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# The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



#### SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

**Sun.** 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

<u>Weekday Masses:</u> Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

<u>Confessions:</u> Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

> Devotions: Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM; Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

<u>Gift Shop Hours:</u> Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM\*; Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*; Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Masses)

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#### Cover Art:

*Gospel Treasure*. Detail from the late 5th-century mosaic on the dome of the Arian baptistery in Ravenna. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P. Flickr

#### Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

It is perhaps one of the most terrifying scenes in the Bible. God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. In chapter 1 of Genesis—in the beginning— we read of the magnificent, beautiful and good loving God who creates the whole world from nothing. He loves his creation, and he loves the human person most of all, making him in his image and likeness. Later, in the book God calls Abram out from his society in Ur and promises to him many blessings and many descendants. After establishing a covenant with him, changing his name to Abraham and providing him with a son in his old age, God now seems to move in an utterly stunning direction: He commands Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. That is why it is called the testing of Abraham. Why would the omnipotent and loving God test Abraham in such a way? Why would God take Abraham from his secure place in Ur to this new and terrifying place called Moriah and demand ultimate sacrifice?

The word Moriah is derived from the Hebrew word *ra'ah*, which means "to see." When God sends Abraham to the Land of Moriah he is sending him to a place where Abraham's inner spiritual eye will be opened. What Abraham will learn to see is the truth about God and about his own destiny. Returning to the first chapter of Genesis we read of the account of God's creation. It says that after God created light he *saw* (*ra'ah*) that the light was good. God then creates the earth, the sea, the sun, moon, all creatures and finally mankind. After creating these things it says that God *saw* that they were good. Finally, after all things were created on the sixth day it says that God looked at everything he created and found them to be very good.

Seeing as God sees is not merely a matter of noticing. To see (*ra'ah*) as God sees is to have a deep experience of the truth of things, to taste them. God saw the good in the things he created. God especially sees into the heart of a person and knows what is there. To see as God sees is what we call Faith, and it is to experience within oneself the goodness of creation and to act in accord with that goodness. It is not merely possessing knowledge in the mind but experiencing deeply in one's heart that something is good, true and beautiful. This is why God called Abraham out of Ur and eventually to Moriah. He is not toying with Abraham, he is removing the stains of Ur from Abrahams's eyes and teaching him to see as God sees. Through Abraham, God's chosen people would be empowered to learn to see and experience the world as God sees it. But the vision of God's chosen people suffers from the effects of the Original Sin. To learn to see as God sees means to surrender the things that we accumulate from the world that clutter our vision and block us from experiencing the gifts of God.



# Revival's in the Air

### AN EXCITING JOURNEY AHEAD

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

## **Go Deeper!**

### ENCOUNTER THE REALITY OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

The Revival is a grassroots movement of Catholics, each responding to the gift of the Eucharist in their own way. This page is home to free educational and inspirational content to help you learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him. We will expand this section as more resources become available.

## **Explore Eucharistic Teaching**

Learn what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Browse our free library of videos on the Eucharist for information and inspiration!

## Learn How to Embrace the Gift of the Eucharist

Bishop Andrew Cozzens presents the incredible reality of the Real Presence, unpacks "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" as published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and invites you to respond to this radical gift. Discover practical ways you can spread a love for the Eucharist in your community!

## Learn more at usccb.org

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

#### Sunday, August 7

8:00 AM Intentions of Diane Flavin
9:15 AM +John J. Skelley
10:30 AM Intentions of Diane Flavin
11:45 AM +Donald Edward Brill
1:15 PM Special Intention
4:00 PM Talia del Carmen Novellino
5:30 PM +Rosa Rodrigues & +Austin
Lopes

#### Monday, August 8

8:00 AM Dominic Della Peruta—Name Day

**12:05 PM** Harrison Grandchamps **4:45 PM** Maria + +Luigi Della Peruta wedding anniv.

#### Tuesday, August 9

8:00 AM +Barbara Rosato 12:05 PM Intentions of Diane Flavin 4:45 PM +William Butler

#### Wednesday, August 10

8:00 AM Lisa Young—health12:05 PM Ary-Lex Auguste & Theresa4:45 PM +Dillon Scofield

#### Thursday, August 11

8:00 AM John Albano—health 12:05 PM +Dillon Scofield—anniv. 4:45 PM +Bernadette Jean Griffin

#### Friday, August 12

8:00 AM +Geoffrey Shorey 12:05 PM +Betty Fontes 4:45 PM +Kevin Shepherd

#### Saturday, August 13

9:00 AM +Dave LaPorte 12:00 PM +Lito & Isa Mulingbayan 4:00 PM +Mon. O'Shea 5:30 PM +Padre Gregorio Staab, OMV

### **Prayer Before Mass**



#### by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen. 2

#### Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

# August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

# 30 Days with Mary: Our Lady Around the World



## August 14—September 12

We will pray to Our Lady after the Masses at the Chapel each day from August 14 through September 12. Each day's prayer will be dedicated to Our Lady under a unique cultural title. We will celebrate Our Lady as she is known and loved in the various cultures of the world. Booklets can be found in the vestibule of the Chapel. A digital yersion can be found on our website: omvusa.org/st-francis-chapel Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of Your Son on

earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to You, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as You wish to accomplish Your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart

of Jesus Christ, Our



The Heart of Mary. Painting by Leopold Kupelwieser. St. Peter's Church, Vienna.

King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to You, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. Inflame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed Your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes Your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home.

Amen.