

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM	- Rick Schaad
Sun	8:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	- Vincent & Alice Lang
	12:00 PM	- Sheila Howlett
Mon	7:45 AM	- Elizabeth Strahler
	12:05 PM	- Jason R. Sayres
Tue	7:45 AM	- Liv/Dec'd of the Jim King Family
	12:05 PM	- Greg & Darca Dickson
Wed	7:45 AM	- Robert Heiss
	12:05 PM	- Special Intention of the Stapleton Family
Thu	7:45 AM	- Lawrence Hurst
	12:05 PM	- William F. & Genevieve Wesel
Fri	7:45 AM	- Jeanne Offenberger - 8 th Anniversary
	12:05 PM	- Liv/Dec'd of the Roger Bradley Family
Sat	9:00 AM	- Kim Albrecht
	5:30 PM	- Nancy Spear
Sun	8:00 AM	- Liv/Dec'd of the Frank & Jennifer Zide Family
	10:00 AM	- Carol Sarver
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; 15; Mt 10:37-42.

REST IN PEACE:

Marshall Kremer, son of Charlie Kremer of this parish, passed away this past week. We extend our deepest sympathy to Charlie and his family and promise them a remembrance in prayer. A Memorial Mass for Marshall will be scheduled at a later date.

Edith Brooker, mother of Jake Brooker, of this parish, passed away 17th. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John's, Churchtown this past Wednesday morning. May God grant Edith eternal peace and happiness. We offer our condolences to her family.

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.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. (See announcement)
	7:00 PM	-	St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting in the Conference Room.
TUE	7:00 PM	-	Addiction Group Support Group Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
THU	8:30 AM	-	Cleaning the Basilica. See Announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 11,691.00

Amount needed each weekend for
Our Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of each month we have a collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, July 1 & 2.

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.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please check with the parish office before scheduling a meeting in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room, library, or using the Basilica Kitchen. All meetings and events must be put in the master book in the parish office.

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you have recently moved, please call the parish office to give us the new address. Also, if you are just using a cell phone number, please let us know.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary Catholic School summer office hours are in effect. The school office is open on Wednesday's from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. The office will be closed the week of the 4th of July.

The Irish Booster Scholarship application for two St. Mary Catholic School alumni is open for submission. The scholarship application can be found on the school website home page at stmarys.k12.oh.us Deadline to apply is July 14, 2023.

St. Mary Catholic School has the following job opportunities available for the 2023-2024 school year:

Talented and Gifted Teacher (part time)
Technology Teacher (part time)
Middle School Social Studies Teacher (part time)
Director of Religious Education (Full time between School and Basilica)

More information about each job can be found on the school website at stmarys.k12.oh.us and by emailing Principal Elizabeth Tokodi at elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org

THIS WEEKENDS FLOWERS

This weekend the roses & flowers for the altar are in celebration of Greg and Darca Dickson's 35th Wedding Anniversary. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Noon on Wednesday in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. All announcements must be in writing. We are not able to take announcements by phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 1-12, 2024. Stops include Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Montecassino, and Rome.

the discount price of \$4,989.00 per person is enjoyed by those paying with Cash or Check (based on a minimum of 30 participants with double occupancy).

For full itinerary visit:

<https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/>.

For more information contact Maggie McDaniel: email:

maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or phone: (419)290-8782.

FREE HELP FOR PARISHIONERS

If you need a ride to and from Mass, a doctor's appointment, or need help with errands, like picking up groceries. etc., please call or text Anne-Marie at 609-471-5294. Twenty-four hours' notice is appreciated, but not necessary.

SERVICE MEN

Please pray for all of the young men & women who are serving our country in the Military. We especially remember those from our own Parish & friends & relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them & keep them safe.

2023 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

This year our parish goal is \$115,639.21. This is an increase of \$4,381.21 over last year. So far, the Diocese has received \$91,025.00 from our parish. This means that our parish has only met 79% of our goal.

