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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Monday: Communion Service 8:30 am

Holy Hour: First Friday following 8:30 am Mass.

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm

And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

Catholics and the Declaration of Independence

Here's a little Independence Day quiz. Try (without reading the answer below) guessing the century and location where this statute was the law of the land:

... *all and every....seminary priest, missionary or other spiritual or ecclesiastical person made or ordained by any authority, power or jurisdiction, derived, challenged or pretended, from the pope or see of Rome...shall be deemed and accounted an incendiary and disturber of the publick peace and safety, and an enemy to the true Christian religion, and shall be adjudged to suffer perpetual imprisonment, and if any person, being so sentenced and actually imprisoned, shall break prison and make his escape, and be afterwards re-taken, he shall be punished with death.*

The words above are from a 1647 statute and can be found in The Book of the General Lawes and Libertys concerning the Inhabitants of Massachusetts (1648).

Similar laws were enacted throughout the colonies. However, such a small number of Catholics actually set foot in Massachusetts and other colonies hostile to the faith during this period, that very few met with this type of punishment. These types of laws ensured that "Catholic settlement was effectively prevented and foundations laid for the anti-Catholicism which observers have noted as endemic to the American scene." These words are from a 1647 statute governing a portion of the future United States of America and can be found in the book referenced above.

Other similar laws were enacted throughout the colonies. According to American Catholics: A History of the Roman Catholic Community in the United States by John Hennesey, S.J., such a small number of Catholics actually set foot in Massachusetts and colonies hostile to the faith during this period, that very few met with this type of punishment. These types of laws ensured that "Catholic settlement was effectively prevented and foundations laid for the anti-Catholicism which observers have noted as endemic to the American scene".

Few Catholics successfully settled in what would become our east coast, most notably in Maryland, which was established by the efforts of the Catholic Calvert family (by the Lords Baltimore) under King Charles I in 1633. Among instructions to the colonists (of which Protestants were the majority), the governor and commissioners were required to:

...cause all Acts of Romane Catholiques to be done as privately as may be, and...instruct all Romane Catholiques to be silent upon all occasions of discourse concerning matters of Religion; and...treat the Protestants with as much mildness and favor as Justice will permit. (Documents of American History, H. Commager & M. Cantor, eds.)

Though established and governed by Catholics initially, Maryland's history, like that of the rest of what would become the United States of America, would be fraught with growing pains regarding the establishment of religious freedom. By 1708 there were 3,000 Catholics in Maryland – a small one-tenth of the population – and they had seen major setbacks. Anglicanism had been established in the colony in 1702, requiring taxes and compulsory attendance, while Catholics could not vote or hold public office. Ten years later their right to worship privately was reinstated, but it would be a long road to religious liberty for the Catholics of the American colonies. Maryland, however, had planted a seed for the future. In the words of Robert Baird, a 19th-century historian who was often critical of the Catholic Church:

Think what we may of their creed, and very different as was this policy from what Romanism elsewhere might have led us to expect, we can not refuse to Lord Baltimore's colony the praise of having established the first government in modern times in which entire toleration was granted to all denominations of Christians.

As we Americans (many of us Catholics) celebrate the independence of our country, we have a lot to be thankful for. A look back at the history of our nation gives us a better appreciation for the freedoms that we may take for granted as we put out our American flags and deck out our homes in red, white and blue each 4th of July.



Father Michael
July 1





Mass Intentions

Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

10:00 am Intentions of Gloria Age and all our parishioners who are ill, for all who have asked for prayer, and for the repose of the souls of

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| +Clare & Clarence Jupiter | +Artur Collins |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +Wilfred Maginnis, III | +Ronnie Williams |
| +Albert Elmore. | +Angelina Jones |
| +Buster Edwards | +Arthur Johnson |
| +Shirley Megee | +James Oliver |
| +Jesuit Fathers & Brothers | +Glenda Major |

MONDAY, JULY 1

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 2

8:30 am +Peter Bonnee, Jr.
+Jospeh Chevis
+Frederick Schmidt

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

8:30 am Thanksgiving-Sacred Heart of Jesus

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:30 am U.S. Citizens-living and deceased

FRIDAY, JULY 5

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

	Jun 29 D. J. Ferrier, Kerry Winder
	Jun 30 Lawrence Dejan, Louis Flattmann

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Gloria Age, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc, Pamela Jordon, Mallory Tuggles and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of you or your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| 01 Monday | ST. JUNIPERO SERRA or WEEKDAY
Genesis 18:16-33; Ps 103; Matthew 8:18-22 |
| 02 Tuesday | WEEKDAY
Genesis 19:15-29; Ps 26; Matthew 8:23-27 |
| 03 Wednesday | ST. THOMAS
Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 117; John 20:24-29 |
| 04 Thursday | INDEPENDENCE DAY or WEEKDAY
Genesis 22:1b-19; or 1 Kings 3:11-14 or Isaiah 9:1-6; Ps 115 or Ps 8 or Ps 72; James 3:13-18 or Colossians 3:12-15; Matthew 9:1-8 or Matthew 22:15-21 or John 20:19-23 |
| 05 Friday | ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA or ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106; Matthew 9:9-13 |
| 06 Saturday | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY or ST. MARIA GORETTI or WEEKDAY
Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135; Matthew 9:14-17 |
| 07 Sunday | 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 66:10-14c; Ps 66; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 |

Lectors & Commentators



Jun 29	Montrelle Sinegar, Greer Adams
Jun 30	Madeline Curtis, Darren Isabelle

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC	PO2 Melissa Flot, USN
PVT Robert Cook, USA	SGT Robert Lambert, USA
SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF	Alvin Benjamin, USN
SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF	A1C Andrew Montz, USAF

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear God,

As we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy. Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots. Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document, and that all people have rights because You have given us the dignity of human life. Grant freedom to all, and give us the strength to protect the rights of others. Amen.

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First Collection	\$ 2239.00
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	<u>\$ 2828.00</u>

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