

Mass Times, Intentions, Readings & Adoration

Monday, July 1 - Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

6:30 am Jane Herrberg

8:15 am † Living & Deceased Members of the James Loomis Family

Tuesday, July 2

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

8:15 am † Olivia & Paula Onulak 6:00 pm † Michael Onulak

Wednesday, July 3 - Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

American Democracy - Special Intention 6:30 am

8:15 am † Rose M. Freiburger

Thursday, July 4

Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

8:15 am † Deacon James K. Fitzpatrick

6:00 pm **NO MASS**

Friday, July 5

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

6:30 am † J & T Andreas

8:15 am C.E.D. - Special Intention

Saturday, July 6 - Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17 8:00 am Marisol Cavazos - Special Intention

† Beverly Zollinger 4:30 pm

Sunday, July 7 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

8:00 am Pro-Populo

9:45 am Serge Laplace - Special Intention

Michael Onulak 11:30 am

5:30 pm † Quinton Kelsoe - Special Intention

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Confessions:

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Adoration:

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MY VOCATION STORY

Just like God told the Prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart, I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). Recalling this prophetic message that God gave to Jeremiah, incorporating it to my life and how I felt the strong desire for the priesthood, it gave me more profound understanding and overview of the mystery behind the Catholic Priesthood, a great gift that God has given freely for the sanctification and purification of mankind, a prestigious heritage that humanity has inherited from the divinity.

I grew up in a strong and solidified Catholic family, a family that took their Catholic faith to the supernatural value. The level of commitment and love my parents displayed in their practice of faith made me as a little child to realize the mystery behind the faith and the doctrine we professed as Catholic. These led me to develop an undivided interest and love for my faith. From a young age, I was inspired by the sense of community and purpose displayed in our local church.

My desire to join the priesthood evolved when I was three years old. Recalling the incident that drew my attention to consider joining the seminary was in 2006, a seminarian who is now a priest came for his summer assignments in my home parish back in Nigeria. As a way of upholding and balancing the perspectives of candidates who are in seminary formation, seminarians are not allowed to live at the rectory with the priest during their summer assignment, rather the Nigerian tradition made it that summer seminarians should live with a family in the parish where they were assigned to work. Fortunately, Fr. Franklin, who was a seminarian then, was assigned to live with my family, on his arrival, my dad told me that this is a seminarian preparing to become a priest. Immediately my dad introduced the seminarian to us, I told my dad that I want to be a priest, little did I know that this initial spark would lead me on a profound journey of discernment and a commitment to serve in ministry. After this particular incident, my love and desire for the priesthood kept growing, so that most of the time as a little kid I usually played mass with my fellow kids. The desire kept maturing, I told my dad that I would love to join altar servers even before my first Holy Communion. My dad discussed my desire to start serving at masses with my pastor, Fr. Valentine Egejuru, seeing the unquenchable love I displayed whenever the mass is going on, he allowed me as a little kid to start participating at the altar at the age of five, before I became a Communicant at the age of seven. The most edifying aspect of this story is that it is impossible for someone who had not receive his first holy communion to serve at the altar during masses, but my pastor has to give me this special privilege as a way of encouraging and nurturing my desire to the priesthood.

After my high school studies, the fire and the desire for priesthood kept igniting that I had to apply to so many congregations and dioceses in Nigeria, declaring my love and enthusiastic zeal that I have to discern my vocation with them. Unfortunately for me, so many of these congregations and dioceses that I applied told me that the opportunity of admitting me is very rare and that I should wait because they have several applicants waiting for admission. This response was so unfortunate for me, and I felt so disappointed within me. It was a crucial and challenging moment for me. In this moment of adversities, I kept believing God, relying in his providence and hoping that I will get a place to discern my vocation. As I was patiently waiting, so optimistic that one of these places I applied to would give me admission, I got a job in a hotel, as the providence may have it, seven months after my resumption for work, Bishop Rhodes came to Nigeria to ordain some candidates to the priesthood and luckily for me, he stayed at the hotel where I was working. Actually, knowing fully well that it is against the hotel rules for a staff member to meet with a quest for any reason, but something in me kept telling me to give it a try. I tried to resist from this thought, because I was also at the same time considering the consequences involved in breaking the companies rules, but my soul was so restless that I had to summon courage to ask one of the receptionist, a very good friend of mine, to call Bishop Rhodes room number. When Bishop Rhodes later came down, I had the opportunity of discussing my desire to become a priest of his diocese. I was so amazed seeing the high level of humility and diligence that Bishop Rhodes had displayed chatting with him. Although, he had never met me, his sense of humor and humility was beyond what I could imagine because as a teenager, having such conversation I had with bishop Rhoades is very rare in Nigeria. When I was discussing with bishop Rhodes, I saw in him the attribute of a good shepherd who humbled himself for his sheep. The level of humility and openness he displayed was beyond my comprehension. Meeting with bishop Rhodes gave me a resounding hope and strength, it also made me realize that in the moment of challenges, troubles, and adversities that God will never abandon his handmaid servant, a testament of divine providence beyond what I could ever expect as a person.

