



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8

5p Robert Welton (L)

7p

Sunday, August 9

8a William "Bill" Poisel (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, August 10

No Mass

Tuesday, August 11

8:30a Mary Scheer (D)

Wednesday, August 12

6:30p David and Kevin Wilson (D)

Thursday, August 13

8:30a Bill Neu (D)

Friday, August 14

8:30a David and Kevin Wilson (D)

Saturday, August 15

5p Richard E Pillsbury (D)

7p

Sunday, August 16

8a Delmond Scheer (D)

10:30a People of the Parish



Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

by Fr. Larry Rice

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was

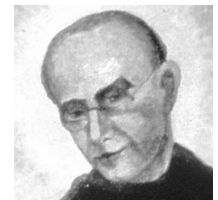
separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974).

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday as it does this year or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE 1894–1941 Memorial—August 14

Raimund Kolbe, born in Russian Poland, was ordained a Franciscan, Maximilian Mary, in Rome. In the 1920s, he reopened a ruined Polish friary, started a Marian press, and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Despite his illness, he had successful Marian missions to Japan and India before returning to Poland in 1936. After the 1939 invasion of Poland, the Franciscans' criticism of the occupiers prompted the arrest of Maximilian and four others, who ended up in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz. Maximilian volunteered for martyrdom, taking the place of a married man who was to be executed by starvation. This man was present at the saint's 1982 canonization. Maximilian is the patron of prisoners, journalists, and others.



THE MASS - INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Mass begins with the entrance chant/song. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow and/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

All make the Sign of the Cross and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture. The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Penitential Act includes the *Kyrie Eleison*, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, from time to time the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Confirmation Program

Are you an adult Catholic, 18 years or older, who has received First Holy Communion but has never been confirmed? There is a program for you which consists of nine sessions, where you can gather with other adults to prepare to receive this sacrament and be confirmed by Bishop Guillory on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the 12:00 Noon Mass at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica. Sessions have been set up in three areas of the diocese but others will be added if needed. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. Lorraine S. DeLuca at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (409) 924-4323.

¿Eres un católico adulto, más de 18 años, que ha recibido la primera comunión pero nunca ha sido confirmado? Hay un programa de nueve sesiones, donde pueden reunirse con otros adultos a prepararse para recibir este Sacramento y ser confirmado por el obispo Guillory en domingo, 01 de mayo de 2016, a las 12:00 Misa del mediodía en la Catedral Basílica de Santa Antonio. Si estás interesado en asistir, por favor póngase en contacto con la Dra. Lorraine S. DeLuca en la oficina de evangelización y catequesis (409) 924-4323.

Thursdays, January 14 - March 10, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Saint Joseph the Worker Parish
804 S. Cleveland, Dayton (Education Building)
or
Mondays, February 15 - April 18, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Saint Joseph Parish
4600 Proctor Street, Port Arthur (Cody Hall Meeting Room)
or
Wednesdays, February 24 - April 20, 2016 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Catholic Pastoral Center
710 Archie Street, Beaumont (Assembly Hall A)

FORTNIGHT OF FREEDOM CONTINUES

The Rosary continues to be prayed on the 1st Sunday of each month at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church for religious freedom.



Forever In Our Heart

*May the Faithfully Departed
Through the Mercy of God,
Rest In Peace*

Nathalie Teal

WOMEN, DESIRE & PRAYER Silent retreat for women

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER
9920 North Major Drive
Beaumont, TX 77713
409-899-5617

Thursday – Sunday, September 10-13, 2015
Renata Furst, PhD & Mary Wilder

What do women really want? Philosophers, psychologists, feminists and many others, have asked (and answered) this question, but few have asked how the power of women's desire can be recognized, expressed and harnessed in prayer.

Women in western culture are raised to recognize, articulate and act upon the desires of others.

Meanwhile our own unacknowledged desires limit our spiritual life, because authentic desires are the root of prayer and connection to God.

In this retreat we explore the work of embracing, praying with, and transforming desires which many of us thought had perished long ago.

Renata Furst and Mary Wilder are experienced spiritual directors, teachers and workshop presenters who have worked with the expression of women's desire in prayer.

Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Thursday, opens with a light supper at 5:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Cost: \$295/person
\$75 deposit

Pre-register by August 24



Altar flowers for
August 8,9

were donated by:
Ruth Erb
In memory of:
Armando Guerrero

and
Patricia and Eddie Coppage
In memory of:
Philip Bourque

Blessed Mother flowers
were
donated by:
Lanston and Christi Fall
In memory of
Theresa Fall

Flowers for August 1,2
In front of the ambo were
donated by:

Frank and Marie Zeto
and sisters
In memory of
Isabel Romano
On her 100th birthday



Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? RCIA can answer your questions. Classes begin Sept 15th. Contact Myrna Stimac at 883-5771 or myna.stimac@gmail.com for details.



Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2015 is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. *Catechetical Sunday* is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Character, Commitment & Community: The Kelly Difference



Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School provides a classroom experience that is dedicated to academic preparedness through faith formation, co-curricular participation, selfless service and personal growth. We're proud of our commitment to faith and excellence, and would love to share it with you. **For campus tours and admission inquiries, please contact: Taylor Miller, Admissions Director (409) 866-2352 x139 tmiller@mkchs.com**



Religious Education

Registration is Sunday, Aug 30 after 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass.

