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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

August 07, 2022 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

FAITH

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent.

God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

To enroll your child/ren, please complete the registration form (found on our website) for the program which goes from September 2022 through May 2023.

Youth Faith Formation includes sacramental preparation:

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist - typically 2nd graders or older

Sacrament of Confirmation - typically 8th graders or older



For information, please contact: Loy Oppus-Moe (408) 621-1587 or email her at loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

—for small businesses

We pray for small and medium-sized businesses: in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Men's Club in-person Meeting
Worner Hall/Lounge Room
Friday, August 12th, 6:00 p.m.

What is Purgatory

Not very much is said about purgatory these days; as a result, Catholics lose sight of what ought to be a consoling article of faith: the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines purgatory as “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” (CCC 1030). What the Church teaches about purgatory is very simple: “The souls of the just which, in the moment of death, are burdened with venial sins or temporal punishment due to sins, enter purgatory.”

When we die, *Scripture* says that “it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Heb. 9:27). We are judged instantly and receive our reward, for good or ill. Purgatory is not hell, nor is it a “second chance. It is the final step for righteous individuals who, before death, lacked an opportunity to atone for venial sins or do sufficient penance for serious sins already confessed.

Prayers for the dead and the consequent doctrine of purgatory have been part of belief since before the time of Christ: (2 Macc. 12:43–45) and further reiterated by St. Paul (1 Cor 3:15). Prayers are not needed by those in heaven and no one can help those in hell, but prayers make a difference to those in purgatory. **Please pray for souls in purgatory.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	St. Dominic (13th cent. Spanish priest, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) for both men and women; patron of astronomers, those falsely accused)
Tuesday	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (20th cent. German Jew born Edith Stein who converted to Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun, martyred in German camp; patroness of Europe, converted Jews, martyrs)
Wednesday	St. Lawrence (3rd cent. Roman deacon & martyr; patron of comedians, firefighters)
Thursday	St. Clare (13th cent. Italian nun & founder of the Poor Clares; patroness against eye diseases, laundry, television, good weather)
Friday	St. Jane Frances de Chantal (16th cent. French baroness & religious foundress of the Congregation of the Visitation; patroness of forgotten people, in-law problems, widows)
Saturday	Pope St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus (3rd cent. Roman pope (Pontius) & theologian (Hippolytus) martyred in Sardinia; Hippolytus is patron of horses, correctional officers)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 06	Sat	9 a.m. Kathy Sital (L) 5 p.m. Andrea Beltran +
Aug 07	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Jerome & Anna Dao + 11 a.m. Mary Hawkes (L) 5 p.m. Helen Sheahan +
Aug 08	Mon	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 09	Tue	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 10	Wed	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 11	Thu	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 12	Fri	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 13	Sat	9 a.m. Greg Borromeo & Family 5 p.m. Angelina Soares +
Aug 14	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Jerome & Anna Dao + 11 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon + 5 p.m. All Parishioners

**One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular,
Our Lady will save the world.**

—St. Dominic

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Youth Faith Formation program. There are many roles (free lending library, set-up/clean-up, special projects and events). You can also think about co-facilitating a class with another adult. It's a unique way to serve, while also growing in your faith! If called to this ministry, please call Loy at the office or email her at loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN AFRICA

THANK YOU	
July 31, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,595
WESHARE	\$ 735
TOTAL	\$4,330

Catholics across the US offer hope and help to our sisters and brothers in Africa through the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. We will take up this special collection on **August 13-14**. Thank you for your generosity.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We are forming our next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group which will begin in late August.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or wish to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the office at (408) 725-3939 and speak to Fr. Hao for more information.