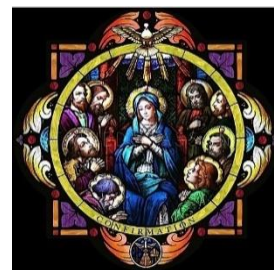


TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

The last verse from our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah says: “For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.”

This verse brings us down to our knees before God for our disrespect to the House of the Lord, for we often do not realize the “House of God” is holy and for prayer/worship. We do not respect or believe or remember the “Real Presence” of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist preserved in the Tabernacle.

Our dress (revealing too much skin!) that we wear to Church to encounter our Almighty God and to partake of the Holy Banquet of the Lamb of God does not show our belief or our respect to God and to our brothers and sisters causing distraction or temptation. Particularly, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will distribute the Body and the Precious Blood of the Son of God should be and must be the good examples for others to follow in their manner of dress for Church and for their privileged ministry.

Friends, remember where you will come: The House of Prayer of the Lord and what you will attend: The Holy Banquet of the Lord/the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God, and whom you will encounter and receive: The Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The bottom line for all that I just said is that your FAITH is in God. Faith was what Jesus wanted to see and He did see in a Canaanite woman who came to Him and asked for “pity.” You know faith is very important in following Jesus Christ; you’ve experienced the times your faith had been challenged and shaken; you realized your faith might not be as strong as of this Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel; you acknowledged that your humility has not been as great as hers.

Let us come to the “House of Prayer” of the Lord with the true and sincere spirit of faith and humility just as the Canaanite woman.

May God, who looks into our hearts and spirit, bless us, give us what we need and keep us in His love all the time. Amen.

Peace,
Fr. Tien



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The assessment for Priests' Retirement and Benefits will be \$9,286. Please think and pray about that.

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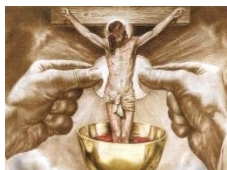
Thank you to the Women's Guild and all the volunteers who helped to collect, display and sell the items at the Good Stuff Sale last week. Thanks to the donors who supplied the items for this sale that brought benefits for our community.

We will take up a special second collection to support both Belmont Abbey College and The Catholic University of America at the August 29-30 weekend Masses. This year's collection will help establish an endowment to provide tuition assistance for Catholic students in our diocese. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Catholic higher education. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this special collection.



We are in the second steps of buying the property next door, by submitting the documents to the Diocese to sign for the approval from the sellers.

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.



Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda, Josiah Mihok, Robert Horgan



Please remember to keep
Saint Francis Parish in your will.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples

5:00 P.M. †Bill Holten by the Choir

†Andrea and †Bob Hutchinson

†Sharon Vaskey Smith

Jinnam Oh by Sabina Anselmo

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Linda Zeagler, Ian Beer &

†Nancy Putnam by Steve & Debbie Keener

11:30 A.M. Maria Carmen Elias

†Guadalupe Pena, †Domingo Monzon

Monday, August 17

9:00 A.M. †Lynne Balk by Mary Murphy

Tuesday, August 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 19

Saint John Eudes, Priest

5:30 P.M. †Phyllis McSherry

by McSherry and Campbell Families

Thursday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. Robert & Veronica Doyle

60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

9:00 A.M. †Rosemary & Patrick Scanlin

†Mary Bramlett

†Colleen Snowden by Mary Murphy

Saturday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. †Bill Holten by the Choir, †Ralph Dicharry
Ron Zeagler

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Bill Holten by the Choir

†Germaine & †Bill Moffitt, †Caleb Watson by Dee Moffitt

†Deborah J. Swanson Busby by Charlene

11:30 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory