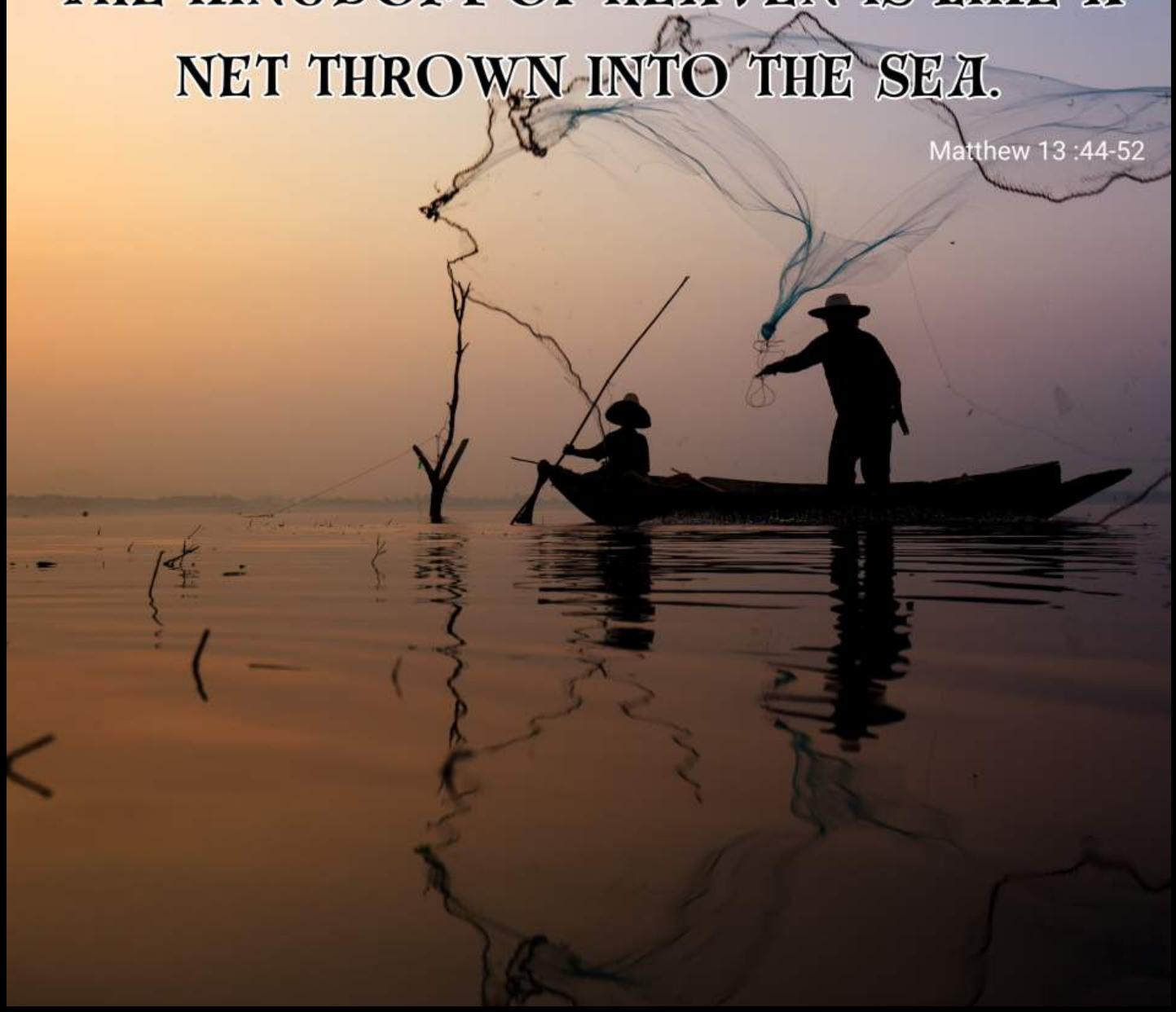


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Matthew 13:44-52



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# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church teaches that you have an obligation to go to Mass every Sunday. Mass is a celebration of the Eucharist, or transformation of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Many people do not understand why the Church requires Mass every Sunday. The answer is found within the Ten Commandments passed on to Moses several millennia ago.

The Ten Commandments, which were believed to be the laws and moral code handed down by God, tells believers in the Third Commandment to "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."

