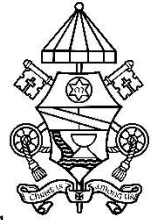


# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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September 12, 2021

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM	- Liv/dec'd of the John & Ethel Schoeppner Family
SUN	8:00 AM	- John Arnold
	10:00 AM	- Ken & RoseAnn VonHertsenberg
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	- David Erb
	12:05 PM	- Frank & Gladys Schilling
TUE	7:45 AM	- Delbert Lang
	12:05 PM	- Helen Roesch
WED	7:45 AM	- Marilyn Morgan
	12:05 PM	- Mike Kern
THU	7:45 AM	- Marilyn Strahler Morgan
	12:05 PM	- The Stapleton Family
FRI	7:45 AM	- Special Intention
	12:05 PM	- Dorothea Finkel & Samuel Harper
SAT	9:00 AM	- Keith Eugene McGregor
	5:30 PM	- Joyce Lang
SUN	8:00 AM	- Mildred Arnold
	10:00 AM	- David White
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

**CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)**

**BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office**

**WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office six months in advance**

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell ([fatherjmike@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjmike@gmail.com))

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Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740-525-6360)

Pregnancy Assistance - Women's Care Center (740-374-7123)

Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)

Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)

St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)

Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9-30-37.

## REST IN PEACE:

Mary Agnes Augenstein passed away Monday morning, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday morning. We offer our deepest sympathy to her family, especially to her husband, Joe, who will miss her most of all. May God grant Mary Agnes eternal peace and happiness in heaven, her eternal home.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (CCD)** begins this Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## ARCADE NIGHT!!!

**Save the date!**

This is for the youth of our parish and their friends. It will be held next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall for those in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	RCIA in the Basilica Social Hall. See announcement.
TUE	6:00 pm	-	Parish Council Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
THU	8:30 AM	-	Cleaning the Basilica. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	Talk on The Divine Mercy and Adoration, in the Basilica Social Hall. See announcement.
FRI	8:15AM	-	7:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
SAT	3:30 PM	-	Confessions.

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### **The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:           \$ 15,282.00

Amount of the second collection  
last weekend for our Basilica  
maintenance:                               \$ 3,126.00

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ON LINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least One Million in the fund before using it. To donate, contact the Community Foundation.

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### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements should be in by Wednesday morning in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. Announcements should be in writing. We cannot accept bulletin announcements by phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### ST. MARY SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

The next Saint Mary Catholic School Reunion is scheduled for July 9, 2022.

## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** St. Mary Catholic School Fall Auction is planned for Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking donations for both the live and silent auctions. If you would like to donate a good, service, monetary donation or donate your time, please contact the school office at 740-374-8181. Keep an eye out for more details in the weeks to come.

St. Mary Catholic School would love to share our quality education with your grades Preschool 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade! Please email Mrs. Bradley if you are interested in scheduling a tour of the school at [tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org).

Please continue to pray for our students and staff and the health and safety of all!

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### RCIA

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The program the Catholic Church has established to help those interested in becoming full active members of the Catholic Faith Family. The sessions will begin on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.

All are welcome to come and see about the faith we hold in the Eucharist and the often-misinterpreted practices of our church family. Please feel free to come and /or bring someone you know if interested. Questions, please call Cathy Rauch at 740-896-2901.

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### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

### DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

The Divine Mercy Gift Shop is located in the lower level of the Basilica and is open after all weekend Masses. Stop by after Mass sometime soon and look over our wonderful selection of religious items. You just might find that special gift you have been looking for.

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### SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All organizations and committees must contact the parish office before scheduling a meeting in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen. If you change the time or date of a previously scheduled meeting, please be sure the new time is available. **All meetings and events MUST be put in the Master Book in the parish offices.**

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### BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book for the BBC: Redeeming Love, Francis Rivers

**NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 29,  
6:00 PM, SOCIAL HALL**

ALL ARE WELCOME (men and women)!

#### **Redeeming Love Francis Rivers**

California's gold country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside. Then she meets Michael Hosea, a man who seeks his Father's heart in everything.

Any questions or if you would like to be put on the BBC email list serve (to receive information and announcements), contact Debbie Lazorik, [lazorikd@marietta.edu](mailto:lazorikd@marietta.edu), 740-434-3769.

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### NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you have recently moved, please call the parish office and give us your new address. Also, many of our parishioners are just using cell phone numbers. Please let us know so we will be able to update our parish records.