Thanks once again to those who participated in this year's DPSC. If you've not yet turned in your pledge, please do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket, or you can mail it directly to the diocese using the pre-addressed DPSC envelope. Additional pledge cards are available at the parish office. You can also contribute to the campaign on line at www.Give.Diosteub.org.

This is My Body

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body". He took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin". **Matthew 26:26-28**

In his book, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

A complimentary copy is available at the basilica side entrances (one copy per family). Discover the profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

Living Joy: Thanks to a donation, the book "Living Joy" by Chris Stefanic is available for check out in our parish library. Due to the content that asks for reflection, the book will be discussed at the June meeting of the Basilica Book Club.

Remember: ALL are welcome, bring a friend. Snacks and drinks are provided. If you are not able to read the book, a summary is presented, and you can participate at whatever level is comfortable for you. Any questions, information or if you want to be added to the Basilica Book Club email list: contact Debbie Lazorik, lazorikd@marietta.edu or 740-434-3769.

The next book club meeting will be Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica Social Hall.

HAM / CHICKEN DINNER

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish Chicken or Ham Dinner. Wednesday, June 28, held in the church social hall at 307 7th Street, Beverly, Ohio. Meal serving time is 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Adult Meal \$13.00; Childrens Meal (ages 10 and under) \$5.00. Take-outs available. The meal includes many side dishes, dessert and beverage. Games for children and bingo. Raffle for many very nice items.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF July 1 & 2, 2023

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers


Sat:	Evelyn Potter (CAPT)	Don Murray	Parker Crum
5:30	Karen Schramm (HOST)		Matthias Gruneberg
	Irene Cain (HOST)		Liam Long
	Missy Deskins (CHALICE)		
	Debbie Lazorik (CHALICE)		
Sun:	Suzanne Baker (CAPT)	Eric Fitch	David Baker
8:00	Carol Antill (HOST)		Mike Iaderosa
	Marcia McCabe (HOST)		Joyce Iaderosa
	Patti Finkel (CHALICE)		Greg Dickson
	Jean Tornes (CHALICE)		
10:00	Gerald Cooke (CAPT)	Khadine Ritter	Carson Cunningham
	Cathy Rauch (HOST)		Kenzi Cunningham
	Debbie Karas (HOST)		Matthew Cunningham
	Cathy Harper (CHALICE)		Caroline Krason
	John Towner (CHALICE)		
12:00	Stan Vanlandingham (CAPT)	Nancy Funk	Anthony Discini (swap req)
	Lisa Taylor (HOST)		Karter Lankford
	Sandy Bickert (HOST)		Dominic Spencer
	Cheyenne Greenwood (CHALICE)		
	Dennis Nau (CHALICE)		

Sat., June 25–Not Filled

DONUT SUNDAY: The first Sunday of every month is Donut Sunday. Please join us in the Basilica Social Hall after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday, July 2nd, to enjoy fellowship and donuts/coffee. These Sundays are great opportunities to spend time with fellow parishioners. Hope to see you next Sunday!

HOLY FATHER COLLECTION: The Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes were provided with your packet and should be put in the regular collection. Please be generous in this important collection.

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
JUNE 25, 2023

 Jesus told the followers He sent out to serve the people: "Don't be afraid of others! What I told you in the dark, tell everyone in the light. Don't be afraid of people who kill you. They kill your body, not your spirit. But be more afraid of God, the one who can destroy your body and spirit in hell."

Jesus discussed three sources of fear for the Christian: worry about self-revelation, fear of persecution, anxiety over personal need. None of these fears outweigh the responsibility of the Christian to spread the Good News.

Jesus instructed his Apostles to reveal all and to live a transparent life in order to gain the trust of people. The Apostles proclaimed the ministry of the Messiah, and the coming of the end times. At the final judgement, God would reveal all secrets and the saints would live in transparent glory. To convince an audience, the Apostles would need to present themselves as if they already lived such a transparent life in the Kingdom! Ultimately, the Christian should live as if the day of judgment had already arrived. They should live with everything uncovered before God, for God was the only thing that really mattered. Only He could condemn both body and soul.