In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, contextualizing the priesthood, which is a gift and a great ministry, he stated that "if he meets a priest and an angel, that he will treat a priest before an angel because an angel is a minister of Jesus Christ, but a Priest is another Christ". These words of Saint Francis always come to my mind in times of difficulties. It has also taught me the importance of prudence, patience, and co-operating with the plans of God for my life. It enables me to reflect and understand more deeply and profoundly that God is not interested in whom we are as a person, but more interested in what he can make out of us if only we can cooperate with him.

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR JULY 6 & 7 REQUEST A SUB***

SATURDAY 4:30 PM	LECTORS	ЕМНС	SERVERS	USHERS	WELCOME
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9:45 AM	Tom Quigley Marisa Windell	Beth Quigly Judy Farkas Jesse Lommatzsch Thomas Meehan	William Turner Jade Bodenschatz Charlie Cochran George Niezer	Jason Close Bob Hoppe	Janeen Close
11:30 AM	Troy Cozad Jenny Andorfer	Jennifer Vincent Mary Kay Pequignot Ann Cozad Julie Christenson	Enrique Smith Harrison Webb Noah Becker Xavier Becker	Jim Drohan Jacob Gibson	Kara Slocum
5:30 PM	Kelley Doyle Cathie Bledsoe	Jerome Ticatic Ellen Paxton Noah Paxton Amy Biesiada	Jolene Przybylski Josie Patton Aiden Bryan Isaiah Bledsoe	Mary Barritt	Natalie Makowski

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- > WHO? Preschoolers through high schoolers
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 - Level 1: Attend 3 visits to adoration, Eucharistic processions (7/20 is the big one in Indianapolis), or weekday Mass to earn a prize.
 - Level 2: Attend 3 more for a second prize.
 - <u>Level 3:</u> Attend <u>3 more</u> for a quality Eucharistic t-shirt (different from last year)!
- DURATION: 5/26/24 through 8/11/24
- DEADLINES:
 - o Pick up prizes @ the parish office NLT 8/16.
 - If you complete ALL 3 LEVELS, leave this card at the parish office NLT 8/16.

TRACK ADORATION VISITS/ WEEKDAY MASSES

I attended Sunday Mass!

(If you attend <u>ALL</u> summer Masses you can earn a prize whether or not you complete any Levels.)

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LEVEL 2	000	6/23	6/30	7/7	7/1
LEVEL 3	000	7/21	7/28	11/4	11/11
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June 27 at 10 am July 23 @ 2 pm

Calendar

Monday, July 1

School & Parish Office Closed all Week

9:30 am Mary Martha Lazarus Prayer Group Fr. Solanus 10:00 am Library Staff Library

Tuesday, July 2

5:00 pm Project Hope Meeting Fr. Solanus

Wednesday, July 3

6:30 am Men's Group Mother Teresa

Thursday, July 4

No Activities

Friday, July 5

4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Listenbee/Adgalanis Church

Saturday, July 6

7:00 am Men's Cursillo Prayer Group Fr. Solanus Church 7:45 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am Mass Church 1:30 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting Mother Teresa 2:00 pm Wedding - Listenbee/Adgalanis Church

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 7 8:00 am Mass Church 9:45 am Mass Church Church 11:30 am Mass Church 5:30 pm Mass

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