

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church 603 N. 1st Street

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25th, 2024

Reconciliation: 30 min before each Sunday Mass, or **Anytime by Request Adoration:** Sundays after the 11:00am Mass from 12:00 till 4:00pm **Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office for information. Classes required before the baptism. **Marriage:** Arrangements for marriages must be made at least six Months before wedding. **Mass Intentions:** To request a specific date, please come by the parish office during office hours. **Parish Hall Availability:** Please call the Parish Office, 361-933-1200. **Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil, Saturday @ 5PM, Sunday Mass, 9AM & 11AM

Sat	Aug	24	9:00 am	Special Intention
			5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. John Nepomucene
Sun	Aug	25	9:00 am	 Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Espinoza; Melissa Rodriguez (BD)
	8		11:00 am	+Elena Hernandez; Lauren Lascano (BD)
Mon	Aug	26	6:00 pm	Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere; For Bishops to
	e		•	be of one mind & heart to call a plenary council to unite the
				body of Christ in our country
Tue	Aug	27	8:00 am	Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere;
Wed	Aug	28	8:00 am	Eric Johnson, Birthday; Special Intention of Paul & Carla
	-			Guarnere
Thu	Aug	29	8:00 am	Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere
Fri	Aug	30	8:00 am	• Nick Hill; For the conversion of the new world disorder
				who are enemies of God and His children
Sat	Aug	31	9:00 am	Special Intention
			5:00 pm	 Patsy Holland; Joey Cuellar (BD); Armando Garza, Sr.
Sun	Sep	1	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. John Nepomucene
			11:00 am	Delia S. Garcia, 3-year Anniversary; Richard Pancoast
Mon	Sep	2	6:00 pm	Jennifer Ysassi (BD); + Domingo Reyna, Sr. (1yr Anniver
				sary); Intention of Trent & Sarah Smith
Tue	Sep	3	8:00 am	Reunification of the Holy Catholic Churches of the East &
				West; Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere;
Wed	Sep	4	8:00 am	Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere
Thu	Sep	5	8:00 am	Young men discerning the call of the Holy Priesthood;
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Fri	Sep	6	8:00 am	Special Intention of Paul & Carla Guarnere
Sat	Sep	7	9:00 am	Special Intention
~	~		5:00 pm	+ Ramon Rosas; + Joey Torres
Sun	Sep	8	9:00 am	 Nick Hill; Msgr. George Scecina
			11:00 am	Parishioners of St. John Nepomucene

Mass Intentions

The following true story was related to Sr. Veronica Murphy by an elderly nun who heard it from the lips of the late Reverend Father Stanislaus SS.Cc.

One day many years ago, in a little town in Luxembourg a Captain of the Forest Guards was in deep conversation with the butcher when an elderly woman entered the shop. The butcher broke off the conversation to ask the old woman what she wanted. She had come to beg for a little meat but had no money. The Captain was amused at the conversation which ensued-between the poor woman and the butcher. "only a little meat, but how much are you going to give me?" "I am sorry I have no money but I'll hear Mass for you." Both the butcher and the Captain were good men but very indifferent about religion, so they at once began to scoff at the old woman's answer. "All right then," said the butcher, 'you go and hear Mass for me and when you come back I'll give you as much meat as the Mass is worth."

The woman left the shop and returned later. She approached the counter and the butcher seeing her said, "All right then we'll see." He took a slip of paper and wrote on it, "I heard for you." He then placed the paper on the scales and a tiny bone on the other side but nothing happened. Next he placed a piece of meat instead of the bone, but still the paper proved heavier. Both men were beginning to feel ashamed of their mockery but continued their game. A large piece of meat was placed on the balance, but still the paper held its own. The butcher, examined the scales, but found they were all right, my good woman, must I give you a whole leg of mutton?" At this he placed the leg of mutton on the balance, but the paper outweighed the meat. A larger piece of meat was put on, but again the weight remained on the side of the paper. This so impressed the butcher that he was converted, and promised to give the woman her daily ration of meat.

