

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM - People of the Parish
SUN	8:00 AM - Julia Dooley Holden
	10:00 AM - Richard Crum
	12:00 PM - Charles Spindler
MON	7:45 AM - David Erb
	12:05 PM - Mark Erb
TUE	7:45 AM - Edgar Walters
	12:05 PM - Deb Lang, 1 st Anniversary
WED	7:45 AM - Carolyn Sue Powell, 24 th Anniv.
	12:05 PM - Maxine Best, 3 rd Anniv.
THU	7:45 AM - Robert Lee Stollar
	12:05 PM - Catherine & Bob Dickson, 66 th Wedding Anniversary
FRI	7:45 AM - Warren Cooley
	12:05 PM - Children, Families & Volunteers Of Vacation Bible School
SAT	9:00 AM - Jim & Debbie Gaydosh, Wedding Anniversary
	5:30 PM - Maxine Best
SUN	8:00 AM - For those suffering from addiction
	10:00 AM - Leo Antons
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Wednesday morning to be included in the flowing weekend's bulletin. Announcements must be in by Noon Wednesday to be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

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.

PARISH OFFICES are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

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)
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CWC President - Jenn Tinkler
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Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740-525-6360)
Pregnancy Assistance - Women's Care Center (304-485-7113)
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
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- IMPORTANT CHANGES:

Because there is a Funeral Mass on Monday, Vacation Bible School will not begin until Tuesday of this week. It will be held Tuesday through Friday here at the Basilica. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until Noon and Friday from 9:00 AM until after the closing Mass at 12:05 PM. Parents, Grandparents, Family and Friends are invited and encouraged to join us for this Mass. After Mass, a luncheon will be provided in the Basilica Social Hall.

Both Basilica parking lots will be in use all 4 days. Please avoid the alley between Wooster Street and Washington Street if possible. If you must use the alley, please use caution, because children will be in the parking lot between the rectory and the Basilica.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY	7:00 PM	-	Vacation Bible School Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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

Total collection last weekend: \$ 14,559.00

Amount needed each week for the
Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

On the first weekend of each month we have a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, August 6th and 7th.

Envelopes were provided with your packet.

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 ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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.

SUMMER PICNIC

Our Annual St. Mary's Basilica Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at Williamstown Park from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Chicken will be provided. Members attending are asked to please bring a covered dish for sharing. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Basilica. Plan to attend!

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Classes for the 2022-23 Academic Year will begin on Wednesday, August 31st. If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful educational opportunities Preschool 3 through 8th grade, please contact Tammi Bradley at tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org or call the school office at 740-374-8181.

Full-Time Aide: Due to an increase in lower elementary class sizes, St. Mary Catholic School is hiring a full-time aide to assist in the Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office at 740-374-8181 or email the Principal Elizabeth Tokodi at elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org.

“Adopt a Classroom” St. Mary Catholic School is introducing an “Adopt a Classroom” for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. To learn more about this opportunity, please email Tammy Bradley at tamibradley@stmaryscatholic.org.

Save the Date: Our back-to-school grounds cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24th with our Partner in Education, Greenleaf Landscapes.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen, please check with the parish office to be sure the time and date is available. Also, before changing the time of an event, please check to be sure the new time is available.

NOTE: All meetings and events MUST be put in the master calendar book in the parish office.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

We pray for all of the young men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

Families are struggling to make ends meet with higher prices. As a result, the number of people we serve at the Daily Bread Kitchen continues to increase. We are currently serving 250+ meals each Wednesday and believe that the number will continue to rise.

We are asking for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "DBK" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

INQUIRY SESSION

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church? Attend the open inquiry session on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm in the social hall (basement) of the Basilica.

All are welcome to come and ask questions or just sit and listen. We will also share about the RCIA process if interested in learning how to join the church. (If you attended the Inquiry Session on July 20th you do not need to attend this one as the information is the same.)

GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble is scheduled for August 14th at Lakeside Golf Course. All proceeds will go toward the support of Saint Mary Catholic School and all of the charitable organizations supported by the Knights of Columbus. Contact Pete Saliba at 304-494-6107 or Kenny Offenberger at 740-350-4967 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHIST NEED

Mark 16:15 And Jesus said to them. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"
CCD Registration will begin August 15, with classes beginning mid September.