First day of Class- Wednesday, Sept 2, 2015

**5:15-6:15 pm-K-8
6:30-8:30 pm-9-12**

Calling All Catechists !!!
Back to School Meeting August 19 at 6:30



HELP NEEDED FOR AUGUST 20-23 ACTS RETREAT

We will need women volunteers to help with send off on Thursday, Aug 20, at St. Francis at 5:30 pm which includes registration, taking pictures, luggage handling, and drivers. We will need volunteers with a trailer to handle & transport the luggage.

We need a volunteer for Thursday to head the cook team. She will need a few volunteers to assist with preparing the food on Thursday (which includes baking and donating a cake) and transporting it around 5:00 pm to the Holy Family Retreat Center for serving to the retreatants when they arrive.

Also, we will need men and women volunteers to assist with candlelight on Saturday, Aug 22nd, at the Holy Family Retreat Center at 5:45 pm, which includes set up, traffic control, greeters, handing out crosses to family members, candle lighters, etc.

Lastly we need someone to volunteer to organize the reception and cleanup for the return mass reception on Sunday, Aug 23rd, at St. Francis after the 10:30 mass. We will need many, many volunteers for baking cookies.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this Women's ACTS Retreat Support Team, please email Linda Wade at twade@gt.rr.com

This is a great opportunity to be of service to your ACTS community.

Call to Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference



"Women Healing the Wounds"

Friday August 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church & Shrine 3648 S. Sgt Lucian Adams Blvd, Port Arthur

\$30.00 includes continental breakfast and Hot catered Lunch

Registration Deadline: August 14, 2015
Please send all registration money to the Conference Registrar : Carol Noak, 4001 Dryden Rd, Port Arthur, TX 77642 409-985-2003

Upcoming Special Collections- Sept 6 Catholic University of America Fund.

The **Catholic University of America Fund** directly sustains the student experience by supporting scholarships, faculty and academic programs, athletics, campus ministry, culture, and community. Contributions to the **CUA Fund** from alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and students provide the resources to enhance the daily lives of our students. Your annual gift has an immediate impact.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50th+ wedding anniversaries in 2015: Bishop Curtis J. Guillory and the Office of Family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on **Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 2:30pm at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica.** The ceremony will include Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and presentation of Certificates. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center.

Please RSVP to your parish office no later than Friday, September 18.

Please look for the ACTS Prayer Poster in the church foyer. When you sign up and tear off the time slot to pray for an hour, you will be praying for ALL of the women who will attend the July 20-23 Women's ACTS retreat.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday, August 16
8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

San Damiano Center
Please donate!

At our January 2015 St. Francis Blood Drive, we had 27 donors. Twenty of the twenty seven donors were age 50 and above. There were as many donors in one decade (their 60s) as there were in three decades (their 20s, 30s and 40s). We need more donors, and especially more younger donors. Please seriously consider giving the Gift of Life.



Dementia Support Group

Please join us on
Wed. Aug 12 at 10am or
Thurs. Aug 13 at
6:30 pm For more
information, Contact:
Jerry Ehrman 882-9650

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Many people find that **support groups** are tremendously effective in helping them cope with the day-to-day realities of having **Parkinson's** disease

The Parkinson Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 5 from 9 a.m.– noon In the San Damiano Center.

"Living Liturgy, All God's People at Work"
"Viviendo la Liturgia, todo el pueblo de Dios colaborando"



We often think the word "Liturgy" is synonymous with the word "Mass", but this causes us to miss the many different rich multiplicity of "Liturgy" in our Church. Join Father Sinclair Oubre on :

Wednesday, August 12, 2015
after 6:30 p.m. Mass
in the Church

As he repeats his workshop that was presented during the 7th Annual Worship and Prayer Seminar in reflecting on one of the oldest and most Celebrated Catholic Liturgies.

Many of us now will have a second chance to attend as his workshop filled up so fast.

Gearing up for the first meeting of the new year. **St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society** will have their first meeting August 13 at 11:30 a.m..... A luncheon in the San Damiano Center

FLOWER CALENDAR

If any parishioner is interested, there are still two weekends available in the 2015 Flower Calendar
Altar Flowers– October 24/25 -Open
October 31/Nov 1- Open

Young At Heart Meeting and Shopping and fun trip!

Young at Heart will have their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11. We will meet for 8:30 a.m. Mass and then go to San Damiano Center for Dominos, games and share our favorite salads Also it is time to reserve your seat on the bus to Lafayette Cajun Dome for Thursday, September 24, 2015. A payment of \$40 (cash or check made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church) covers your bus fees and ticket to the "Tinsel & Treasure" Craft Show. Payment can be dropped off at the church office in an envelope " Attention: Janis Beach or mailed to 1840 Greenbriar, Orange, Tx 77632. This bus fills fast, don't hesitate! Any questions call Janis at 883-4566 or 779-1038.



Saturday, August 8
Reconciliation—4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 9
Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sonlight Choir– 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 10
No Mass
Men's ACTS 6:30 p.m.
Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.
Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.
Young at Heart 9 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Mtg– 7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12
Mass 6:30 p.m.
Dementia Support Group-10 a.m.

Thursday, August 13
Mass 8:30 a.m.
St. Francis Altar Society– 11:30 a.m.
Acts Core Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Dementia Support Mtg– 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 14
Mass 8:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 2, 2015

Amount needed each week
\$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection
(including building fund)
\$ 12,235.00

Over Goal- \$ 362.00

Year to date
Amount needed \$59,365.00
(\$11,873.x 5 fiscal weeks)
Total Sunday collections to date
\$ 54,779.00

Year to date Short of goal
- \$4586



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