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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

July 10, 2022 — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love.

In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about being neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving all people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

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Give Your Children and Grandchildren the Gift of Faith!

Youth Faith Formation (Sunday Sessions) have come to an end for this school year. Registration for the upcoming school year will be available by July.

This 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 JULY

—for the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility.

Transubstantiation—the True Presence in the Eucharist

Central to the Catholic faith, this word means that during the **Consecration** the priest “in persona Christi,” i.e. in the person of Christ, transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Consecration is not a mere re-enactment of the Last Supper but a participation in it. Unfortunately because of poor catechesis or diluted faith or a variety of reasons, this belief is losing ground.

According to *Pew Research Center’s* survey of self-described Catholics, only 31% of Catholics indicated that they believe in the **True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist**. Of the remaining 69%, 43% believe that the bread and wine are symbolic and also that this reflects the position of the church; 22% reject the idea of transubstantiation, even though they know about the church’s teaching.

On June 19, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, the U.S. bishops initiated the **National Eucharistic Revival** in order to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” The Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative that aims to inspire, educate, and unite everyone in the wonders of the True Presence of Jesus. Through a carefully planned timeline of events, after three years, the U.S. bishops hope to change the lives of many Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in October of 2020, is the patron of the first year of the Eucharistic Revival. Acutis, who died in 2006 at the age of 15 is known for using his technical skills to spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Before dying, Blessed Carlo assembled online the “**Eucharistic Miracles of the World.**” These can be accessed and viewed at carloacutis.com as well as the diocesan website, dsj.org. Some of the miracles studied have identified the host becoming human flesh, some even typing the blood as AB+.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	St. Benedict (6th cent. Roman abbot, founder of Western Christian monasticism, twin of St. Scholastica; patron of Europe & others)
Wednesday	St. Henry (11th cent. German duke of Bavaria, king of Italy & Germany & Holy Roman emperor; patron of Benedictine Oblates)
Thursday	St. Kateri Tekakwitha (17th cent. Algonquin-Mohawk laywoman & virgin; patroness of ecologists, ecology)
Friday	St. Bonaventure (13th cent. Italian Franciscan bishop, theologian & Doctor of the Church; patron of bowl disorders)
Saturday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (title of the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 09	Sat	9 a.m.	The McKeever Family
		5 p.m.	Antonino Borromeo +
July 10	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Vincent W. Brandys. Sr. +
		5 p.m.	Nicanor & Luz Beltran +
July 11	Mon	8 a.m.	Cesar Munita +
July 12	Tue	8 a.m.	Mabel Chang (L)
July 13	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
July 14	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
July 15	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
July 16	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Delores Biggs (L)
July 17	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	David Braddi +
		11 a.m.	Francisca Luna +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners

The Mass causes the historically past events of His life to emerge here and now in their eternal reality. The Lord opens the bridge between the eternal and the temporal; that which was past is resummoned for active operation here and now.

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen

THANK YOU

July 03, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,145
WESHARE	\$1,604
TOTAL	\$4,749

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

—St. Augustine

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- If you or someone you know, who is unbaptized and older than 7 years, or a baptized Christian and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, call us.
- If you are a baptized Catholic, but for one reason or another never completed your Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, you're not alone; call us.

"The sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life." (Catechism, 1212).

Please speak with Fr. Hao at the Parish Office at (408) 725-3939 for more information. We are forming our next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which will begin in late August.