We are in need of some faith filled Catechists, Catechist Assistants, and Substitute Teachers for this coming year. Training and material will be provided. See Deb Coty or call the parish office if you are interested.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book for the BBC: The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill by Robert Dugoni

Next Meeting: August 31, 6:00 PM, Social Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME (men and women)!

Snacks, drinks and great discussions – bring a friend.

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill.

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" to his classmates; "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed on by his mother's devout faith, his Father's practical wisdom and his two misfit friends.

Copies of the Book are now available to check out of the Church Library. The Library is located in the Basement Social Hall.

You may also order this book through the Washington County Library.

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

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER

If you have recently moved, or have a new phone number please call the parish office and give us your new information. We want to keep our parish census up to date. Thank you.

DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

St. John Central School will be hosting its first ever Drive-Thru Fundraiser on Saturday, September 17th from 5-7:30 PM. You have your choice of two different meals: Meal #1 -Hamburger or cheeseburger; Meal #2 – Hot Dogs. Both meals come with baked beans, macaroni & cheese, Chips, Cookie and a Drink. Meals are \$6 each and orders & money MUST be received NO LATER than Friday, September 9th. You may contact any St. John Central Student to place your order or you may call the school office at 740-896-2697. All proceeds will benefit the St. John Central music program.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF August 13 & 14

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat: 5:30	Amy Brockett (CAPT) Jean Tornes (HOST) Missy Deskins (HOST) Sandy George (CHALICE) Tony Huffman (CHALICE)	Don Murray	Madelyn Birge Christian Isaly Gavin Kunz
Sun: 8:00	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Gregg Black (HOST) Carol Antill (HOST) Ron Arnold (CHALICE) Beckie Arnold (CHALICE)	Dave Cech	David Baker Mike Iaderosa Charles Kremer Kenny Offenberger
10:00	Ken Schilling (CAPT) Deborah Coty (HOST) Debbie Karas (HOST) Cathy Rauch (CHALICE) John Towner (CHALICE)	Mary Ellen Evans	Henry Corcoran Matthew Cunningham Fiona Fowler Owen Krason
12:00	Joe Schmidt (CAPT) Lisa Taylor (HOST) Mary Tokodi-Ruth (HOST) Jeannette Flowers (CHALICE) Dennis Nau (CHALICE)	Sherry Hill	Anthony Discini Brecken Kroft Braxtyn Kroft

Week of Aug 8, 7:45 AM	Addison Nichols Avery Nichols	Saturday, Aug 14, 9:00 AM	Connor Bichard Liam Long
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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022

Notes on the Gospel

Jesus told his followers: Let your hips be belted and your lamps burning. You are to be like men waiting for their master, when he might return from the wedding feast, so that, having come and having knocked, they may open (the door) for him right away. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake. Amen, I say to you, he will belt himself (like a servant), have them recline (at table), and will serve them. If he comes in the second or third watch and find (them), blessed are those (servants). You must know this! If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief would come, he would not let (the sun baked walls of) his house to be dug through. (The outer walls of household compounds were constructed out of mud. Like adobe, layer upon layer was applied to create bulk. Hence, thieves could simply dig through to break in.)

You must be prepared! You do not know at what hour the Son of Man comes! Dress for quick action! (To prepare for fast action, the long outer garment would be pulled up and tied off. Dressed such, the subject could run freely.) Have your lights ready! Be like servants waiting for their master. When he returns home from a wedding reception and knocks on the door, the servants will open up right away. Those servant whom the master finds awake when he returns will really be happy. Listen! The master will dress like a waiter, seat the servants, stand alongside, and serve them. If the master comes in the middle of the night or before dawn and finds them awake, those servants are really happy! If a homeowner knew when a thief would come, he would not let the criminal break in. So, be prepared like them! You don't know when the Son of Man will come!

In this short version of the gospel from Luke, Jesus addressed the expectations of the Christian community about the end of the world. Be ready! The early Christian community expected his return at any moment as King and Great Judge. Then, he would reward the faithful (i.e., he would serve the servants). The heavenly wedding feast and the future feast of the Kingdom were glimpsed in the Eucharist, where the Lord is fully present and received by the faithful, but not yet clearly seen. In this parable, Luke telegraphed the ideal attitude of those who gathered for fellowship on the Lord's Day: celebrate his presence (the heavenly banquet) and actively wait for his coming (the Kingdom feast) by serving each other. Those who celebrated this way were truly blessed!

