good in a thousand ways. This secular response of establishing a structure to manage together what cannot be managed alone is universal and always includes certain leaders to represent the organized community. All of this has a religious equivalent. A sacred canopy hangs over the world. A timeless, divine mega-structure encompasses under itself all of the smaller, temporary civic structures. The man anointed as king, the woman crowned as queen, the order they impose through a just rule in a secular polity, point to something else—an underlying, and overarching, sacred polity in which God rules His creation like a fatherly king. In this timeless theological union, the feminine presence is felt. The queen mother is there, interceding with her King-Son on behalf of His subjects. She worships with them but also receives their honor. The accolades directed at her are deflected, mirror-like, to the greater One to whom she is holy daughter, holy mother, holy spouse and holy queen, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.



Summer Prayer

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God. Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. ... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

God Bless
Deacon Dean

Please be reminded that we are live-streaming Mass and other liturgical services..
In addition, we are open as follows for public Masses:
Daily weekday Masses are at 9:00am, Monday through Saturday.
Sunday Masses are the Vigil on Saturday at 5:00pm, and on Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm.
Monday morning Mass is followed by the Novena Devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Friday we pray the Rosary at 3:00pm (Live stream only).

Many thanks to our great parishioners, who despite the present unique situation, are still supporting the parish by either sending their collection envelopes or leaving them in the rectory mail slot (70-01 Kessel Street) or keeping their commitments to automatic giving and to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are outstanding in your thoughtful generosity!



MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light**, or the **Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory to arrange your memorial.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries

- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Christ Reveals Himself at Cana
- Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion
- The Transfiguration
- Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging
- The Crowning With Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Our Lady
- The Coronation of Our Lady

The joyful mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday; the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesday and Friday; the glorious mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday; the luminous mysteries on Thursday.

PRAY THE ROSARY



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort and Peace to their body, mind and soul. We ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the Healing power of your Love.