

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 8/02 11:00	Ron Simmons	Sheila Leavy
Wed. 8/5 9:00	Andrew Christian Markesano	
Thurs. 8/6 12:10	Open	
Fri.. 8/7 9:00	Earl Goodrow	
Sat. 8/ 8 4:00	Open	

Saint of the Week

St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest

Feast Day July 31

St. Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491, one of 13 children of a family of minor nobility in northern Spain. As a young man Ignatius Loyola was inflamed by the ideals of courtly love and knighthood and dreamed of doing great deeds.

But in 1521 Ignatius was gravely wounded in a battle with the French. While recuperating, Ignatius Loyola experienced a conversion. Reading the lives of Jesus and the saints made Ignatius happy and aroused desires to do great things. Ignatius realized that these feelings were clues to God's direction for him.

Over the years, Ignatius became expert in the art of [spiritual direction](#). He collected his insights, prayers, and suggestions in his book the *Spiritual Exercises*, one of the most influential books on the spiritual life ever written. With a small group of friends, Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. Ignatius conceived the Jesuits as "contemplatives in action." This also describes the many Christians who have been touched by Ignatian spirituality.

Stewardship Thought

Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?

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Scripture Readings

Sunday 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Monday Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday St. John Vianney, Priest Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19- 21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday Basilica of St. Mary Major Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21- 28

Thursday Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday St. Dominic, Priest Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13- 14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Father's Column

By Peter Rusciolelli

As August begins and the summer (at least academically speaking) comes to a close, I will be entering the second year of theology during my seminary studies. Living in the era of Covid-19 where many schools are not fully reopening, my seminary,, the Athenaeum in Cincinnati, Ohio, will be reopening its doors to the seminarians after having sent us home earlier this March. Despite this absence from the seminary campus for the past five months, my formation as a seminarian has continued, even to a heightened degree. When a man enters seminary, he does not simply enter into a realm of academia similar to any other college student; he enters into a life of preparation for the priesthood. This life is designed to form the man in his entirety to become the best possible priest he can be.

In the seminary, we speak of four "pillars" of formation that the man must work on. The spiritual pillar focuses on his relationship through prayer with Our Blessed Lord as his primary love, and an abhorrence of sin. The intellectual pillar focuses on the seminarian's mind and teaches him not simply to study for the sake of gaining necessary information, but rather, to learn how to love knowledge because it is good in itself. The human pillar focuses on the virtues, good manners, punctuality and other wholesome aspects of normal human life which are necessary for becoming a man of integrity. Finally, the pastoral pillar focuses on the man's ability to work in pastoral situations and properly care for a parish. These pillars are in no order of importance and may overlap in areas, but they work together to form a complete foundation on which the priesthood might be built. Thus, my seminary formation did not cease when I was sent home in March, but throughout the time of the pandemic, during my summer assignment, and with every challenge that arises each day, I am given an opportunity to further my formation so that one day, God willing, I may serve Our Lord as the best priest I can possibly be.

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Catholic Charities Elder Ministry

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry, will begin offering educational webinars that will be designed to increase knowledge and awareness of issues facing Seniors today. They are partnering with local, state and community experts to provide these educational opportunities.

The first webinar "Introduction to Medicare... Understanding the Puzzle" will be presented by Bruce Birdsall, Director of Insurance Services for the Council on Aging of Buncombe County on Thursday, August 20th at 2 p.m.

Visit our website www.olmhighlands.com to register.

Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on
August 13, 2020 at 10:15 am

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Earl Goodrow, Ron Simmons, Griffin Harper, Suzette Oleksyk, Dr. Larry Barbles, Patricia Pittari, Adele Hopkins

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.
Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.