The watchful homeowner shifted the focus of the community. No longer were sights on the Lord. No, they gazed upon the enemy, the marauding Evil One! Satan came to borough his way into the community and steal away as many souls as he could. Hence, the community needed to look after its own against the temptations of immoral and amoral behavior. Be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come. We still don't know. But we are forewarned.

TODAY'S PARABLE

Christ calls us to anticipate his return. While we might not have fervor the early Christians had, we are to still look forward to his arrival. At the end of the world, Jesus will return to judge everyone according to their actions and their faith. Then, good will triumph over evil. Until that time, we represent Christ to others by our actions and our faith. Our example, then becomes part of our anticipation.

Why do we look for Christ to return? There are many reasons. One would be our devotion to Him. Another would be our return to earth after death in the "resurrection of the dead." As Christians, we believe not only in life after death, we also believe that God will reunite our souls and bodies together at the end of time. At the resurrection of the body, we will have a body like Christ's, a "spiritual body."

Why study the coming of the Lord now? Actually, we celebrate His return every time we celebrate the Mass with Him in the Eucharist. We taste him now. But we will realize him in his fullness at the end of time. So, in the Eucharist, we have a "partially realized eschatology."

In these brief parables, Luke understood the relationship between the weekly fellowship and the coming of the Lord. The next time we celebrate Eucharist, let us remember we receive what we hope for, we touch what we yearn for. The presence of the Jesus as Lord over all!

DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE



On Monday, we remember the 56th anniversary of the death of Fr. Francis Schutz. On Thursday, we remember the 26th anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael Helmer. On Friday, we remember the 55th anniversary of the death of Fr. John Priest, the 59th anniversary of the death of Fr. Anthony Nickel, and the 14th anniversary of the death of Fr. Francis McCarthy. These five priests served our Diocese to the best of their ability. May God grant them eternal rest and peace

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Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday and Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs (which is on the right side of the sanctuary). Adoration takes place on these two days from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. every week. We need more parishioners to become adorers and spend time in the chapel with the Lord. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Often, we take God for granted, and forget about Him. As He said to the apostles when He was in agony in the garden, "can you not spend one hour with Me?" Think about it!

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. We are honored to host visitors and pilgrims to our Basilica.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- Aug. - 7, - St. Henry Parish Picnic (Today)
 - Aug. - 8, - Parish Bible School through the 12th
 - Aug. - 15, - Pilgrimage from Blessed Sacrament – Wintersville, Ohio
 - Aug. - 21, - Basilica Parish Picnic
 - Aug. - 22, - RCIA Inquiry Session (7:00 pm.)
 - Sept. - 12, - RCIA Begins
 - Oct. - 22, - Mass of remembrance (Bishop)
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Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica each week. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

CELL PHONES

We ask that all cell phones be turned off when inside the Basilica. If a cell phone rings during a Mass or a service, there is much distraction caused to the congregation and the celebrant. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

SUMMER VACATIONS

All of us need to relax and take time from our ordinary activities and obligations. We need to get away to a different scene. As we consider different destinations, remember to include time and place to celebrate Sunday Mass.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

In September we will begin a support grief group which will meet on Wednesday evenings. There have been several deaths earlier in the year, and it is beneficial to share our thoughts and grief. The death of a child or a spouse is a very difficult journey – sharing with others who are going through the same process gives us support. Transforming loss into living again with faith, hope and love and moving toward healing and growth.

Feast days this week

Monday, August 8, Saint Dominic (Priest)

Dominic was born in Spain, and founded the Order of preachers – today numbering 6,550 religious. The Order is devoted to contemplation, study, and preaching.

Tuesday, August 9, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Virgin & Martyr)

Edith Stein was born in Germany in 1891 of Jewish parents. She was inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila. She was baptized January 1, 1922. In 1933, she became a Carmelite nun, and was sent to Holland because of Nazi persecution of Jews. In 1942, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and on August 9, killed at Auschwitz.

Wednesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence (Deacon & Martyr)

Lawrence was a deacon who cared for the temporal welfare of the Roman Church. He was martyred four days after four other deacons and Pope Sixtus II were killed. Lawrence was burned alive on a gridiron.

Thursday, August 11, Saint Clair (Virgin)

Clare of Assisi was a disciple of Saint Francis. She founded the Poor Clares whose first convent was in Assisi. She was the abbess for 42 years, and led an austere life rich in the practice of charity and loving care.