For the Jews, the Sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the Sabbath to Sunday, which was the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Church says that you have an obligation to fulfill the Third Commandment by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday and by participating in Mass, your chief form of worship as Christians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." The obligation is binding every Sunday. It is a holy day of obligation, a day for you to grow in your faith, and you are required to attend to the extent that you are able to do so.

## Private Worship Is Not Enough

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood that being a Christian is not a private matter. You are called to be Christians together. While you should engage in the private worship of God throughout the week, your primary form of worship is public and communal, which is why Sunday Mass is so important.

### Can You Be Excused From Sunday Mass?

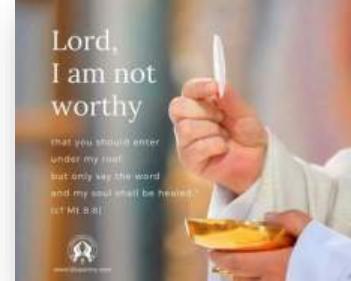
The precepts of the Church are the requirements of the church that are deemed necessary for you to fulfill upon pain of mortal sin. Mass is one of those requirements, but there are a few situations, where you may be excused from Mass.

If you have a debilitating illness, you may be excused from Mass, or if there is extremely bad weather that would make your attempt to get to Church unsafe, you are excused from attending. The bishop from some dioceses will announce a dispensation from attending on Sunday if travel conditions are unsafe. In some cases, priests may cancel Mass in order to preemptively protect parishioners from harm.

If you are traveling and you cannot find a Catholic Church nearby or cannot make it for a good reason, then you may be excused from attending Mass. You should check with your priest to make sure that your reason was valid and that you did not commit a mortal sin. You are required to be in a state of grace when you attend your next Mass and to participate in Holy Communion. If your reason was not acceptable by the Church, you will require absolution by your priest.

Have a blessed Sunday and a wonderful week.

*Rev. Tadeusz Gorka*



## Saint Devotions

### July 31 - *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost, to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil, and not to seek for rest, to labor, and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we are doing your will.

### August 1 - *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Jesus Christ my God, I adore you and thank you for all the graces you have given me this day. I offer you my sleep and all the moments of this night, and I ask you to keep me from sin. I put myself within your sacred side and under the mantle of our Lady. Let your holy angels stand about me and keep me in peace. And let your blessing be upon me. Amen.

### August 2 - *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Gracious God of our ancestors, you led Peter Julian Eymard, like Jacob in times past, on a journey of faith. Under the guidance of your gentle Spirit, Peter Julian discovered the gift of love in the Eucharist which your Son Jesus offered for the hungers of humanity. Grant that we may celebrate this mystery worthily, adore it profoundly, and proclaim it prophetically for your greater glory. Amen. St. Peter Julian Eymard, pray for us!

### August 4 - *St. John Vianney*

My Jesus, we can only be satisfied by setting our hearts, imperfect as they are, on you. We are made to love you; you created us as your lovers. It sometimes happens that the more we know a neighbor, the less we love him. But with you it is quite the opposite. The more we know you, the more we love you. Knowledge of you kindles such a fire in our souls that we have no energy left for worldly desires. My Jesus, how good it is to love you. Let me be like your disciples on Mount Tabor, seeing nothing else but you. Let us be like two bosom friends, neither of whom can ever bear to offend the other. Amen.

### August 5 - *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

O Maria, transform my heart unto thine. Place around it a wreath of purity, adorned in virtue. Take my heart, dear Mother, consecrated as your own. Present it to God the Father as an offering from me to you. Help me, O Maria, in each day to make your heart more known. Amen.

	
<b>MON, July 31</b>	<b>Saint Ignatius of Loyola - Priest</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Peg Saile Requested by Mary Chrisman
<b>TUES, Aug 1</b>	<b>Saint Alphonsus Liguori - Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Frank and Dot Hendzel 31st Wedding Anniversary
<b>WED, Aug 2</b>	<b>Saint Eusebius of Vericelli - Bishop Saint Peter Julian Eymard - Priest</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Bill Normile and Tom Normile Requested by Nephew
<b>THUR, Aug 3</b>	<b>Randy McNulty</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Requested by The Jurewicz Family
<b>FRI, Aug 4</b>	<b>Saint John Vianney - Priest</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Liberatore and Maria DiGuiseppi Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli
<b>SAT, Aug 5</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Ricco DiGuiseppi Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli
<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Private Living Intention</b> Requested by Brother
<b>SUN, Aug 6</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Dorothy and Daniel Burke Requested by Dottie Williams
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Beatrice Faye West</b> Requested by Jim and Katie Rizzuto and Family, and Mary Reilley