Are not two sparrows sold (for a small coin)? And one of them will not fall onto the ground without (the will of the) Father. But even your hairs on (your) head, all have been counted. Do not be afraid. You have more worth than (a flock of) many sparrows. In the time of Jesus, "sparrow" was a common term used for many different types of small birds, not necessarily a particular species. Town merchants sold small birds in marketplaces as one of the few meat sources for the poor.

Jesus used the analogy of size to emphasize God's providence. Everything in the world depended upon God's will. The flight of a small bird. And even something smaller, the hair on one's head. If he directed such things of small worth, how much more will God care for his people!

Three times, Jesus tells his audience not to worry. Don't worry to be open about faith, don't worry about powerful opponents, don't worry about one's fate. All three lay in God's hands. So, anyone who acknowledges Jesus in the presence of men, He will also acknowledge him in the presence of the Father. Whoever denies Jesus in the presence of men, He will also deny him in the presence of His Father in heaven.

Faith could have a high cost: loss of privacy, persecution, and a loss of self-determination. But a single benefit outweighed the cost: an advocate before God. At the time of Jesus, when some prophets cried out for God's judgment and the end seemed imminent, people asked themselves "Where do I stand before God?" The Sadducees hid behind Temple cult. The Pharisees held to observance of the Law as justification. But, the Christian, took comfort in the words "I belong to Jesus." The Christian had a personal mediator, an advocate for the faithful.

THE PARALYSIS OF FEAR

Worry, anxiety, fear. Americans seem to invite anxiety even in the best of times. Some people not only worry, they wallow in it. Fear becomes a lifestyle that demands some sort of therapy, some sort of drug, some sort of insurance. An atmosphere of extreme concern causes some to live indoors and in the shadows.

What can help people break out of fear, anxiety, and worry? A trust in something greater than themselves. When people lose themselves to fear, they realize they are not in control. They live in sheer chaos. When they realize that God is truly in control, and that all they need to do is to trust God, they can live without anxiety. They can live openly, in peace. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus spoke to his Apostles, on fear and the need for faith.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

July - 24 - 7:00 pm. RCIA Inquiry Session
Aug. - 6 - 4:00 pm. St. Henry Parish Picnic
Sept. - 24 - 9:30 am. Confirmation – Saint Henry Church
Oct. - 1, - 10:00 am. Respect Life Mass - Bishop
Oct. - 27, - 8:45 am. Diocesan Teacher in Service Day
Oct. - 29, - 12:00 pm. Women Religious celebration
Dec. - 12, - 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this devotion celebrated every Monday evening in our Basilica. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica, all visitors, and each one of us.

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this week in our Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs - on Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh and love us. Why not come for a visit and sit in His presence?



Deceased priests & deacons of the Diocese

On Tuesday, we remember the 5th anniversary of the death of Deacon Gerald Hickey. On Wednesday, we remember the 14th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Francis Manieri. We thank God for Msgr. Manieri and Deacon Hickey who served the Church in our Diocese to the best of their ability. May God grant them eternal life, happiness, and peace.

Tuesday, June 27, Saint Cyril of Alexandria (Bishop)

Cyril defended Mary as THEOTOKOS, (God Bearer) at the Council of Ephesus (431) against the Nestorians. He is the spokesman for orthodoxy, and noted especially for his Christological formulations. He supported growth of Egyptian monasticism. He died in 444.

Wednesday, June 28, Saint Irenaeus (Bishop & Martyr)

Irenaeus died in 202. He was from Smyrna. For 25 years, he was bishop of Lyons He wrote against the Gnostics

Thursday, June 29, Saints Peter & Paul (Apostles)

Peter died in Rome in 64 by order of Nero. He was the "Prince of the Apostles" – the Vicar of Christ – the first pope.

Paul was martyred in Rome in 67. He became the "Apostle of the Gentiles" His letters date from 50 - 65.

Friday, June 30, First martyrs of the Church of Rome.

