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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass

10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays before both Masses) & First Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)

Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

October 8th 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, October 8th

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saint Bridget of Sweden*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Delimarie Malanao

requested by Delimarie Malanao

Monday, October 9th

Saint John Leonardi

7:45 a.m. - Canon Francis X. Altieri

requested by Parishioners

Tuesday, October 10th

Saint Francis Borgia

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Carl Nelson

requested by Mary L. Nelson

Wednesday, October 11th

Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon

requested by the Kashulon Foundation

Thursday, October 12th

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 a.m. - Zelfa Ciardiello

requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Friday, October 13th

Saint Edward the Confessor

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Margaret Constance Koons

requested by the Koons Family

Saturday, October 14th

Saint Callistus

7:45 a.m. - Mr. Gregg Hough & Family

requested by George Hough

Sunday, October 15th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saint Teresa of Avila*}

8:30 a.m. - Julie Kim

requested by Julie Kim

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Unfortunately Canon has returned from his trip feeling unwell and will need some time this week to recover. Consequently, aside from daily Mass, all other services and activities this week are cancelled (Canon hopes to be better in time for the outing on Saturday). The Sunday 10:15 a.m. Mass today will be a Low Mass with organ and motets instead of the usual High Mass.

Sunday, October 8th

No Vespers or Benediction

October—Month of the Holy Rosary

Please note change of date: Devotions daily at 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday), beginning October 16th

Saturday, October 14th

Father-Son outing for the altar boys after the morning Mass (*remember to R.S.V.P.!*)

Tuesday, October 24th

Adult Theology class in the church hall at 7:00 p.m.
Theme: "The Life of Grace"

Saturday, October 28th

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 1st

ALL SAINTS DAY {*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

November 1st to 8th

Prayer visits to local cemeteries after daily Masses
Please feel free to make suggestions!

Thursday, November 2nd

ALL SOULS DAY

Low Masses at 7:45 a.m. & 8:25 a.m.

High Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th

ALL SAINTS PARTY

During the social hour after High Mass, children are invited to dress as their favorite saint

November 29th to December 7th

Novena of the Immaculate Conception

Sermon every day by a visiting guest preacher

Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

*Mondays & Thursdays
& Sundays of Advent-Christmastide*

1. The Annunciation to Our Lady
2. The Visitation of Our Lady to Saint Elizabeth
3. The Nativity of Our Lord
4. The Presentation of the Infant Jesus
in the Temple
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Tuesdays & Fridays & Sundays of Lent

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion & Death of Our Lord

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Wednesdays & Saturdays & Sundays of the Year

1. The Resurrection of Our Lord
2. The Ascension of Our Lord
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost
4. The Assumption of Our Lady
5. The Coronation of Our Lady
as Queen in Heaven



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay careful attention to these guidelines, which are intended to promote the common good and to facilitate the very complicated work of scheduling. The pastor is morally bound to see to it that all our parishioners have the same opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and personal intentions, which is the reason for the directives explained below. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by these norms.

◆ We are now accepting Mass intentions for the calendar year 2024.

◆ Please make sure only to **use the special forms** which are available in church in order to fill out your Mass requests.

◆ For the time being, we are only able to accept Mass intentions from regular parishioners.

◆ In the first round of scheduling, there is a **strict limit of 10 (ten) Mass intentions per household**. If a greater number is submitted, all the requested intentions will be returned. After the new year, we will inform you in the bulletin if there are any remaining available spots for 2024.

◆ You may request specific dates, which will be accommodated to the extent possible, but we cannot make any promises about dates.

◆ It is not possible to reserve multiple Sundays.

◆ As a spiritual good, there is no “price” for a Mass. However, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, Mass offerings are used for the material support of the clergy. Therefore, a **minimum stipend of \$10** is suggested per Mass.

◆ It is not possible to request a Mass by 'phone or e-mail. No Mass will be scheduled until the **written request and accompanying Mass offering** are received in the office. These may be submitted in the collection basket, by mail, or by coming in person to the office during office hours.

A Catholic Reflection for Columbus Day

excerpt from encyclical QUARTO ABEUNTE SÆCULO of Pope Leo XIII (1892)

[...] The exploit is in itself the highest and grandest which any age has ever seen accomplished by man; and he who achieved it, for the greatness of his mind and heart, can be compared to but few in the history of humanity. By his toil another world emerged from the unsearched bosom of the ocean: hundreds of thousands of mortals have, from a state of blindness, been raised to the common level of the human race, reclaimed from savagery to gentleness and humanity; and, greatest of all, by the acquisition of those blessings of which Jesus Christ is the author, they have been recalled from destruction to eternal life. Europe, indeed, overpowered at the time by the novelty and strangeness of the discovery, presently came to recognize what was due to Columbus, when, through the numerous colonies shipped to America, through the constant intercourse and interchange of business and the ocean-trade, an incredible addition was made to our knowledge of nature, and to the commonwealth; whilst at the same time the prestige of the European name was marvellously increased. Therefore, amidst so lavish a display of honour, so unanimous a tribute of congratulations, it is fitting that the Church should not be altogether silent; since she, by custom and precedent, willingly approves and endeavours to forward whatsoever she see, and wherever she see it, that is honourable and praiseworthy. It is true she reserves her special and greatest honours for virtues that most signally proclaim a high morality, for these are directly associated with the salvation of souls; but she does not, therefore, despise or lightly estimate virtues of other kinds. On the contrary, she has ever highly favoured and held in honour those who have deserved well of men in civil society, and have thus attained a lasting name among posterity. For God, indeed, is especially wonderful in his Saints, *mirabilis in Sanctis suis*; but the impress of His Divine virtue also appears in those who shine with excellent power of mind and spirit, since high intellect and greatness of spirit can be the property of men only through their parent and creator, God.

But there is, besides, another reason, a unique one, why We consider that this immortal achievement should be recalled by Us with memorial words. For Columbus is ours; since if a little consideration be given to the particular reason of his design in exploring the *mare tenebrosum*, and also the manner in which he endeavoured to execute the design, it is indubitable that the Catholic faith was the strongest motive for the inception and prosecution of the design; so that for this reason also the whole human race owes not a little to the Church.

For we have the record of not a few brave and experienced men, both before and after Christopher Columbus, who with stubbornness and zeal explored unknown lands and seas yet more unknown. And the memory of these, man, mindful of benefits, rightly holds, and will hold in honour; because they advanced the ends of knowledge and humanity, and increased the common prosperity of the race, not by light labour, but by supreme exertion, often accompanied by great dangers. But there is, nevertheless, between these and him of whom we speak, a generous difference. He was distinguished by this unique note, that in his work of traversing and retraversing immense tracts of ocean, he looked for a something greater and higher than did these others. We say not that he was unmoved by perfectly honourable aspirations after knowledge, and deserving well of human society; nor did he despise glory, which is a most engrossing ideal to great souls; nor did he altogether scorn a hope of advantages to himself; but to him far before all these human considerations was the consideration of his ancient faith, which unquestionably dowered him with strength of mind and will, and often strengthened and consoled him in the midst of the greatest difficulties. This view and aim is known to have possessed his mind above all; namely, to open a way for the Gospel over new lands and seas. [...]

