

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, June 24th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Mr & Mrs Joseph Simon, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Christopher Vanderbrook, Smiley Lasseigne, and the Intentions of Elaine Purdam

Sunday, June 25th

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Harold F. Baquet, Christopher Bollino, Lucy Brocato, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, "Tedie" Hodges-Cahill, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Lynn Roche, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of Evangeline Rose Devillier, and of Cindy Gainsburgh

Monday, June 26th

6:30am Mass Connie Yeaton

Tuesday, June 27th

St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church (pictured)

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass Joseph Schmidt

Wednesday, June 28th

St Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

6:30am Mass Eulalie Bourgeois

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

7:00pm "Forgiven" (@ St Stephen Rectory)

Thursday, June 29th

SS Peter and Paul, apostles

6:30am Mass The Reverend John Arnone

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Roman Church

6:30am Mass Mark Allen

Saturday, July 1st

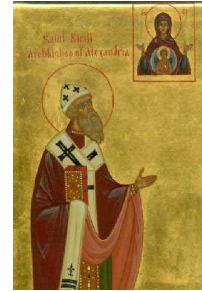
St Junípero Serra, priest

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Joséphine Champagne Bourgeois.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for Ordinary Time is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo*, and is found on the Pew Card.



Banns of Matrimony

Leanne Kristen Lomongo & Grant Wellington Vinson



Caroline Richardson Schade & Andrew John Hamilton

Lay-ministers Schedule for June 25th

4:00 pm

Lector: Brian Plauché

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Brocato, Betsy Sterkx, and Charles Sterkx

8:00 am

Lector: J.C. Paciera

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and Jeff Vinson

10:30 am

Lector: Douglas Kariker

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Laura Finnegan (loft), Maxine Fox, Mona Musser, and Bob Vaughn



" Jesus minces no words with His disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, He will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of His Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?"

Collection Report	June 11th	July 1st-June 11th
Total Collections	\$5,295.00	\$349,122.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$334,234.50</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,389.69)	\$14,887.98
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$14,456.38
Clarion Herald		\$46.00
Peter's Pence		\$125.00

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

June

- 1st The Rev. Douglas Brougher*
- 2nd **His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI**
- 3rd The Very Rev. Wilbur J. Atwood, SSJ
- 4th The Rev. Jules Vitte*
- 5th The Rev. Thomas C. Schaeffen, OP
- 6th The Very Rev. Oswald P. Pierre-Jules, SSJ, VF*
- 7th The Rev. Johnathan Brown, SJ*
- 8th The Rev. Ian Michael Bozant*
- 9th The Rev. Richard Sudlik, OMI
- 10th The Very Rev. Peter Akpoghiran, JCD*
- 11th The Rev. Phillip J. Linden, Jr, SSJ*
- 12th The Rev. David G. Caron, OP
- 13th The Very Rev. Daniel P. Shanahan, OP
- 14th The Rev. Joseph Benson*
- 15th The Rev. Francis Mau Van Ho, SDD*
- 16th The Rev. Fred C. Kammer, SJ
- 17th The Rev. Raymond Guillot*
- 18th The Rev. Charles K. Johnson, OP
- 19th The Rev. Rodney Anthony Ricard*
- 20th The Rev. Joel P. Cantones*
- 21st The Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ
- 22nd The Rev. Anthony White†
- 23rd The Rev. Vincent Qui
- 24th **His Holiness Pope Francis**
- 25th The Very Rev. Patrick J. Williams*
- 26th The Rev. Jonathan P. Hemelt*
- 27th The Very Rev. Gilmer Martin, VF*
- 28th The Rev. Matthew David Johnston
- 29th The Rev. Lawrence Phelps, OSB
- 30th The Rev. John Arnone†

* birthday

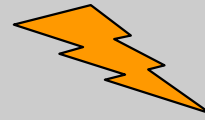
† deceased

Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate



Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



Does Vacation Time = Vacation from God?

Are we dispensed from our Sunday Mass obligation while we are on vacation? Let's analyze this a little.

What is vacation?

It could mean different things to each of us. Mostly it is a time to get away from the grind, although I have friends who consider vacations "grinding." A vacation is also a respite from the day to day obligations of work and home. It's a time to recharge our batteries. A vacation might include a stay at a resort, or a cruise on a nice ship with unlimited food, and it could also be an opportunity for activity like boating, skiing, backpacking or going to sporting events or attending a great opera or movie.

