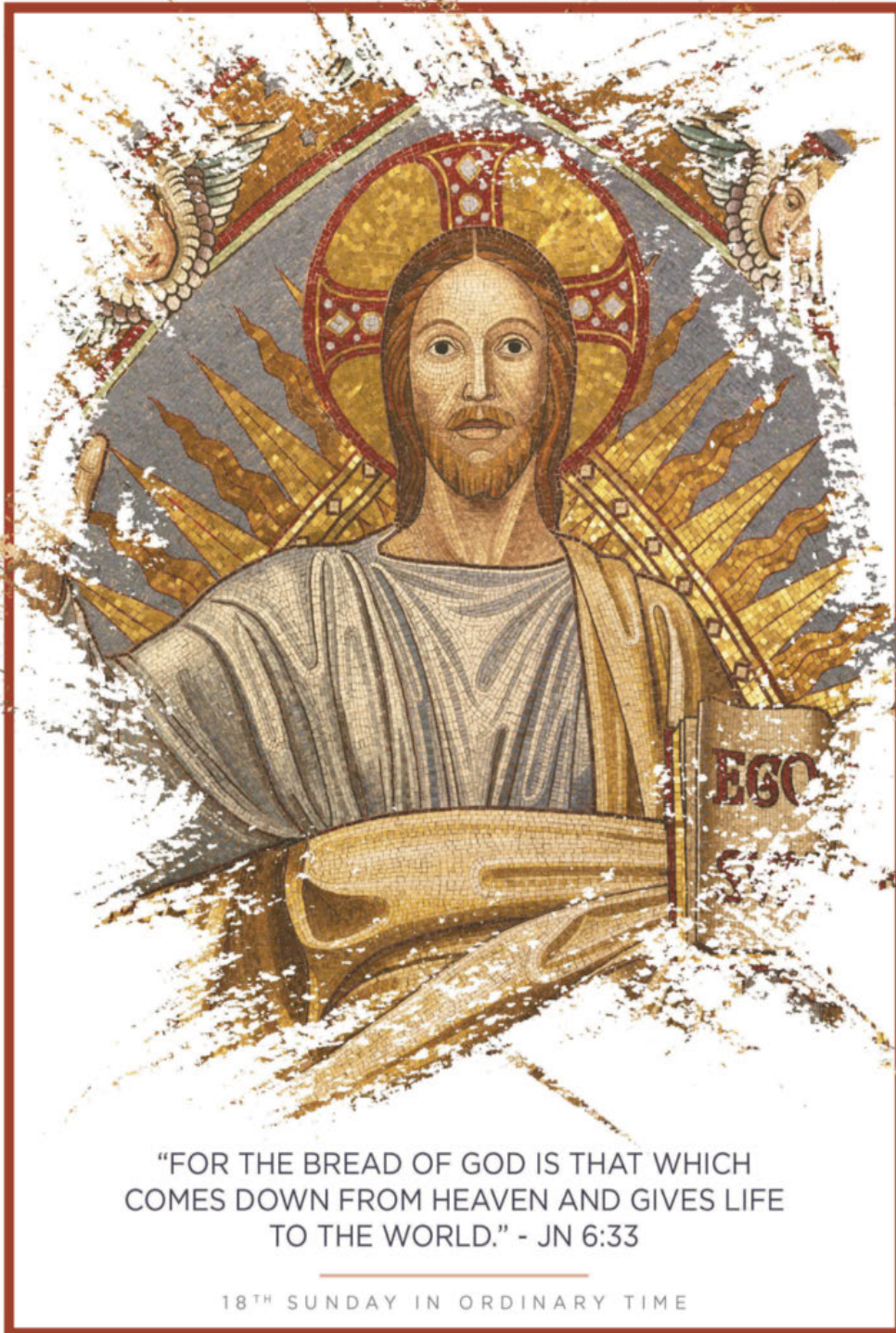


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | AUGUST 4, 2024



"FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS THAT WHICH
COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE
TO THE WORLD." - JN 6:33

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The readings for today continue the theme from last Sunday of the divine providence of God. Now, we might think that divine providence is experienced only by holy priests and nuns; but that isn't the case. Sometimes, it falls on those who grumble and complain, like in the First Reading. At other times, it falls on those who are in need but are not aware of their needs, as in today's Gospel Reading where Jesus feeds the 5000 because they are unable to supply enough food for themselves. As we have said in the past, God looks out for the faithful and even those who are still searching for Him.

