

August 22, 2021

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the Evangelist—
Our Lady of Peace
Catholic Church

On the Corner of East 55th Street and First Avenue

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8:30am
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5:30pm
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Daily Masses
Monday thru Friday

8:15am and 12:10pm

Saturday Masses

8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday thru Friday
11:00am to 11:30am
1:30pm to 2:00pm
Saturday
11:00am to 11:30am
(In the Church Sacristy)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:45am to 11:30am
Benediction 11:30am
(Temporarily Suspended)

Baptisms

By Appointment

Marriages

By Appointment

Visitation of the Sick

Upon request

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9:00am to 12 Noon
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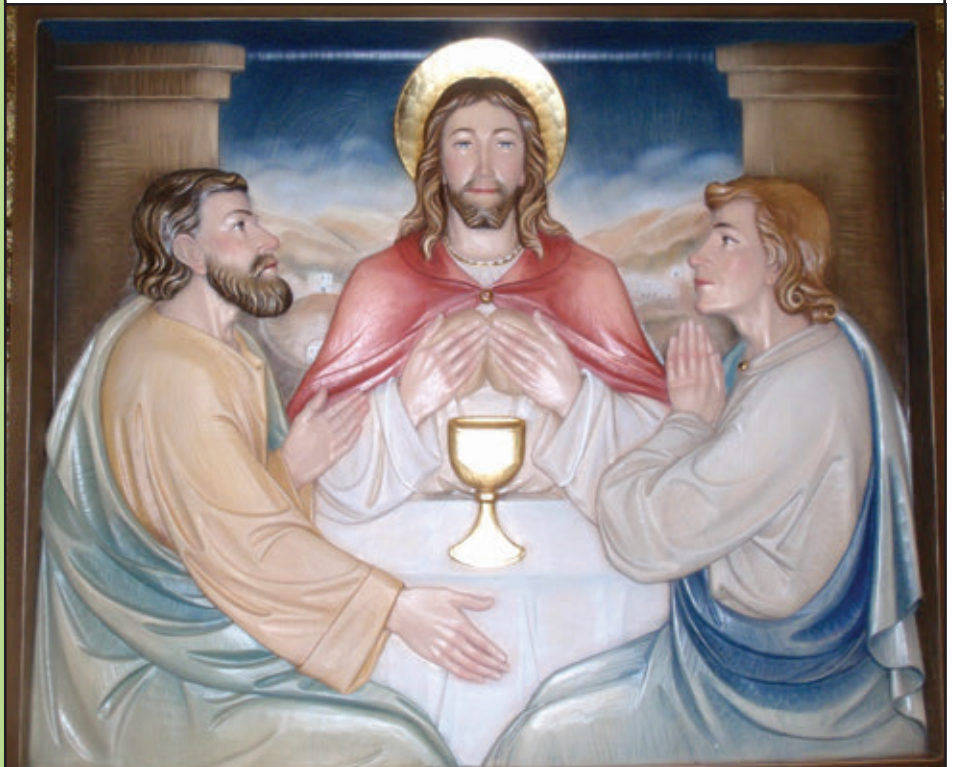
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Jesus Our Divine Teacher and Risen Lord

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Faith in the Food Christ Gives



We possess here among us a God, a Friend, a Consoler, and a Redeemer Who will ease our sufferings, Who promises us in this place of hardships such great bliss that, with the bride in the Song of Songs, we may exclaim: *"Have you seen my Beloved? When you see Him, tell Him that I languish with love."* We not only possess Him in the immensity of divinity, but have Him also as He was during the nine months in Mary's womb, and again as He was on the Cross. More fortunate than the first Christians, who had to go fifty or sixty miles for the happiness of seeing Him, the Church of every Parish contains Him. Any congregation can, if it so desires, enjoy His most sweet companionship. O happy people, what I wish to show you today is how good God was in instituting the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Our God no more loses sight of us that does a mother of her child that is beginning to walk. *"My God,"* cried Moses, *"show me, if it pleases You, Your Countenance, then shall I possess all things that I want."* How consoling for a Christian is the blessed thought that God sees him, that God witnesses his sorrows and his troubles, that God is by his side! What is still better, God presses him tenderly to His Heart! O Christian people, how happy are you in the enjoyment of so many privileges which others have not! Am I not right when I say that the presence of God is an endless happiness for the good Christian? It is heaven upon earth. Saint Bernard assures us that there are three mysteries upon which you cannot meditate without feeling as if your heart would break with love and sadness. The first is the mystery of the Incarnation, the other that of the Passion of Jesus Christ, and the third is the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

—Saint John Vianney
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Before you check into a hospital or have an outpatient procedure, we encourage you to see a priest here in our parish and receive the sacraments that can help you.