In addition to "getting away" we have to remember there is a "moving towards" Christ and others. We are made by God of matter and spirit. We are a spiritual people always with God and seeking closeness with Our Blessed Lord. Fulfilling daily tasks, as an offering to God, can be redemptive, but it can be wearying and even distracting. Catholics have had the long-standing practice of making retreats: withdrawal for a time from the daily situation to a place conducive to meditation and prayer. The retreat takes us away from the world to spend exclusive time with Christ in order to grow closer to Him and to spiritually recharge. So a vacation should have some of this as well. There is a whole list of vacations that we can make to strengthen our minds and bodies for the hectic course of modern existence which causes fatigue and strain. For some it can just be spending time with family and friends, but whatever your vacation is, it should not be a time of forgetting God for a couple of weeks.

Pope St John Paul II once said, "Seek closeness with God also in the vacation period!"

With all of the above being said, let's answer the question about Sunday obligation. Our Sunday obligation is one of the Precepts of the Church. These are duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful. These are not mere guidelines, but rather a list of things that the Church teaches are necessary for Christians to do in order to advance our Catholic life. For that reason they are binding under mortal sin, so it is important not to disregard them for anything less than serious reasons. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor." Our obligation is binding no matter where we are.

With that being said, there may be times we find ourselves in circumstances in which we are unable to fulfill our Sunday obligation. There is a wonderful web-site called **Masstimes.org** which can help you plan your vacation. You can plug in the city you are visiting and it will list the Catholic churches nearby and the times of Mass! This way we know exactly where to go! However, maybe we might find ourselves in an unfamiliar town, so what to do? So, if through no fault of our own we discover there is no church or that we are unable to attend Mass at the scheduled time (for a good reason, and not, say, simply because we want to go sightseeing), then we have not deliberately violated the Precept. The bending nature of the Precepts is not to punish but as the *Catechism* explains, "It is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor."

I quote the Reverend Francis Connell when he says, "It is a sad fact that in recent years the sin of missing Mass on Sunday has become more common among the faithful in the United States. Priests should recognize the danger to the faith inevitably connected with this custom, and strive to avert it by impressing the faithful with the importance of Sunday Mass in Catholic life. It is true, there can be legitimate reasons excusing a Catholic from the obligation...but these reasons should not be inordinately extended. The motive of recreation is an example of a reason that could possibly be stretched too far."

Can your parish priest give you dispensation from Mass? Yes, he can. Let's say you are headed on a cruise. Many cruise lines now have a priest on board to say Mass for their guests. But if you don't, then go to the parish where you are a parishioner and ask your pastor if he can dispense Sunday obligation for you. If you are visiting a city and maybe you don't have a car or your finances are low to get transportation to Church, well, these are not deliberate actions of not fulfilling your obligation. If you are visiting another country a Catholic is bound by the liturgical laws of that country, not his own. If a particular feast is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, but not in the country he is visiting, a Catholic would not be obliged to participate in Mass that day, although it would certainly be beneficial to do so. So if in doubt, please consult your parish priest if you have any questions, or if you have concerns about missing Mass due to a recent vacation. Just mention it in the Confessional and let the priest decide. In this age of the internet it only takes a few minutes to find out the nearest Catholic Church in the city where you will be vacationing. God bless you.

Pray for the Sick

Corey Behler, Ron Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Marilyn Fairley, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Gilda & Albert Lasseigne, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, the Reverend Father Godden Menard CM, Dilia Miller, Frankie Rodríguez, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

HomeLife in the Gardens, 1101 Aline Street, will offer a free lunch every Thursday during the month of June, at 11:00 am, to all senior citizens. Please telephone 214-4920 for further information.

The Willwoods Community has announced their tenth annual diocesan-wide Supper & Substance for married couples on Friday, July 14th, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, at the Mid-City Lanes Rock 'n' Bowl, on Carrollton Avenue. For details, please contact Jason Angelette, at 830-3716.

A Retrouvaille/Rediscovery program for couples experiencing marital difficulties will be held July 21st through 23rd at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center, in Schriever (near Houma), hosted by the New Orleans community. Retrouvaille is a program sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church that applies to couples living either separated, divorced, or disconnected lives who want to save their marriage. The program consists of a week-end followed by six follow-up sessions along with a monthly support group. For information and/or registration, contact (985)641-3802.

Pray for the Dead

The Reverend John Arnone, Shelley Baptiste, George J. Cassard III, Rose Annette Chisesi, Dr Victor P. Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, "Tedie" Hodges-Cahill, Albert Lasseigne, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, August 27th (**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**), at 12:30 pm.



SS Peter & Paul.