### CCD CLASSES

CCD classes are starting this Sunday, September 12. They will be taking place at St. Mary School from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM three times a month. Please contact Cecelia Cottrill at [ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org) to register your child.

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### LADIES RETREAT DAY

Renew Your Spirit – Ladies Retreat Day will be held on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Church, 5080 School House Road, in Little Hocking, Ohio.

Activities will include uplifting music, life changing speakers, confessions, group discussions, Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch. For reservations or for more information call Rita Rodgers, 740-423-5697 or Becky Hennen, 740-989-2460.

In order to cover expenses we are requesting a \$10 donation. We will adhere to Covid regulations in effect at the time of the retreat.

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### ROSARY CONGRESS

The Rosary Congress will be held October 8-10. It will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 8 and will conclude on Sunday, October 10 at 7:00 AM. Please plan to come and join others at the Rosary Congress as we pray for reparation, life, peace, healing, renewal, families, our country, our church and our schools.

Two talks will be presented. Please mark your calendars for the following presentations: Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 PM – **The Divine Mercy and Adoration** and Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 PM – **The Rosary**. Please plan to attend these important talks as we prepare for the Rosary Congress.

You can participate in the Rosary Congress by signing up for an hour of Praying the Rosary and Adoration at the special presentations on September 16 and September 23 or call, text, or email or of the following people:

Amy Brockett	740-516-4647
Leslie Lupardus	740-885-9378
Debbie Lazorik	740-434-3769
Shelly Medley	740-525-6360
Janet Schilling	740-350-0887



THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

NOTES ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages in the area of Caesarea Philippi. On the way, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples responded "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah or one of the prophets." "But who do say that I am?" "Peter said to him, "You are the Christ."

Why would Jesus ask such a question? He asked this question not out of self-glorification, but for feedback. Unlike our American myth of the strong, self-reliant individual, Jesus had a different social vision, serving the clan. Self-image did not depend upon one's own abilities, but upon one's place in the extended family and in society. When Jesus asked for feedback, He wanted to know where people thought he fit in. What was his place in popular society?

The disciples answered with the heroes of the past – "John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets." Obviously, the disciples did not see the physical presence of these men. But they did mean something far deeper. People thought Jesus embodied the spirit of these heroes. Many thought Jesus continued the Baptist's ministry. Others thought Jesus had the word and power of Israel's first prophet. If Jesus did not have the spirit of Elijah, certainly He had the spirit of the prophets, others claimed. To the people, Jesus lived and breathed the prophetic tradition. He was a spiritual leader the people held in esteem.

But, Jesus had another question. What did his own group claim he was? Peter, the spokesperson, proclaimed what pressed in all the disciples' minds. He is the Christ! He began to teach them what

His mission was as the "Christ". "It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things, to be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribe, to be killed, and after three days to rise up from the dead." Peter rejected the notion of the crucifixion, so Jesus rebuked him. "Get behind Me" This was a social rejection (just as turning one's face away from another in public implies a refusal to recognize the presence and the worth of the other). In other words, Jesus told Peter to leave. Jesus declared Peter an enemy of God's will, and, so, a sinner.

Jesus defined the mission of the Messiah in suffering, death, and resurrection. Men would reject him. But the Father would vindicate him. Peter had other ideas. He took Jesus aside to challenge his vision. In doing so, Peter struggled with Jesus over leadership in the group, and he did it in a way that was dishonorable. To do something in private was to undermine the group itself. By pulling Jesus aside, Peter brought shame upon himself because of the scandal his actions brought to the group. Jesus rebuked Peter in front of the others (the honorable thing to do in a society with a group mentality) and reasserted his authority. What Peter did was not the way of the true disciple. In response to the challenge, Jesus would define the nature of true discipleship.

Jesus then said: "If someone wants to follow after me, let him pick up his cross, and let (him) follow Me. ""Pick up his cross" does not mean enduring daily struggles. It means being nailed to a cross. A disciple is to walk the way of the cross with Jesus, for Jesus. Discipleship has real dangers. To become a follower, one must give up all claims and be ready to die.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs on Wednesday and Friday. Jesus stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Take advantage of Eucharistic Adoration. Come and visit the Lord in Adoration this Wednesday and Friday. He waits for us!