### Remember to pray for Father Gorka and our Parishioners who are traveling on their pilgrimage to Italy.

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGiuseppe, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Tara Clarke, Aria Gessner, Brian Szalabofka, Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Elena Craft, Max Good, Johanna McLaughlin, Dex Volpe, Eileen Barone, Hank Edleman, Alex Stadelmaier, Jake Dailey, John Sowell, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, John Durante, Heather Murphy, Cecelia Ricci, Charlotte Cody, John Breslawski, Ed Reynolds, Steve Curnl, Jackie Zabicki, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Orville Otis, Patricia Berner, Nancy McNamara, Charles Crowder, Patricia McMinn, Mary Jane Durante, Josephine, Madison D'Annunzio, Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Grace Giuffre, Jimmy D'Annunzio, Annalies Frisco, Helen Gallagher, Taylor O'Neill, Cindy Wozniak, Mike Mehle, Brenda Kulp, Rosemary Buchanan, Deirdre Magolon, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Moira Randazzo, Genevieve Tuski, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Mary Kay Gvodas, Andrea and Jim McManus, Doug Dunn, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand.

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

## Please Pray For Those Serving

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August

Decade-A-Day Rosary Group  
Prayer Intentions

For the month of August we pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Blessing of the Cars  
This Weekend After Mass!



Please take your time in the parking lot  
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A Mass in Support of Those  
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Saturday, August 12, 2023

11:00 am

St. Columbkill Church  
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Celebrant: Fr. Richard Clement, Pastor

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13



August's prayer intentions are for  
Deacon Dave Kubczak



*A candle burns this week next  
to the Saint Joseph statue  
for Damian*



~~Amanda Winters and Mark Chandler~~

July 22, 2023

On behalf of Father Gorka, Parish Staff, and our Sacred Heart parishioners, we congratulate you on your Wedding Day! May your life together be filled with love, happiness, and hope!



## Sacred Heart Renewing our Faith



Time to replenish your summer reading list?  
How about picking up a recent book on putting the Eucharist at the center of your life?

### This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

by Bishop Robert Barron  
(Word on Fire, 2023)

Originally published in 2008 by Orbis Books, this title was updated and released anew in 2023 by Word on Fire to bolster devotion during the U.S. Bishops' three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

*This Is My Body* reflects upon the Eucharist as a sacred meal, and as a sacrifice. It relates the backstory of Flannery O'Connor's famous quote, "If it's a symbol, to hell with it!" Then it delves into the witness of the early Church fathers - Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Origen, Ambrose, Augustine, and on to St. Thomas Aquinas.

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Invites you to  
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**Sunday, August 27th**

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11:00 am - Musical Performance  
by the children from the Czestochowa Polish Language School

12:30 am - Solemn Mass  
concelebrated by His Excellency, Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

This feast coincides with the 45th Anniversary of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla's election to the Sea of Saint Peter. The theme of the Pilgrimage of Polonia this year is "Highlight and Support the Legacy of Saint John Paul II". His enormous spiritual and cultural legacy continues to fascinate a Universal Church and the World. This year's recipient of the Pride of Polonia award will be Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE.

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## Other News and Events

- Mass and Healing Service.** August 4th. 7:00 pm @ the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. All welcome!
- Our Lady and The Eucharist Morning Retreat** with Fr. Francis Danielski, O Praem, from Daylesford Abbey. Aug 12th. 8am-12pm. At Saints Simon and Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester PA 19382. More info: [simonandjude.org](http://simonandjude.org)
- The AbbeyFest: Faith, Music and Family Festival.** Sat. Sept 16th. Starting at 12noon. Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. [theabbeyfest.com](http://theabbeyfest.com)
- 2023 Catholic Women's Conference.** Saturday, October 28, 2023. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration and Info at: [catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)
- Volunteer with Christ in the City.** Christ in the City is an apostolate that seeks to bring Christ's love to men and women experiencing homelessness. Join us as we serve over 50+ men and women; building relationships while enjoying lunch. Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: [christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/](http://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/)

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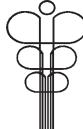
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