

Sunday Masses

8:30am
10:30am
12:30pm
5:30pm
Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Daily Masses Monday thru Friday

8:15am and 12:10pm

Saturday Masses

8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday thru Friday
11:00am to 11:30am
1:30pm to 2:00pm
Saturday
11:00am to 11:30am
(In the Church Sacristy)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:45am to 11:30am
Benediction 11:30am
(Temporarily Suspended)

Baptisms

By Appointment

Marriages

By Appointment

Visitation of the Sick

Upon request

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HOW TO BECOME FISHERS OF MEN

Bearing in mind the magnificent dogma of the Communion of Saints, you must never doubt that you are really Apostles, if you love, and only because you love. Jesus can hide it from you in order to increase the merit of your faith, but never doubt it.

Thank Him every day for the souls which you save, without knowing it, by your acts of love... Instead of saying to Jesus, "Give me souls," say to Him, "I thank you for the souls which You give me simply because I am sure that You give them to me," relying on His own words: *All things, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you have already received them, and they shall come to unto you* (Saint Mark 11:24).

Know how to unite yourself with the miracles He works in you continually, even when you do not realize and are not aware of it. "Jesus, I unite myself to the wonders you work in me. I know for certain that I love You today more than yesterday and that tomorrow I shall love You more than today, because I have opened my heart to Your grace which is a torrent which ceaselessly engulfs me and continually transforms me into Yourself and spreads out to others."

Saint Paul tells us: *Hope does not confound: because charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit Who is given to us (Romans 5:5)...* Hope does not deceive and He has promised great fruitfulness to those who have confidence.

During the Visitation, so Saint Luke tells us, Elizabeth addressed Mary in a great cry, *Blessed is she who has believed!* And Mary answered, *Magnificat anima mea Dominum; My soul magnifies the Lord.*

Carry a great apostolic spirit into your prayers. Pray to obtain mercy for souls. Jesus could have saved men without us. He did not will to do it that way. "*The Creator of the universe,*" writes Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, "*listens to the prayer of a very little soul to save others who are ransomed, as she is, by the price of all His Blood.*"

—Madeline Debreil



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus, our Saviour and our Brother, listen to our prayer and look with love on (Name...).

Visit him/her in this time of sickness and fill him/her with the Gifts of your Spirit, that he/she may have the courage to carry Your Cross, the strength to believe in Your Love, and the faith to persevere in hope and prayer. (Restore his/her strength and bring him/her back to full health.)

Lord Jesus, unite our prayer to Your own, and present it to God most high. To God be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession Time In Our Parish



Monday thru Friday

11:00am to 11:30am — 1:30pm to 2:00pm

Saturday

11:00am to 11:30am

(Confessions heard in St. John's Sacristy, opposite the Baptismal Font.)

BLESSED FATHER STANLEY ROTHER

PRIEST – MISSIONARY – MARTYR



Stanley Rother was born on March 27, 1935. He was oldest of four children born to Franz and Gertrude Rother on their family farm in Oklahoma.

As a child, he did lots of farm related chores, attended Holy Spirit Catholic School, played sports, was an altar server in Holy Trinity Parish and enjoyed all the activities associated with growing up in a small town.

During his high school years, Stanley began to discern the possibility of a vocation to the Priesthood. With growing enthusiasm and openness to the Lord's call, he applied for and was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. At the completion of his Priestly formation, he was ordained to the Priesthood for his home diocese on May 25, 1963.

After ordination, Fr. Rother served for five years as assistant pastor of various parishes in Tulsa, Durant, and Oklahoma City. The Lord then inspired him to volunteer for service in a Mission established by his Diocese in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, among a poor rural community of indigenous Mayan people. Fr. Rother drove over 2,000 miles from Oklahoma to arrive at the Mission. His connection with the people of Santiago Atitlan was immediate. In order to better serve his flock, who were Mayan descendants of the Tzutuhil Tribe, he learned to speak both Spanish and the Tzutuhil language. He was a constant presence among his parishioners. He visited their homes, ministered to the elderly and sick, celebrated as many as five Sunday Masses in four different locations every week and Baptized almost 1,000 of their children. In addition, Fr. Rother helped to establish a number of "firsts" in Santiago Atitlan: a farmers' coop, a school, a hospital clinic, and a Catholic radio station, used especially for catechesis. He even put his farming skills to use by working with his people in their fields, building an irrigation system, and introducing them to crop rotation.