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### Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- Sept. - 27, - Diocesan Giving Society Mass & Reception (Bishop) 5:00 pm.
  - Oct. - 6, - Priest's Convocation (Columbus 6 - 8)
  - Oct. - 8, - Rosary Congress
  - Oct. - 12, - Pilgrimage – St. Nicholas, Zanesville (10:00 a.m.)
  - Oct. - 13, - Pilgrimage from St. Agnes Church in Mingo Junction, Ohio
  - Oct. - 24, - Women Religious Celebration (Noon Mass - Bishop)
  - Nov. - 21, - Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass (Noon – Bishop Monforton)
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### Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be offered this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica next Monday. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Jesus Christ Himself invites us to a personal visit with Him in our basilica.

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## REVERENTIAL QUIET IN THE BASILICA

It is an ancient tradition in the Church to have a reverential quiet tone in a Catholic Church – especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. More and more, the tradition of reverential quiet is ignored in our Basilica. We need to respect the Blessed Sacrament and people who are trying to pray before or after Mass. Please observe a quiet tone when you are present in the Basilica. .

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## PILGRIMAGES TO OUR BASILICA



The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance.

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## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI TODAY

As you know, Haiti suffered another devastating earthquake on August 14. Almost 2,000 were killed and 10,000 injured, leaving many more families in grief or serious need. For this reason, the U. S. Bishops have asked that a collection be taken nationally to help those very much in need. In our Diocese of Steubenville, the collection will be taken this weekend, September 11/12. If you are not prepared to give a gift today, you can make the offering next Sunday.

## EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, September 13,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 am. - Mass

### Tuesday, September 14,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass

### Wednesday, September 15,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:20 am. - Adoration (Chapel)  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

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7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

### Saturday, September 18,

9:00 am. - Mass  
3:30 am. - Confessions  
5:30 pm. - Mass

### Sunday, September 19,

8:00 am. - Mass  
9:30 am. - Mass (St. Henry's)  
10:00 am. - Mass  
12:00 pm. - Mass

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## LITURGICAL FEASTS FOR THE WEEK.

### Monday, September 13, Saint John Chrysostom, (Bishop & Doctor)

John Chrysostom was an ascetic who became bishop of Constantinople (397). He was an outstanding preacher (thus named ("Golden mouth"), defender of the poor, and sought to reform the clergy. He was exiled twice, and was a prolific writer. He is one of four great doctors of the Eastern Church. He died on September 14, 407.

### Tuesday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Feast celebrates the consecration of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulture in Jerusalem, and the discovery of the Holy Cross by the empress, Saint Helena in 320.

### Wednesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

By the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the sorrows of Mary number seven. The presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, Jesus lost in the Temple, the meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross, and His burial.

### Thursday, September 16, Saints Cornelius (Pope) & Cyprian (Bishop)

Cornelius was the bishop of Carthage. He opposed the heresy of Novatian. He died in 253. Cyprian was the first African bishop to be martyred in 258.

### Friday, September 17, Saint Robert Bellarmine (Bishop)

Robert was a brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, and apologist of the Counter Reformation. He was the cardinal archbishop of Capua.

## Church of England bishop to be received into the Catholic Church

A Church of England bishop said last Friday that he was stepping down to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Goodall, the Anglican bishop of Ebbsfleet, explained that he had taken the decision “after a long period of prayer.”

“I have arrived at the decision to step down as Bishop of Ebbsfleet, in order to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, only after a long period of prayer, which has been among the most testing periods of my life,” he said in a statement on Sept. 3, the feast of St. Gregory the Great, the sixth-century pope who launched a mission to convert England to Christianity.

“Life in the communion of the Church of England has shaped and nourished my discipleship as a Catholic Christian for many decades. This is where I first received -- and for half my life have ministered, as priest and bishop -- the sacramental grace of Christian life and faith. I shall always treasure this and be thankful for it. I trust you all to believe that I have made my decision as a way of saying yes to God’s present call and invitation, and not of saying no to what I have known and experienced in the Church of England, to which I owe such a deep debt.”

The 60-year-old bishop has served as bishop of Ebbsfleet since 2013, a role in which he acted as a provincial episcopal visitor, or “flying bishop,” supporting Church of England congregations that do not recognize women priests and bishops. He was chaplain and ecumenical secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, from 2005 to 2012.