These many Christians were tortured, crucified, and burned alive in 64 in Nero's Garden on Vatican hill.

Saturday, July 1, Saint Junipero Serra (Priest)

Junipero was from Majorca, Spain. He died in 1784. He established nine of California missions, baptized over 6,000 native peoples, and is recognized as a builder of the state of California.



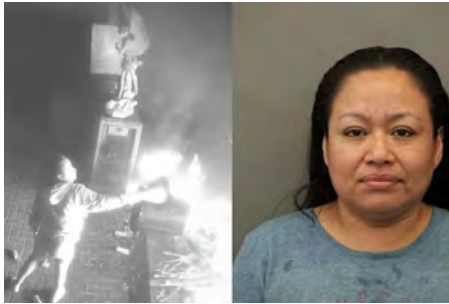
God's plan made a hopeful beginning / But
man spoiled his chances by sinning / We trust
that the story / Will end in God's glory / But at
present, the other side's winning.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

"In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals."

—Pope St. John Paul II

Woman arrested in connection with arson of Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine in Illinois



A 41-year-old woman has been arrested and charged in connection with causing more than \$78,000 in damages in a Tuesday arson attack at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, Illinois.

The 60-acre shrine, which receives hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year and is meant to spread devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, operates under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The chapel, which houses a large statue of Jesus, was “totally demolished” by the flames. Thankfully, because of the security system, the police were able to capture her really quickly. The shrine is being rebuilt and the damage cleaned up. The shrine is a home for many different cultures of people, Sanchez said. Pilgrims come with many petitions and many bring thanks for answered prayers, he said.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, June 26,

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

Tuesday, June 27,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass & tour (St Clement – Navarre, Oh)

Wednesday, June 28,

7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:05 pm. - Mass
5:00 pm. - Parish Budget Meeting
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 29,

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12:05 pm. - Mass

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8:20 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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Saturday, July 1,

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

Sunday, June 2,

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

[Southern Baptist Convention affirms only men may serve as pastors](#)

The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation’s largest Protestant denomination, has affirmed that “while both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture”—or, in the words of the AP headline, “Southern Baptists refuse to take back megachurch because it has women pastors.”



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Dear Parishioners,

Today, the Church introduces us to the prophet Jeremiah - a prophet who faces betrayal and attacks from trusted friends. Despite this, Jeremiah remains steadfast in his mission, demonstrating unwavering faith and trust in God's care. His example reminds us that our faith should not depend on external circumstances or the support of others, but rather on our unyielding trust in God's presence and guidance.

Jeremiah's story challenges us to reflect on the nature of our own commitment to God and His mission. It prompts us to examine whether our faith remains resilient in the face of challenges, opposition, and betrayal. Jeremiah teaches us that we can cultivate a deep and authentic faith that sustains us through adversity, knowing that God's care endures and empowers us to fulfill our purpose with unwavering confidence.

In the second reading, Paul underscores the vital role of faith in Christ for our salvation. He emphasizes that without faith, we risk falling into despair. Paul's emphasis on faith serves as a reminder that our salvation is not achieved through our own efforts or works alone, but through the grace of God received by faith. In times of trials and tribulations, it is our unwavering trust in Christ's redemptive sacrifice that sustains us and instills hope within us. By embracing faith in Christ, we can overcome despair and find reassurance in the promise of salvation, even in the face of life's greatest challenges.

In the Gospel today, Jesus forewarns his disciples about the trials and persecutions they will encounter as they carry out their mission of spreading his message. While acknowledging the physical risks they may face, Jesus emphasizes that the well-being and eternal salvation of their souls hold greater significance. This teaching highlights the importance of placing our trust in God's care, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Jesus' words remind us that our ultimate focus should be on the health and salvation of our souls rather than solely on temporal concerns. He encourages his disciples and us to place our trust in God's love and provision. Jesus assures them and us that God knows them intimately, valuing each person with deep compassion and care. This message serves as a profound reminder of the profound love and concern God has for each one of us.