While Fr. Rother served at the Mission, a violent civil war was raging between Guatemalan paramilitary government forces and local guerillas. In October of 1980, the civil war reached Santiago Atitlan when paramilitary forces set up a camp on the outskirts of the town. Government strategy to criminalize and eliminate anyone working to combat poverty, illness, and illiteracy, especially the Church, soon made itself felt at the Mission. The radio station was broken into and seriously damaged, while catechists and random members of the Catholic community were kidnapped and executed. Things became so bad in Santiago Atitlan that, as a safety precaution, Fr. Rother permitted villagers to sleep in Parish Church. He continued to respond pastorally, not politically, to threats and violence against the Catholic community by setting up a fund for the widows and orphans of "disappeared men" from the village.

During 1980, the violence in and around Santiago Atitlan escalated to an almost unbearable point. At that time, Fr. Rother graphically described the dangers he faced every day at the Mission in a Christmas letter to family and friends. He ended his letter with the words: "I don't want to desert these people.... The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger..."

In January 1981, Fr. Rother returned home to Oklahoma to spend a few months with his family. Many advised him not to return to the Mission. But as Easter approached, even though his name was on a paramilitary "death list", he went back to Guatemala to spend Holy Week with his people. He continued ministering to the people until, in the early morning hours of July 28, 1981, three men forcibly entered Fr. Rother's Rectory and shot him to death. He was 46 years old.

The Cause for Fr. Rother's Beatification and Canonization was opened in 2007. In December 2016, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, with the approval of Pope Francis, officially declared Fr. Rother to be a martyr. His Beatification took place in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017.

The story of Blessed Stanley Rother exemplifies the love lived by martyrs of the Church both in their life and in their death. Pope Francis described a martyr's love as "loving to the extreme limit."

dear Padre

I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?

We commit the sin of *detraction* when we,

"without objectively valid reason, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction. We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see *CCC* 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

A Word from Pope Francis

We know that slander always kills. This "diabolical cancer" that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one's own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.

—General Audience, September 25, 2019



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

5:30pm Special Intentions (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

8:30am Intentions of Elizabeth Boskamp & Family
10:30am +Agustin Garcia
12:30pm +Malcolm Holderness
5:30pm In Thanksgiving

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST—MARTYRS SAINT PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm +Kathleen M. Quinlan

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

8:15am For Our Parishioners
12:10pm +Teri Petti Butler Galimi

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

8:15am +Vincent Joseph
12:10pm +Daniel Russo

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRECINA, PRIEST (PADRE PIO) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

8:15am +Margaret Fitzgerald
12:10pm +Delfina Lopez

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

8:15am +Elena & Frances Baldeon
12:10pm +Paul Farrell

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei
12:10pm In Thanksgiving
5:30pm +John Doyle Bishop (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MICHELE FITZPATRICK, GEORGE FUENTES AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19.

FOR OUR DECEASED: EUGENIE M. JONES, RICARDO JOVE, ELIZABETH PEHRENS LYNCH, KEVIN MASTERSON, JOSEPH MILEA, ELIZABETH MULVEY, ELIZABETH THOMAS

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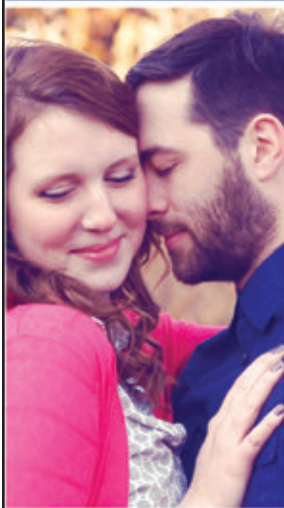
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