Friday, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (Religious)

Jane was married to Baron de Chantal, and was the mother of six children, two of whom died at birth. As a widow she found in 1610 the Visitation nuns. She established 85 monasteries before her death in 1641.

Saturday, August 13, Saint Pontian (Pope) & Hippolytus (Priest & Martyrs)

Pontian was the Pope who was banished by Maximinius Thorax to Sardinia where he was reconciled with Hippolytus. He abdicated his office to make way for his successor. He died in 235. Hippolytus was exiled to Sardinia with Pontian. He is the source of Eucharistic Prayer II.

Motorcyclist in Colombia crashes through church door at full speed

On the night of July 25, a motorcyclist traveling at full speed crashed into the door of a church in Bogotá, Colombia. The vehicle ended up inside the church, about halfway down the main aisle.

The accident occurred at approximately 11 p.m. local time. The motorcyclist crashed into the wooden door of Our Lady of Valvanera Church, located in Bogotá's south side. The crash also shattered the interior glass door. According to local press, the motorcyclist had no serious injuries and was able to stand up on his own.

When firefighters and police officers arrived at the church, they found the motorcycle a few meters from the altar. Neighbors helped take care of the damage to the church early in the morning, and the entrance is temporarily closed off with paneling until the door is replaced.

EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 8,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:15 pm. – Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday, August 9,

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

Wednesday, August 10,

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

Thursday, August 11,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass -
4:00 pm. – Tour of the Basilica

Friday, August 12,

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

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am. - Mass
10:00 am. - Memorial Mass Carolyn Zide
3:30 pm. - Confessions
5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday, August 14,

8:00 am. - Mass
9:30 am. - Mass - Saint Henry Church
10:00 am. - Mass
12:00 pm. - Mass

INTINCTION AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Since we have returned to offering the PRECIOUS BLOOD FROM THE CHALICE, at Masses here at the Basilica, communicants are NEVER PERMITTED to receive the SACRED HOST, and then go the Eucharistic minister distributing the Eucharist from the chalice, and instinct their host into the chalice and then consume the Eucharist. To do so is an offence to the liturgical norms of The Catholic Church as directed by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. We receive Holy Communion from a priest, deacon, or a designat-ed Eucharistic Minister. We do not receive the Holy Eucharist from ourselves.

Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Basilica of St. Mary will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022 at the 10:00 Mass. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechist listed by grade. In need of a Kindergarten and Seventh grade Catechist.

- 1 Kaelly & Joel Erb
- 2 Adam Schwendeman
- 3 Sandy and Randy Bicket
- 4 Mary LaBarre
- 5 Melanie Fouss
- 6 John Spencer

After Mass there will be a reception in the Social Hall where parents and students can meet and greet their CCD Teacher.



THE BASILICA OF
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OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Dear Parishioners,

August 7, 2022

Seasons change, and soon we will be thinking about returning to school. Parents buy school clothes and supplies for the coming year. Children dread the loss of vacation time. Business people make plans for the year end holidays. Farmers look forward to the fall harvest. We all look ahead, to plan, anticipate. It's part of our culture and our being.

The theme of the end times might seem out of place in the lazy days of summer. As a Catholic parish, we have this theme preached to us in late November and early December, when we celebrate Christ the King and the first Sundays in Advent. Yet, today's Gospel shakes us out of our doldrums, like the little voice in our heads that remind us fall is coming. Just as we anticipate the autumn, we anticipate the coming of the Lord!

As we think of school at Saint Mary's, we make a Catholic education available, affordable and accessible to all Catholic parents and children desirous of such an education. Our Catholic school is not only a place to develop faith, but also is a place to mature and advance academically.

As we begin this new school year, our Basilica parish family strives to make a Catholic education available, affordable, and accessible to all Catholic parents and children. Our growing School Foundation ensures that a Catholic education is available to as many students as possible, especially those of our Basilica parish.

When parents choose a Catholic School for their children, it sets their children apart as a family so committed to their children's education that they are ready to make extraordinary sacrifices. Parents, by making the sacrifice necessary to send their children to Saint Mary's, show them education is a high priority. Our Catholic school provides a loving, loyal environment where the entire community of parents, teachers, students, and parish is committed to academic and personal success.

