

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

NEWS

Please note that we are suspending the Saturday evening 4:00pm Vigil Mass during the month of August. We will resume the Saturday evening Vigil Mass beginning in September.

Regarding our policy for mask wearing in church, if you are not fully vaccinated you must wear a mask while inside the building. If you are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask while inside the building. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor (d. 1787) St. Alphonsus was born at Naples in 1696. Though renowned as a doctor of both Canon and Civil Law, he left the legal profession and entered the priesthood. Subsequently he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. To foster the Christian life, he applied himself to preaching among the people and writing books on moral theology of which he is considered a master. St. Alphonsus died in 1787. August 1

Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (d. 371) St. Eusebius was born at the beginning of the fourth century in Sardinia. He became a member of the Roman clergy and in 345 was elected first bishop of Vercelli. He spread religion by his preaching and established the monastic life in his diocese. Because of his faith he was driven into exile by Emperor Constantius and endured much suffering. Returning to his country, he worked tirelessly against the Arians for the restoration of the faith. He died at Vercelli in 371. August 2

John Vianney, Priest (d. 1859) St. John was born at Lyons in 1786. After overcoming many difficulties, he was ordained a priest. He was entrusted with a parish in the town of Ars in the diocese of Belley. He cared for this parish in a marvelous way by his preaching, his mortification, prayer and good works. Since he was renowned for great skill in helping penitents, people came to him from many regions and devoutly accepted his counsels. He died in 1859. August 4

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**St. Joseph of Stratford
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August 1, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

~ Saint Francis de Sales

Dear Parishioners,

In today's gospel passage (John 6:24-35) crowds flock to Jesus hoping to be fed. They witnessed the multiplication of the loaves and had their fill. They followed Jesus hoping for more. Jesus knew their hearts, their motivation, a disordered attachment for things of this world.

What they did not understand was that Jesus was offering them so much more. He was offering them the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. They were challenged to recognize this and so are we. Will we persist in our disordered attachments for things of this world, seeking wholeness from a world that embraces fragmentation, or will we allow ourselves to be made whole through Communion with the Lord. I invite you to embrace and receive the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist offered at each celebration of the Mass.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

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Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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