The First Reading is from Exodus (16:2-4, 12-15). This passage from Exodus retells the story of God showering "manna" and quail on the Israelites in the desert during the time of Moses and the Exodus. It was a sign of God's divine providence as well as confirming His promise to take care of His people. It is also a preview of the Gospel story of the feeding of the 5000 and, ultimately, a foretaste of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Bread is an essential food staple for all mankind of all times and cultures. In Jewish culture today and for centuries, it has been a symbol of "life," and in these stories from the Bible, it is meant to be a symbol of divine life.

The Responsorial Psalm is (78:3-4, 23-25, 54). This is a Psalm that sings the praises of God for His goodness and benevolence; again, divine providence. It also is a meditation on the event of God's feeding the Israelites in the desert. Thus, "bread" became a symbol of life, both physical and spiritual, for the Jewish people, as it should be for all Christians today.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:17, 20-24). What Paul is telling us in this passage is that we must not only receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, but that we must reflect His life within us after we leave the church and go into the world. In other words, Paul is saying that when people of faith receive God in Holy Communion, it nourishes their souls and bodies for the purpose of reflecting the life of a Catholic to all mankind. We should not forget that God is within us even from the moment we reach the parking lot. Our Sunday worship extends from one Sunday to the next.

The Gospel Reading is taken from John (6:24-35). This Gospel passage follows closely that of the feeding of the 5000. The people saw Jesus and His apostles moving on to another town and they followed Him. Jesus instructs them about not looking only to fill earthly needs, but to look more deeply into the meaning of the events of the past (as described in the First Reading) and to search out the meaning of such signs and symbols. The last sentence in this passage is the one that we should meditate on frequently with fervor and commitment: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst"..., but don't be misled. Jesus is not talking about earthly food and drink. He is referring to "spiritual nourishment." Therefore, "Belief" and "Trust" are the essential ingredients of faith: Belief is another word for faith and an essential interior quality while Trust is its exterior counterpart and, as St. James tells us in his Letter, one without the other is no faith at all (James 2:17). Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

AUGUST 4, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

PSALM: The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

SECOND READING: Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

GOSPEL: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Sunday - Aug 4th - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Evelyn Donovan

Requested by: Jerry Donovan

Monday - Aug 5th - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

Major

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Aug 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 am - †Robert Gracie (Birthday)

Requested by: Michael Darby

Saturday - Aug 10th - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

4:00 pm - †Willie J. Palmer

Requested by: Jim Palmer

Sunday - Aug 11th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Frank & Virginia A. Varga

Requested by: Diane Varga



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. — Mt 17:1-2

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Saturday, August 10th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Jerry D., Michael S.

Sunday, August 11th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

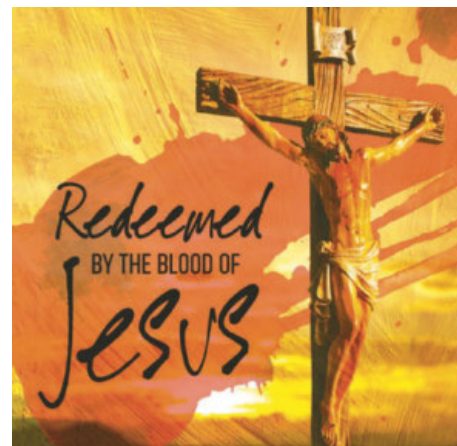
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OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR BEGINS

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY.....	\$5,779.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION (7/7/2024)	\$7,028.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION (7/14/2024)	\$5,167.00
7/1/2024 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET.....	+ \$637.00



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

AUGUST 2024 FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor & those who have lost their jobs.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges
Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs
Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III
Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies
Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich	Doris Zgola-Whitka

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Founder of the Redemptorists, St. Alphonsus wrote: *“Our holy faith teaches us and we are bound to believe that in the Consecrated Host, Jesus Christ is really present under the species of bread, but we must also understand that He is thus present on our altars as on a throne of love and mercy to dispense graces and there to show us the love which He bears us by being pleased to dwell night and day hidden in the midst of us.”*