Because of smaller overall school size, highly motivated and involved teachers and close parental involvement, each student receives special attention so that their needs are met in a safe and supportive environment.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell



The Akathist Hymn: A Lyric Poem of Unparalleled Beauty

The Akathist Hymn is a profound devotional poem dedicated to the Virgin Mary, a saint, or a mystery. The Akathist Hymn, which in its present form is the work of many different ecclesiastical hymnographers, existed even before it was formally accepted by the Church in 626 AD. The title of the Hymn “Akathistos,” means “not seated” in Greek.

Although the Akathist is a strictly Orthodox service which originated from a historical event involving Byzantium, it has been highly honored by other Christian denominations. The deeply emotional poem has been metrically translated by outstanding poets in English, Latin, German, Russian, Rumanian, Arabic, French, Italian, Spanish, and other languages.

The great appeal of the Akathist Hymn is due to the lyric quality of the composition, as well as the simplicity of the plot: the happy mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. It relates to man’s absolute need to glorify and praise what is sacred. This wonderful service has the power to bring human beings closer to their Creator and whose music, rhyme, and meter instill in them a spiritual euphoria.

As we enter the three years of the “Eucharistic Revival”, we will celebrate several Akathist Hymns in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.



INVITE THEM BACK!

During the covid virus, the bishops excused Catholics from attending Sunday Mass in person. The threat of the virus is over! If you know of someone who has not yet returned to Mass, invite them back and tell them that we miss them; yet they need to return for the right reason. The right reason being that they know that they are missing a personal encounter with the Lord. We don’t come to Mass to see what we can get out of the celebration. We come to Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, and to be united to Him in the mystery of the Cross offered to His Father.

After grueling Canada Trip, Pope acknowledges limits

Pope Francis acknowledged Saturday that in the wake of a grueling five-day trip to Canada, his ongoing health challenges, including osteoarthritis of the right knee, may force him to “save [my energies] a bit to be able to serve the Church,” or alternatively, to “think about the possibility of stepping aside. I don’t think I can go with the same pace of the trips as before. I think at my age and with this limitation, I have to save [my energies up] a bit to be able to serve the Church or, on the contrary, think about the possibility of stepping aside,” Francis said.

About resignation, the pope also said, “The door is open, it’s a normal option, but until today I haven’t knocked on this door, I haven’t said it’s going to go in this room, I haven’t had to think about this possibility.

Priest who offered Mass on inflatable lounge chair in sea:



'I was perhaps imprudent'

Father Mattia Bernasconi, a priest of the archdiocese of Milan, publicly acknowledged in an interview on July 26 that his liturgical choice to swap out his vestments for swim trunks was “perhaps imprudent” and said that he would not do it again.

The 36-year-old priest explained that he had been helping with a week-long summer camp for high school students in southern Italy. “We wanted to spend the last day at the beach; it was Sunday and there arose the issue of Mass, which we always celebrate,” Bernasconi said. “It was 10:30 in the morning and the sun was scorching, so we decided to veer into the only comfortable place: in the water,” he said. The Mass off the shore of Crotona in the southern Italian region of Calabria caught the attention of beachgoers. Some joined the Mass, while others posted photos online.

No wonder there is disrespect for the Eucharist, and a lack of belief in the Real Presence, when such stupid and inappropriate actions like this take place!

A new eucharistic miracle in Mexico?

A video circulating on social media shows what appears to be a eucharistic miracle — a consecrated Host exposed for adoration by the faithful seems to “beat” like a heart. The video was recorded July 23 at Our Lady of the Rosary parish in the town of Zapotlanejo, near Guadalajara, in the Mexican state of Jalisco.

Mass was being celebrated, and the phenomenon occurred after Mass was over: “We exposed the Blessed Sacrament; I said the prayers for the exposition, and when I got up to go to the sacristy, this began to happen. Some people saw it,” he said, and “couldn’t believe what they were seeing, and we have at least two pieces of footage.” The priest asked them for that material “so they won’t alter it or anything.”

The priest said that the people who were adoring the Blessed Sacrament began to see what was happening, something that lasted “20 seconds, 30 at most.”

The Archdiocese of Guadalajara hasn’t issued a statement on the phenomenon. The priest said: “perhaps the Church will never make an official judgment, because it doesn’t need one either.”

The archdiocese hasn’t been consulted yet. The local priest will look for people to sign and give testimony of what they saw, and this documentation can be sent to the appropriate person.
