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**AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**Twenty-first Sunday**



## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
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Fr. John Wykes, OMV

## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

**Music:** Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Stacey Ibe

## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



## Cover Art:

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## 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

### Weekday Masses:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM  
**Saturday** 9:00AM, 12PM

### Confessions:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM  
**Saturday** 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

### 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

### Gift Shop Hours:

**Monday—Friday** 10:00AM - 4:30PM\*;  
**Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:00PM\*;  
**Sunday** 8:45AM - 6:00PM\*  
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## Reflection by Pope St. John Paul II

Jesus asks the disciples this question about his identity while he is with them in upper Galilee. It often happened that they would ask Jesus questions; now it is he who questions them. His is a precise question that awaits an answer. Simon Peter speaks for them all: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*" (Mt 16: 16).

The answer is extraordinarily clear. The Church's faith is perfectly reflected in it. We are reflected in it too. *The Bishop of Rome*, his unworthy successor by divine will, is particularly reflected in Peter's words.

"*You are the Christ!*". Jesus replies to Peter's confession: "*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven*" (Mt 16: 17).

Blessed are you, Peter! Blessed because you could not have humanly recognized this truth, which is central to the Church's faith, except by God's action. "No one", Jesus said, "knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt 11: 27).

We are reflecting on this extraordinarily rich Gospel passage: the incarnate Word had revealed the Father to his disciples; now is the moment when the Father himself reveals his only Only-begotten Son to them. Peter receives inner enlightenment and courageously proclaims: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!".

These words on Peter's lips come from the depths of God's mystery. They reveal the intimate truth, the very life of God. And Peter, under the action of the divine Spirit, becomes *a witness and confessor of this superhuman truth*. His profession of faith thus forms the firm basis of the Church's faith: "On this rock I will build my Church" (Mt 16: 18). The Church of Christ is built on Peter's faith and fidelity.

The first Christian community was very conscious of this. As the Acts of the Apostles recount, when Peter was in prison it gathered to raise an earnest prayer to God for him (cf. *Acts* 12: 5). It was heard, because Peter's presence was still necessary for the community as it took its first steps: the Lord sent his angel to free him from the hands of his persecutors (cf. *ibid.*, 12: 7-11). It was written in God's plan that Peter, after long strengthening his brothers in faith, would undergo martyrdom here in Rome together with Paul, the Apostle of the nations, who had also escaped death several times.

## Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady

By Venerable Bruno Lanteri—  
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Most High Lady of the Universe, Queen of angels and of men, above whom there is only God, prostrate before the throne of your mercy, in my name and in the name of all creation, I humbly ask your forgiveness for all the sorrow we have caused you by our faults, and our slowness in honoring you. May heartfelt thanks be given to you for all the blessings your loving Heart has obtained and shared with us as our Mother.

In reparation for so many faults and in gratitude for so many favors, I offer myself to you as your perpetual servant, with a pure, free and perfect gift of all my goods, my body, and all my being.

I desire to use forever all that I have and possess, all that I am, entirely in your service and that of your divine Son.

I ask you therefore to dispose of me according to your desire as my true and absolute Lady.

I rejoice to see you raised up to the infinite dignity of Mother of God, and I ask the grace to imitate the angels in my readiness to follow your desires and to love Jesus with your own most ardent Heart.

Since I know myself unworthy of so great a grace, I ask the intercession of my Guardian Angel, of St. Joseph, St. John and [My Patron Saint], that I obtain this blessing, and the grace of a persevering fidelity to what I have promised. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 27

**8:00 AM** In honor of St. Melangell  
**9:15 AM** +Brenda Lee Scolaro  
**10:30 AM** John Scolaro- wedding  
**11:45 AM** Olukoya Justice Family  
**1:15 PM** +Anna Maria Garcia—anniv.  
**4:00 PM** Odilia Bolivar  
**5:30 PM** Castillo Bolivar

### Monday, August 28

**8:00 AM** +Mary Gomez  
**12:05 PM** Angela Flavin—birthday  
**5:10 PM** +Coletta Kopp

### Tuesday, August 29

**8:00 AM** +Sheila Feitelberg  
**12:05 PM** +Sheila Feitelberg  
**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, August 30

**8:00 AM** +Romelia & +Sergio M. Norena Guterrez  
**12:05 PM** Bertocci Family  
**4:45 PM** +Raul, +Samuel & +Clarisa Mejia

### Thursday, August 31

**8:00 AM** Mary O'Connor—birthday  
**12:05 PM** Souls in Purgatory  
**4:45 PM** +Mary & +Peter & Family

### Friday, September 1

**8:00 AM** +Mary Campano  
**12:05 PM** +Richard Breen—anniv.  
**4:45 PM** Cecilia & +Antonio Ozaeta

### Saturday, September 2

**9:00 AM** Guadalupe Torres  
**12:00 PM** +Ercilia Nunez & +Leoncio Huaman  
**4:00 PM** +Romelia & +Sergio Norena Guterrez  
**5:30 PM** +Benjamin Abarca

## 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.

## 30 Days with Mary Around the World

### August 27: Our Lady of Harissa—Lebanon

O Mary, "the Cedar of Lebanon," look down upon your children who today and always beg your guiding hand.