He has strong ties to Westminster Abbey, London’s royal church. He was a minor canon, chaplain, and sacrist from 1992 to 1998. From 2004 onwards, he has been a Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey. A Sept. 3 press release said that the current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, accepted Goodall’s decision “with regret.”

“I am deeply grateful to Bishop Jonathan for his ministry and many years of faithful service. My prayers are with him, both for his future ministry and for the direction in which he is being called in their continuing journey of dedicated service to Christ,” said Welby. Goodall is the second bishop of Ebbsfleet to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. In 2010, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Burnham stepped down after 10 years in the post.

He was received into the Catholic Church in 2011, and then ordained a Catholic priest, serving in the newly established Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Today, Msgr. Burnham is pastor of Hendred Catholic Parish in Oxfordshire, south-central England. Alongside Burnham, two other Church of England bishops were also received into the Catholic Church. Former Church of England clergy such as the now St. John Henry Newman and Cardinal Henry Edward Manning played a prominent role in the revival of the Catholic Church in England in the 19th century.



“It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with ourselves.”

- Saint Catherine of Scania

## **Former Baptist Pastor Explains His Conversion to Catholicism**



“If this is the same Church that traces its roots back to the Apostles,” says John Thompson, “yes, this is where all men and women belong.”

John Thompson is a good-humored, energetic Catholic most anxious to share his faith in Christ with others. He speaks with a deep conviction and unwavering certainty as he declares the Catholic Church to be “the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church founded by Christ,” and invites others to examine the Church’s history and teachings. However, John has not always held this view. In 1990, the then 41-year-old resigned as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Orange, California, a 125-member congregation not far from Holy Family Cathedral, which was previously the cathedral church of the Diocese of Orange (before the purchase of Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove).

Born in Long Beach and reared in Fullerton, John has since visited many parishes sharing the story of his conversion. “I was reared with an anti-Catholic bias. I didn’t know a thing about Catholics, other than that they were profane, totally secularized idol worshippers, who obviously didn’t know God; they didn’t talk about God in their own personal lives. I maintained many vague prejudices that Protestants are raised with, that Catholics are somehow less than Protestants, not really Christians and that they really don’t live out their faith. There is a lot of fear and mistrust of the Catholic Church based on ignorance.

“Around 1988”, he said, “I began studying to find out why different Christian religions use different forms of worship. There are a vast variety of worship forms. I wanted to confirm in my own mind that what I had been raised with was really right. I went back and looked at worship in the early Church. I expected to find the Baptist Church with preaching and worship that reflected Baptist beliefs. Yet I found that the earliest post-Scriptural documents that we have speak of liturgy from the very beginning. You don’t find the free worship of the Baptist or the Evangelical tradition. You find the liturgy, forms of worship and set prayers from very early in the Church. And, most importantly, you find not just the Liturgy of the Word, the proclaimed or preached Word of God, but you have the Liturgy of the Eucharist. You discover the two-fold action of hearing the Word of God and responding by offering up the Sacrifice through which you receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Eucharist. As I began to see this, I was touched. This is what I was missing in worship, the two-fold action of hearing and receiving.”

“ It is devastating to Evangelical Protestant belief from the point of view that the Protestant Reformation, as necessary as reform in the Catholic Church may have been at the time of Martin Luther, threw out the very core of the Church. The Bible never says that we are saved by faith *alone!* By faith, yes, but not by faith alone. It is totally Scriptural, however, to say that we are saved by faith *and* works, as the Catholic Church teaches. Scripture says we are saved by faith working in love “Galatians 5:6). As a Baptist minister, I was troubled when I came across passages such as the one where the Lord Jesus would say he who perseveres to the end shall be saved [Matthew 24:13]. Paul also admonishes us to work out our salvation in fear and trembling [Philippians 2:12].



## Traditional Latin Masses to end in some Houston parishes but continue in others, Cardinal DiNardo says.



Several parishes may continue to celebrate Traditional Latin Masses in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, but several others must cease, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo has said in his implementation of Pope Francis' motu proprio *Traditionis custodes*. The Cardinal emphasized the need for reverence, fidelity, and unity in the liturgy, while warning against the dangers of letting personality and personal preference dominate celebrations of the Mass. "The liturgy is not only the gathering point into unity of all that is scattered, but also the summons home to the Father through the action of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit in that gathering, thus creating harmony from among diverse and even occasionally discordant voices," he said. "There grace is given to all the members of the liturgical assembly to go forth and to sanctify the world in which they live."