Amidst the trials we encounter, we are called to emulate the disciples' trust in God's care. By having faith in God's love and providence, we can find strength, and hope in the knowledge that God intimately knows us and is attentive to our needs.

As we delve into the readings of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are compelled to reflect on the indispensable role of faith and trust in God when traversing the challenges and trials of life. Drawing inspiration from Jeremiah's example, we recognize that, like him, we may encounter betrayal and attacks

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell

Argentine archdiocese to study statue of the Sorrowful Virgin that allegedly shed tears



The Archdiocese of Santa Fe in Argentina announced that it will study the case of a statue of the Sorrowful Virgin that, according to parishioners at St. Jerome Church in the town of Coronda, shed tears. The website Aire de Santa Fe reported that the alleged event happened on the evening of June 9 after Mass and a blessing for healing.

According to the report, a girl in the choir noticed that the Sorrowful Virgin statue was shedding tears and told those present. The priests who had celebrated the Mass, prayed before the image and the nearly 20 faithful joined in the prayer.

Aire de Santa Fe reported that those who witnessed the phenomenon said that “the tears of the Sorrowful Virgin ran all over her face, hands, and the black mantle” and that the priests verified that the mantle was wet. According to the testimony of one of the women parishioners, “it profoundly moved us. What we experienced is something we never would have imagined. Even now, I’m still crying since last night, when we noticed the tears of the Virgin.”

“The choir girl discovered it, she told the priest, the priest came, saw and confirmed what the girl had said, and so we all witnessed this moment that I consider a miracle,” she said. The archbishop of Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Sergio Fenoy, contacted the local parish priest to learn about the situation and implement the protocol established for this type of situation.

The archbishop said that the Church “has a procedure to calmly discern the situation. What we have to do first of all is [respect the privacy of] the girl and her family, because we are dealing with a minor,” he noted. “We have to be very careful: We the pastors, the Church, and also the media.” In addition, he asked that the experience of the faithful who witnessed the occurrence be respected, “because undoubtedly it was very powerful for them.”

As for the process, the archbishop explained that the first step was to request from the parish a written report of the facts for an initial assessment, meet those involved, and determine the substantive issues that are related to the doctrine of the Church and other issues with respect to devotion by the faithful. If the judgment is favorable, the archbishop could then allow some public expressions of veneration or devotion, although if done by an individual or in a private manner it would not require authorization. Finally, an evaluation of the event and the possible resulting spiritual fruits is made. “When a sufficiently long time has passed and it is ascertained that these fruits are good, that they are evangelical, only then is there the possibility of issuing a judgment as to whether what happened was something supernatural or not.”

Healing Masses are celebrated once a month at St. Jerome Parish in Coronda, one of the oldest churches in Santa Fe Province, built in 1837.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR TWO PARISHES WHO ARE ILL.

Dictatorship in Nicaragua freezes bank accounts of some priests

The dictatorship of President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo, has ordered the bank accounts of several priests in some Nicaraguan dioceses to be frozen, according to the Nicaraguan lawyer and researcher Martha Patricia Molina.

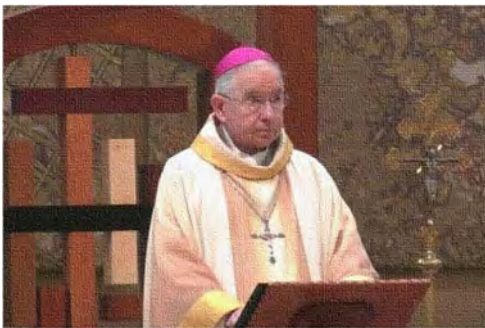
Priests from dioceses such as Granada, Jinotega, León, Matagalpa, and Estelí had informed her “about their bank accounts being blocked” on June 14. In a statement, the author of the report “Nicaragua: A Persecuted Church?”, reported that “At first, some of them thought the system was down. They then went to the branch bank and [the bank] verbally notified them, without giving them any documentation, that their accounts had been suspended.” This is one more arbitrary action of the dictatorship against the Nicaraguan Catholic Church, and it’s something that is going to be common for more priests and even laypeople.