Just speak to a priest after Mass, or call the Rectory and we will be happy to arrange to hear your confession, anoint you with the Sacrament of the Sick, and give you Holy Communion, to help you through this spiritually challenging time.

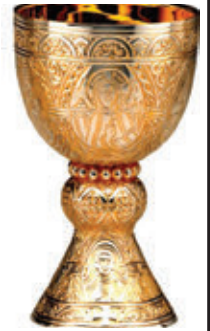


FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR DOUGLAS J. MATHERS

My Dear Parishioners,

BY PARISHIONER REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS REPRINTED BELOW:

In the year 777AD, Duke Tassilo of Bavaria founded the Benedictine Monastery of Kremsmünster in upper Austria, on the Krems River. Three years later, in 780, he donated a beautiful chalice to the monastery. It was made of copper and gilded with silver and gold. The chalice was also ornamented with engraved symbols of the four Evangelists, a portrait image of Jesus, and abstract, interlacing decoration. This Tassilo Chalice, as it has come to be known, is still used for Mass in the Kremsmünster Monastery today.



As part of St. John's Bicentennial Campaign, new sacred vessels were purchased for our parish. These vessels include covered and open ciboria, which hold the Sacred Host, and chalices for Mass. All of these sacred vessels are made in the Tassilo design.

The top portion of each sacred vessel is ornamented with an engraved picture of the Last Supper. A portrait image of Jesus is at the center, and He is surrounded by images of the Twelve Apostles.

The lower portion, or base, of each vessel is ornamented with engraved symbols of the four Evangelists. They include the eagle of our own St. John, the ox of St. Luke, the lion of St. Mark, and the angel of St. Matthew.

This outstanding and original decoration expresses the gift and reality of what happens at Mass.

The symbols of the Evangelists represent God's Holy Word, from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and especially from the Gospel, that we hear proclaimed at Mass.

The picture of the Last Supper reminds us that Jesus instituted the Eucharist on the night before He gave His Life for us on Calvary. At Mass, Jesus gives us the precious gift of His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—His very Life—in the Eucharist.

The work of artists reminds us of the work of God in the Mass. At Mass God gives us the privilege of hearing His life-giving Word, and sharing in His very Life, by sharing in the Eucharist.

An abstract and interlacing design is engraved around the portraits and symbols on our sacred vessels. This design represents the far-reaching effect of the graces we receive at Mass. These graces draw us closer to Jesus. They bless us and bless others as we try to follow Him in our daily lives.

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners to the Bicentennial Campaign which enabled us to purchase these new sacred vessels. May these vessels give glory to God, and always remind our Parish Family of the gift and grace that God gives us in the Mass.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers*

dear Padre

My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the Anointing of the Sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?

If circumstances permit, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be preceded by the Sacrament of Penance and followed by the Sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment concerning the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Catholic believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the Sacrament of Anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the Sacrament of Anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

A Word from Pope Francis

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."... The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true.... It is Jesus Himself Who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

General Audience, February 26, 2014

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

5:30pm +Corina LaFrance (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

8:30am +Simon D'Souza
10:30am +Gabriella & Gaetano Fiumicini
12:30pm +Eugene Jones
5:30pm +Msgr. George A. Kelly & Family

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei
12:10pm +Claire Maher

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

8:15am For Our Parishioners
12:10pm +Elena & Frances Baldeon

SAINT LOUIS

SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

8:15am +Gustavo & Leticia Melguizo
12:10pm +Alice Harney

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm +Evelyn McGarty

SAINT MONICA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

8:15am In Thanksgiving
12:10pm +Carolyn Roque

SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei
12:10pm +Massimo Bazzini
5:30pm +Sister Sheila Gallagher, LSA (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MICHELE FITZPATRICK, GEORGE FUENTES AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19.

FOR OUR DECEASED: EUGENIE M. JONES, RICARDO JOVE, KEVIN MASTERSON, JOSEPH MILEA, ELIZABETH THOMAS

Please call the Parish House to have a Parishioner's name placed on this list. Check to see if someone who is ill consents to having their name published. We only publish the names of recently deceased.



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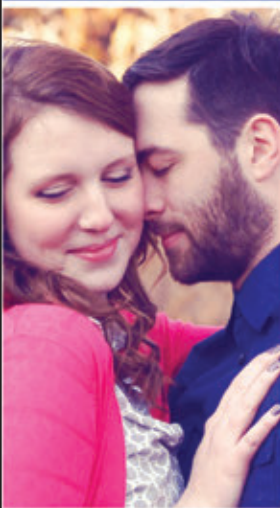
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