"The clergy and those being formed for holy orders should cultivate a love for the liturgy which manifests itself in a fidelity to the liturgical rubrics, decorum, sound preaching, and a sense of reverent confidence when celebrating the liturgy," the cardinal said. "This holds true for the celebration of all the sacraments, as well as sacramentals."

"We should take care that our personalities and individual preferences do not dominate our manner of liturgical celebration," he continued. The cardinal's letter considered all the parishes where the Traditional Latin Mass continued to be celebrated. Only Annunciation parish and Regina Caeli parish may celebrate the traditional Latin Mass on Sundays and Days of Holy Obligation. Any Catholics in the archdiocese who wish to celebrate wedding Masses, baptisms, and other sacraments in the more ancient use should direct their requests to the clergy at Regina Caeli.

The Church of the Annunciation, founded in 1869, is the oldest church in Houston. The downtown church's website numbers its parishioners at over 400 households. For more than 40 years, the parish has celebrated both the Roman Missal of 1962, published under St. John XXIII, and the Roman Missal of 1972, published under St. Paul VI. "In light of this longstanding custom at Annunciation Parish, there will be no change to the celebration of Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962 at that parish," said the cardinal.

Regina Caeli parish is an apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. The parish's website said its number of parishioners more than doubled during the pandemic restrictions of 2020, in part because longtime attendees had never officially registered and Mass was temporarily limited only to registered parishioners with reservations. The parish's main church is not yet built, though it is continuing to build facilities on 40 acres of land in northwest Houston currently used for its temporary chapel. In 2013 the cardinal had established Regina Caeli parish "to give pastoral and sacramental care to the faithful who are accustomed to the celebration of Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962," he said. This is a non-territorial parish and so is "the proper parish of any Catholic within Galveston-Houston who desires the frequent celebration of Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal." There will be no change to its celebration of Mass or its sacraments.

The cardinal's letter implemented Pope Francis' July 16 motu proprio, which placed restrictions on Masses which use the 1962 Roman Missal. These liturgies are sometimes known as the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite, the Tridentine Mass, or the Traditional Latin Mass.

## Catholics, Eastern Orthodox are united in belief in Christ's Real Presence



Metropolitan Hilarion, a Russian Orthodox leader said last Monday that belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist unites Catholics and Eastern Orthodox believers despite their divisions.

Delivering the opening catechesis at the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, Hungary, on Sept. 6, Metropolitan Hilarion outlined the Eastern Orthodox understanding of the Eucharist. "The Catholics and the Orthodox are not united in the Eucharist, but they are united in the conviction that in the Eucharistic bread and wine after their consecration we have not just the symbolic presence of Christ, but his full and real presence," said the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate. "We believe that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharistic celebration is not only a commemoration of the Last Supper, but also its actualization for each believer who participates in it."

"And the celebrant does not act in the Eucharist on his own behalf. It is on behalf of Jesus Christ himself that he pronounces the words originally uttered by Christ at his Last Supper. And it is Christ himself who administers the sacrament for his followers, not a priest or a bishop."

The 52nd International Eucharistic Congress opened on Sept. 5 with a 1,000-strong choir and a Mass featuring First Communions.

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### Contradicting Past Statements, Biden Says He Doesn't Believe Life Begins at Conception



At the 2012 vice presidential debate against Republican nominee Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., Biden stated plainly that he believed life began at conception. On Friday, The President said that he does not believe life begins at conception - contradicting his previous statements on when life begins. "I respect those who believe life begins at the moment of conception, but I don't agree. I'm not going to impose that on people."

"I have been and continue to be a strong supporter of *Roe v Wade*, number one...I respect them, those who believe life begins at the moment of conception and all, I respect that. Don't agree, but I respect that."

At the 2012 vice presidential debate, Biden stated plainly: "Life begins at conception, that's the Church's judgment. I accept it in my personal life," he said. "But I refuse to impose it on equally devout Christians and Muslims and Jews, and I just refuse to impose that on others, unlike my friend here, the congressman."

While the president said that he "respected the views" of people "who don't support *Roe v. Wade*," he emphasized that he did not agree with them.

## **Miracle recipients to attend beatification of Cardinal Wyszyński and Mother Czacka**

Last Sunday, a Polish Catholic teen attended the beatification of a 20th-century nun who she credits with her recovery from a devastating accident.