On May 27, the Nicaraguan National Police published a statement in which it accused the Catholic Church of various crimes, including money laundering, a charge that would have no basis, according to human rights defenders.

The day before that accusation, the dictatorship ordered the bank accounts of several dioceses and the Archdiocese of Managua to be frozen, as well as parochial schools, formation houses, and parishes. In the last five years there have been at least 529 attacks by Ortega against the Church, 90 so far in 2023, according to “Nicaragua: A Persecuted Church?”

The attacks include the unjust imprisonment of Bishop Rolando Álvarez, sentenced for treason in February to 26 years and four months in prison; the expulsion of 32 nuns from the country; the confiscation of seven Church buildings; and various media being shut down.

LA Archbishop at Mass Before Dodgers Game:



‘When God Is Insulted, It Diminishes All of Us’

Archbishop José Gomez told attendees at the 12:10pm solemnity Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles to conform themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Archbishop José Gomez celebrated a special Mass on Friday ahead of an act of “blasphemy” scheduled to take place at Dodger Stadium this evening.

The Mass, celebrated on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, marked the beginning of a day of prayer in reparation for the Los Angeles Dodgers’ decision to honor a group that calls itself the “Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence” with a “Community Hero Award.” Many are calling the organization an “anti-Catholic hate group” for its lewd performances that profane holy symbols and its perverse parody of the Catholic Mass. “When God is insulted, when the beliefs of any of our neighbors are ridiculed, it diminishes all of us,” he said. He also said that Jesus “commands us to forgive those who trespass against us and to pray for those who persecute us.” Jesus taught us to oppose what is wrong and support what is true and beautiful, he said. “So today we ask him to give us the strength to do that,” he said.

Same church in Spain where priest was stabbed – has now been vandalized and robbed

The same church where Father Javier Contreras was stabbed in 2020 — St. Josemaría Escrivá parish in the town of Alcorcón, Spain — was vandalized and robbed during the night of June 15–16.

In a message shared with parishioners, the pastor said: “Tonight our parish has been partially vandalized and robbed.” Fortunately, the priest was able to determine that the tabernacle was untouched: “Thank God, the tabernacle and the sacred vessels were unharmed, but otherwise, there was a great deal of damage.” He asked for prayers for the vandals and expressed his forgiveness: “We ask you for prayers for those poor people, whom we forgive.”

The police are investigating the crime. The priest pastor was stabbed the morning of Sept. 24, 2020, when he was spending a few minutes in prayer before celebrating the 7:45 a.m. Mass. The assailant was “a young kid with a psychiatric condition and who seems to have wanted one less priest,” the priest told his parishioners and the local press reported.

The parish priest received “three light stab wounds. The priest, who was 73 at the time, addressed his parishioners with words of encouragement from the hospital: “There was no hatred of God on the part of the aggressor in all this, but an acute psychotic crisis, I hope so at least. I am at peace and eager to continue working for the Lord.”

U.S. bishops approve plan for guidance to health care institutions on transgender issues

The U.S. bishops voted Friday to move forward with a significant revision to their document offering guidance to Catholic health care institutions on the issue of transgender surgeries and hormone treatments, and their incompatibility with the Church’s teaching on sex and the dignity of the human person.

Another motion advanced on the final day of the bishops’ spring gathering was their planned update to the bishops’ pastoral statement on persons with disabilities. Bishop Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, chair of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, told those gathered that in the 45 years since the bishops first published their pastoral statement on persons with disabilities, its fruits have been evident with families seeing that “the Church cares for their loved ones with disabilities” and persons with disabilities being “inspired to seek out accommodations at their parishes.”

He said that while that statement remains “foundational, we do believe a new statement is needed to address disability concerns in the Church of the 21st century.” Updates encouraged by Barron included an emphasis on the “vocations of persons with disabilities, spiritual themes of hope and joy versus brokenness and suffering to help remove stigmas,” and “current disability language instead of the use of dated and pejorative words.”