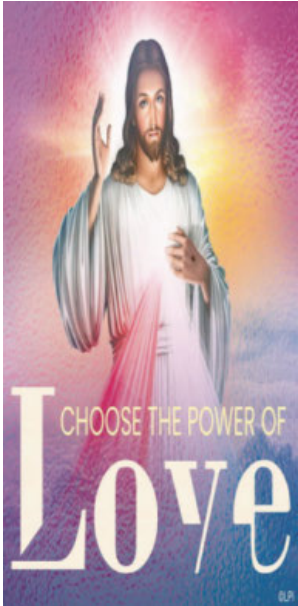
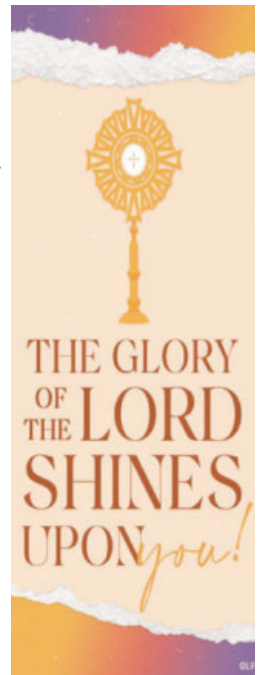
(St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor, Lawyer, Patron of Arthritis, Italy, 1696-1787, Feast Day: August 1st)

Founder of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Peter Julian Eymard taught: *“The Eucharist is not only for personal piety; it is essential to social life, for it is the very life of the world.”* In reference to the Transfiguration (August 6th), St. Peter Eymard concludes that Jesus *“allows us to dwell with Him on His Eucharistic Thabor.”*

(St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest, Founder, Apostle of the Eucharist, France, 1811-1868, Feast Day: August 2nd)

“Our Lord is hidden there waiting for us to come and visit Him and ask Him for what we want. He is there in the Sacrament of His Love sighing and interceding unceasingly for sinners before God, His Father. He is there to console us . . . See how good He is. He adapts Himself to our weakness.”

(St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Patron of Priests, France, 1786-1859, Feast Day: August 4th)



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - THE LORD'S EXHORTATION

Know this, My daughter: if you strive for perfection you will sanctify many souls; and if you do not strive for sanctity, by the same token, many souls will remain imperfect. Know that their perfection will depend on your perfection, and the greater part of the responsibility for these souls will fall on you (*Diary*, 1165).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Thank you, St. Faustina, for listening to and obeying the Lord by striving for great sanctity. May I and all the readers of this exhortation of the Lord follow your example of striving for great sanctity.

Lord, give us the grace to be saints like St. Faustina. *Amen.*

“Jesus I Trust in YOU!”

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia.

Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the streets of America.

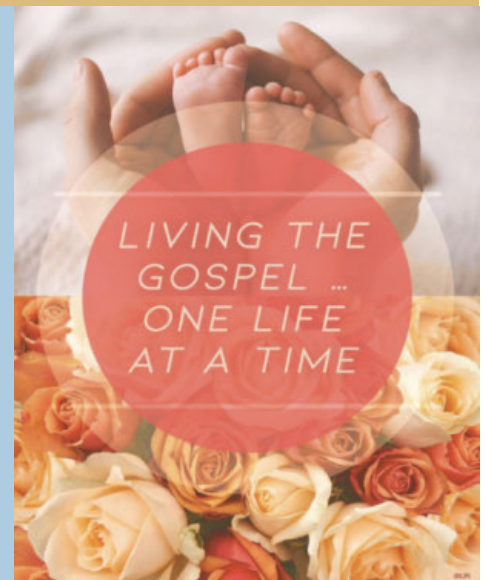
Think about this:

“It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

~Abraham Lincoln

Abortion and euthanasia have become our national sin.

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!





DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

to Michael Thomas Scholarship Fund
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Correction from printing error in previous bulletin

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Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm.

First class begins on October 21st.

Registration forms, class schedule and information
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Any questions, please contact psr@stanthonylorain.com
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Everyone 40 & over please join us Monday, August 12th
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Doors open at 6:30pm & program begins at 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

“A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE” - CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT E-NEWSLETTER

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, “*A Closer Walk with Thee*” provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the **first Tuesday of each month** to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

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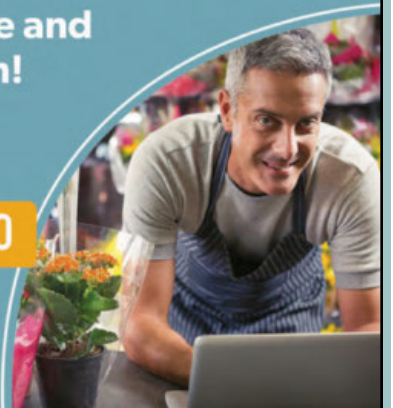


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