Church Hours:

Monday through Friday hours:

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday hours:

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 12:00 pm (Adult Choir)

7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. Baptism class is *required* for all new parents. We ask parents to contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard in the church on Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. and during the week at the Parish House or by appointment with a priest

Sacrament of Marriage:

We ask couples planning to get married to contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to their wedding date to begin their marriage preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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August 28, 2016 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27, 2016

St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine

4:00 pm (vigil) Liddy & Mallon families (living & deceased)



Sunday, August 28. 2016

8:00 am Deceased members of

the Desloge family

10:00 am Lee Arnold

12:00 pm Karen Andreasian 7:30 pm Our parishioners

Monday, August 29, 2016 Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Barbara E. Arcilla

12:10 pm Leo Daiuta

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

8:00 am Bernard Hassett

12:10 pm Daiuta family (living & deceased)

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

8:00 am Nicholas Soroka 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Thursday, September 1, 2016

8:00 am Intentions of

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Wassem & family

12:10 pm Gloria Buda Friday, September 2, 2016

Brown Family (living & deceased) 8:00 am

12:10 pm Grace M. Iannuzzi

Saturday, September 3, 2016

St. Gregory the Great

Pope & Doctor of the Church 8:00 am

Dorothy R. Walsh



May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Through the Mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen.

Going on Vacation?



Don't forget Epiphany while you're away!

(Our summer attendance goes way down and our expenses go way up.)

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 20 - 21

4:00 PM MA 00:8 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 171 118 133 168 115

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- Acquire listening ability
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Join the Ladies of Charity of our parish to pray the Rosary on the

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We pray the Rosary as Mary asked while adoring her beloved Son.



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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

(In order to understand God's love, we need to understand and ponder what He says)

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."

The book of Sirach is the largest book of wisdom preserved from antiquity, which often serves as a guide through uncertain times.

As a province of the Syrian kingdom in 180 B.C., Judea faced a belligerent Egypt on the south and the rising power of Rome from the west. This was a highly political time when the proud and the ambitious threatened to tear Jerusalem apart.

Sirach advised humility because pride and ambition tend to overlook the important details of life and relationships. Neither pride nor ambition will build a life of lasting value.

True humility is simply knowing our place in the greater scheme of things. It is looking at ourselves through God's eyes and accepting what we see. The virtue of humility cultivates true and lasting goodness. It gives us perspective to accept life's burdens, our personal limitations, and life situations that challenge rational explanation. It opens our minds to learn from others.

When we see how others bear their suffering, humility enables us to act with compassion and mercy. "That could be me" is the lesson we learn. Through humility, we receive the rewards of self-knowledge and character, the gifts of gratitude and grace.

Hebrews12:18-19, 22-24a "...you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God..."

When we enter the Kingdom of God, will we meet God, our Judge, or God, our Savior?

The Old Testament described fearful encounters with God on Mount Sinai - consuming fire, darkness, blaring music, voices delivering messages that caused people to turn away in fear. Any animal that encountered the God of Judgement on Mount Sinai was slain. It was hard to take comfort and hope from such images.

Today's reading from Hebrews changes our perception of God. Once Christ became man to sacrifice himself and save us, our entry into the Kingdom of God changed to a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, with celebrating angels and encounters with all the souls enrolled in heaven. Yes, we would meet God, our judge, but Christ, our savior will also embrace us as we enter God's kingdom.

The message for Christians is to hope and have faith in God that we will find a welcoming place when we return to his presence.

Today's Psalm: 68

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

In the time of Jesus, a communal meal could often be an arena of personal and political power.



Families or clans would gather together at mealtime in assigned places; the seat assignment indicated a person's place

of importance in the clan. Those lucky enough to sit closest to the leader were the most important.

Jesus used this custom for two lessons in humility – one for the guest and one for the host. To the guest, Jesus advised humility in choosing a less prestigious seat at the table. By humbling himself, he left room to be invited to a more exalted position, closer to his host.

To the host, Jesus issued an even greater challenge. He advised him invite the powerless and the outcast to his feast, those who could never reciprocate with an invitation of their own.

By living with humility, the humble host would find his reward when he was invited to the banquet of God's Kingdom. The humble guest would be invited to sit in an honored place in the presence of God.

All will be repaid at the final resurrection.



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