Karolina Gawrych carried the relics of Mother Elżbieta Róża Czacka up to the altar of Warsaw's Temple of Divine Providence during the joint beatification of the nun and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, who led the Polish Church's resistance to communism.

The 18-year-old was seriously injured in 2010 when a swing she was playing on collapsed and the overhead beam fell on her. Her head injuries were so severe that doctors thought that she would either die, remain in a persistent vegetative state, or, in the best-case scenario, lose her sight and hearing.

The Franciscan Sisters Servants of the Cross, a congregation founded by Mother Czacka in 1918, prayed for the seven-year-old girl. The sisters, based in Laski, a village about 10 miles west of Warsaw, sought the intercession of their founder, who died in 1961 after a lifetime of service to her fellow blind people. Just two months after the beam came crashing down, she walked out of the hospital. Completely recovered, she will start next month at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, northern Poland, where she will study psychology.

"I try to visit the sisters in Laski as often as possible. I visit the grave of Mother Czacka, I thank her for her intercession, I go for walks in nature there, I can calm down and think about my plans and activities."

The nun was beatified alongside Cardinal Wyszyński, who is known as the "Primate of the Millennium" because as Primate of Poland he oversaw a nine-year program of preparation culminating in a nationwide celebration of the millennium of Poland's baptism in 1966, to the consternation of the communist authorities.

In 1988, two years after she joined the community, she underwent surgery for thyroid cancer. The disease continued to spread and she had further treatment at an oncological center in Gliwice, southern Poland. But an almost two-inch tumor developed in her throat, making breaking, swallowing, and sleeping difficult.

"When the doctor informed me of the diagnosis, he said I had a maximum of three months to live. Operating is possible, but it is connected with a high risk of irreversible complications," Sr. Nulla recalled. In 1982, the sisters were asked to pray for a miraculous healing through Wyszyński's intercession.

They prayed for the intention nine times a day for several weeks. On the night of March 14-15, 1989, Sr. Nulla experienced severe pain, but the tumor began to shrink. She left the hospital on March 21, completed her novitiate, and has been serving within the community ever since. In November 2018, a medical board appointed by the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints declared that Sr. Nulla's recovery was medically inexplicable.



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Dear Parishioners,

On this weekend, we remember the tenth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001; it's hard to imagine the devastation and pain of all those whose lives were effected in New York City, in Washington, DC and in a field in Shanksville Pennsylvania.

I remember listening to the reports about the crash near the airport in Pittsburgh. There were no human remains intact, parts of bodies were hanging on trees, and those entrusted with the grim task of finding remains, could only be in the area for two-hour-periods because of the stench and stress – they were literally surrounded by death. When a tragedy of this magnitude is so close to us, we want to escape it. We do so by turning off the news, putting aside the news-paper articles, and if we don't know somebody directly involved in it, we conveniently file it somewhere in the back of our memory in the hope of never retrieving it again.

At the crash scene, the Fire-chief of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania said: "Next time, we will be able to go into the scene and rescue people." We are the society who wants to fix things. We try to avoid pain and suffering at all costs.

On Tuesday of this week, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Most Holy Cross. It is in the Cross, that we find redemption. It is in the Cross, that we find hope. It is in the Cross, that we find forgiveness for ourselves and the command to forgive one another.

One of the most difficult things Christ asks us to do is to forgive those who hurt us – those who have broken our hearts, stolen our money, exposed our secrets, lied about us; those who have snubbed us, used us, walked over us, walked out on us, caused us heart-break.

There is not one of us here who has not been hurt, or let down or betrayed by someone. The older we become, the more we become disappointed in the very people we thought loved us, or supported us, or respected us. The answer to our suffering is not to become angry at the world or at all the people in it; but rather the answer is in FORGIVENESS – the forgiveness that has come for each of us from the Cross!

It would be wonderful if we lived in a perfect world where people could be happy and free from suffering. It would be wonderful if we lived in a world where there were no planes crashing into buildings, no terrorist attacks, no corruption in third world countries, no cancer, no heart disease, no worries what-so-ever. But that's not the world we live in. Everywhere in the world, there is pain - it's in every city, every town and every family in the world! The answer to the problem of evil and suffering – is the Cross. The answer to the problem of evil and suffering is the Cross - an instrument where life was not lost, but rather where the doors to eternal life were opened!