As for the Captain, he left the shop a changed man, an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit and the other a Father of the Sacred Heart. Father Stanislaus finished by saying "I am the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and the Captain was my father."

From that incident the Captain became a daily Mass goer and his children were trained to follow his example. Later when his sons became priests, he advised them to say Mass well every day and never miss the Sacrifice of the Mass through any fault of their own.

Meditation of the Day:

" To Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

It ought to be said that a conversion does not make life entirely easier. It often brings as well the fist bitter taste of emptiness in worldly pursuit. Conversions do not of course incapacitate or strip a person of worldly ability, but they often have the effect of undermining our ambitions in life.

With the experience of God in some mysterious manner, we get a taste of eternity without quite knowing what we are experiencing. In a brief instant, there is a change in perception, and we begin to sense a purpose in life that extends beyond this life itself. The passing nature of everything in life may crystalize in an intuition ever so brief and permanently enter our soul's awareness. We suddenly see differently, not as though everything has turned upside down, but rather with a certain wisdom now penetrating our vision. The distant perspective comes into focus; the experience of time changes. We may begin to view our life in some sense as an exile and a waiting, a pilgrimage toward an ultimate destination that awaits us.

This mild taste of eternity as a greater truth than passing time reduces to some degree our attraction for the passing things of life. Only the most significant realities seem worth the expenditure of our passion—family, our Catholic faith, God himself. The experience is often felt as an open invitation to make prayer as essential hunger in our life. We may discover that prayer is in itself a kind of perpetual waiting for the veil of eternity to be lifted.

Father Donald Haggerty

Father Haggerty, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, serves at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Please remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of

faith: †Lillie Dornak, †Richard Pancoast, † Patsy Holland, † Henrietta Vrana, †Raul Perez,

† Carmen Marin

Remember in your prayers those who are sick in our parish: Erwin Dornak, Nina Curran, Olivia Rosas, Ashley Marie Jimenez, Evelyn Bluntzer, Mike Hellums, Laura Garza, Larry Bryant, Maria Elena Reyna, Michael Marin, Mable Ginn



Saturday Rosary: August A "Scriptural" Rosary is Said Saturday morning for Pro Life intentions at 8:30 am before the 9 a.m. Mass. A Rosary will be said before the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, and on Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.,

and 10:30a.m.

The Adoration Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holv Eucharist. In Churches that have this adoration, the Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance.

"Adorers" are individuals who have a desire to build a more intimate and loving relationship with Jesus. One way to build this relationship with Jesus is by offering an hour or more a week to worship and be in His presence.

Eucharistic Adoration is available in our Church every **Monday** after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. In addition to our weekly Adoration on Monday after Mass, our Ado-• ration Chapel is open for Eucharistic Adoration on: **Tue– Fri:** 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Sunday Adoration is held continually throughout the hours of: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. During this time, Adorers spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. Come and spend a Holy Hour with the Lord.

Not able to commit for a weekly hour? You can sign up to be a Substitute Adorer, by filling in for a scheduled Adorer when they are not able to make their committed hour.

Adoration Opportunities

Which time slot are you ready to commit to spending an hour in Adoration each Sunday?

12:00-1:00 p.m.	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
1:00–2:00p.m.	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."- St. Therese of Lisieux



Aug 25, 2024—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00 pm—Dr. Julio Rangel Sun. 9:00 am—Laurie Luciani 11:00 am—Rav Saenz

Sep 1, 2024—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00 pm—Mark Heatherton Sun. 9:00 am—Edward Mireles 11:00 am—Christina DeAlejandro

Key Reading

Sat—Rv 21:9b-14, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18, Jn 1:45-51

Sun—Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32, Jn 6:60 -69

Mon—<u>2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-</u> 5. Mt 23:13-22

Tue—<u>2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17, PS 96:10, 11-12,</u> 13, MT 23:23-26

Wed—<u>2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18, PS 128:1-2, 4-5</u>, MT 23:27-32

Thu—1 Cor 1:1-9, PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 6:17-29

Fri—1 Cor 1:17-25, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, Mt <u>25:1-1</u>3