Grant us the faith to withstand the sweeping blows of life as the cedar stands straight against the wind. Develop in us the hope, the hope of Resurrection, that we may believe the word of your Divine Son with the joy that should be ours.

Dear Mother, increase our love, the love we should have for the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our filial love for you, and perfect it in love for our neighbor. Our Lady, Queen of Lebanon. Pray for us.

### August 28: Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage—Philippines

O Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, Virgin of Antipolo, look kindly upon the needs of your children, as we journey to our home in heaven. For you, O Mother, know full well what it is to travel this road.

O Mother, you give us so much hope and encouragement by your example of filial love and discipleship. As you accompanied Christ in your journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Egypt to Galilee and finally to Calvary, you discovered the loving presence of God in ever new ways.

O Mother, as we undertake our own journey of life, accompany us in our discovery of God in our lives and in the lives of other people. Make us see him with the eyes of our hearts, and help us to know Him and to grow deeper in His love through life's joys and pains.

And at our journey's end, lead us to the doorsteps of heaven and bring us to your Son Jesus who has secured and prepared for us a place in our Father's home. Amen.

### August 29: Our Lady of Vailankanni—India

O Mary! Our Mother of Health and Our Heavenly Queen, seated on your throne of mercy and compassion in your Holy Shrine at Vailankanni, we praise and honor you to be our refuge and our relief. Numerous are the sick who through you have recovered health. Relying on your power and goodness, we fly to you and implore you to heal our infirmities and to obtain for us perfect health of body and soul, that we may better be able to serve you and your Divine Son. Help them O Most amiable Mother and obtain for us deliverance from all our sufferings, or the patience to endure them in the spirit of resignation agreeable to God's Holy Will, so that all our trials and sufferings may help to purify our souls and help us to detach ourselves from earthly ties. Amen.



Our Lady of Good Voyage. Statue, Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Antipolo, Philippines. Photo by Ramon FVelasquez.

### August 30: Our Lady of the Cape—Quebec

O Holy Virgin Mary, our most merciful Mother and powerful Queen, we thy children humbly prostrate before thee, implore thy grace and help.

With confidence we come to thee,

O Queen of the Holy Rosary;

to thee do we turn our eyes.

Bestow on us, we beg thee,

this special favor which we ask . . .

Grant us health of body and purity of soul: increase our faith and love so that we may know thy Divine Son

better and serve Him ever faithfully.

O tender and merciful Mother, intercede for those who are dear to us. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, and have pity on the faithful departed. Protect our families; guard the nation of Canada; and keep holy Mother Church safe from all evil. Amen.

### August 31: Our Lady of Akita—Japan

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

truly present in the Holy Eucharist,

I consecrate my body and soul

to be entirely one with Your Heart,

being sacrificed at every instant,

on the altars of the world,

giving praise to the Father and pleading for the coming of His kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls.

Most Holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Your special child. Amen.

### September 1: Our Lady of Aparecida—Brazil

Lady Aparecida, welcome under your protecting mantle men and women religious, families, children, young people, priests and bishops. Health of the sick and Consoler of the afflicted, comfort those who are suffering in body and soul; be the light of those who are seeking Christ, the Redeemer of all; show all people that you are the Mother of our confidence. Queen of Peace and Mirror of Justice, ensure that Brazil and all countries may have lasting peace, that we will always live together as brothers and sisters and as children of God. Our Lady Aparecida, bless all your sons and daughters who pray and sing to you here and elsewhere. Amen.

### September 2: Our Lady of Lujan—Argentina

Virgin of Luján, Mother of the poor and the humble, Mother of those who suffer and hope: You chose the silent immensity of the Argentine lowlands, to listen to our prayers, to soothe our hearts and to tell us about your Son "the Saviour of yesterday, of today, of always". This simple place is the spiritual heart of our people. Today we come to You, a small group of disciples, apostles and witnesses of Your Son. You have always inspired the great undertakings of the Argentine people, help us to mature close to You. Amen