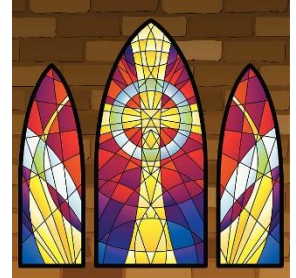
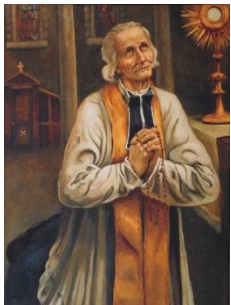


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2026



Saint John Vianney, Priest
Feast Day August 4

Because of the French Revolution, Vianney received little education. Given the anticlerical sentiment of the Hébertists during the Reign of Terror, he was forced to make his first communion and confession secretly and was impressed by the heroism of the nuns and priests who risked their lives for their faith. He felt called to pursue the priesthood but struggled with Latin and needed private tutoring to supplement his lack of formal education. His studies were interrupted when he was drafted into Napoleon's armies in 1809. Whether deliberately or by serendipity, he was separated from his draft group and ended up in a rural village with a number of army deserters,



where he was forced to hide until the decree of amnesty for all deserters in 1810. He was ordained in 1815 and was made assistant priest at Écully, France.

In 1818 he became priest of the small village of Ars, which he made a model parish and from which reports of his holiness and his supernatural powers soon spread. He was known for his devotion to the Virgin Mary and to St. Philomena and was dedicated to the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) for his parishioners. From 1824 he suffered attacks that he believed were caused by the Devil, who allegedly on one occasion set fire to Vianney's bed. By 1827 Ars had become a pilgrimage site, and, every year from 1845 until Vianney's death, about 20,000 persons visited Ars to see Vianney and especially to make their confession to him. The holy curé spent as many as 12 or 15 hours daily in his confessional. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

The Dedication of the Basilica of
Saint Mary Major
Feast Day August 5

First raised at the order of Pope Liberius in the mid-fourth century, the Liberian basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III shortly after the Council of Ephesus affirmed Mary's title as Mother of God in 431. Rededicated at that time to the Mother of God, St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring God through Mary. Standing atop one of Rome's seven hills, the Esquiline, it has survived many restorations without losing its character as an early Roman basilica. Its interior retains three naves divided by colonnades in the style of Constantine's era. Fifth-century mosaics on its walls testify to its antiquity.



St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal cathedrals in memory of the first centers of the Church. St. John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St. Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, allegedly the see presided over by Mark; St. Peter's, the See of Constantinople; and St. Mary's, the See of Antioch, where Mary is supposed to have spent most of her later life.

One legend, unreported before the year 1000, gives another name to this feast: Our Lady of the Snows. According to that story, a wealthy Roman couple pledged their fortune to the Mother of God. In affirmation, she produced a miraculous summer snowfall and told them to build a church on the site. The legend was long celebrated by releasing a shower of white rose petals from the basilica's dome every August 5.



The Sanctuary Lamp this week
is in memory of
Beverly Cutter by Charlene.



It's Donation Drop-off time ahead of our Annual Good Stuff Sale at St. Francis of Assisi. We begin our Donation Collection-Drop off Days - August 3rd, 4th & 5th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (No collections after 5 on Wednesday, August 5th.) Pull up to the Family Life Center to unload. Our Volunteers will be there to assist you unpacking your vehicle. We can't wait to make our annual Good Stuff Sale a success with YOUR help! The Sale for shoppers begins Friday, August 7th Noon - 6 p.m. and resumes Saturday August 8th at 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Get ready to Rummage!

The Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday,
August 4, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
All Knights are encouraged to attend.



News: We plan to have 2 busses to go to the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte in September. More information will come later.

The Diocese approved for us to buy the property next to the church. The Financial and Pastoral Councils are working on it. If you are able to help financially for this important project, please do so for the future of our Church.

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



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
5:00 P.M. Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik, Leslie Long
✠ Yoonsuk Kim by Sabina Anselmo

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✠ Fr. Jose Maria Parcon
✠ Beatrice Smith, ✠ Beatriz Thomas
11:30 A.M. ✠ Marciano Diaz Ordaz
✠ Antonina Arango Diaz
✠ Marciano Diaz Acevedo

Monday, August 3

9:00 A.M. ✠ Beverly Cutter by Charlene
Delilah Mercer by Dee Moffitt

Tuesday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest
NO MASS

Wednesday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
5:30 P.M. ✠ Walter & ✠ Ethel Millett, Eli Kibel

Thursday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 A.M. ✠ Fr. Benjamin Madu

Friday, August 7

First Friday

Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
Saint Cajetan, Priest

9:00 A.M. Josette, Wanda, Joe & Charlene by Charlene

Saturday, August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest

8:45 A.M. Benediction
9:00 A.M. Mass
5:00 P.M. ✠ Bill Holten by the Choir

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✠ Jim Gatewood
11:30 A.M. Misericordia Group