



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am  
10:30am  
12:30pm  
5:00pm

### Daily

Monday-Friday 6:30am  
Monday-Saturday 8:15am  
Wednesday 6:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.  
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on  
second Sunday. All by appointment.  
Sponsors need letter from  
their pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with  
Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm  
every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to  
seeing a priest or deacon six  
months before desired date.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

614.885.7814

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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [sriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:sriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are currently available to schedule for 2024 & 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the parish office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 18, 2024

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 17

4:00 p.m. + Teresamae Faricy (Kathleen Faricy-Eide)

### Sunday, August 18

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

10:30 a.m. + Antonio and Flora Elena Perez (The Caso Family)

12:30 p.m. + Daniel Severance

5:00 p.m. + Robert Girardi

### Monday, August 19

6:30 a.m. +Toni (Pat Kearns)

8:15 a.m. + Jody Munhall (Deacon Klaus & Sharon Fricke)

### Tuesday, August 20

6:30 a.m. + Rosa Bjelovuk (The Fiala-Fristad Family)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Mike Butchko

### Wednesday, August 21

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Keller Family (The Keller Family)

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. Special Intention of the McGonigle Family

### Thursday, August 22

6:30 a.m. + Harold West (The Greenwald Family)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Vincent DeCenzo  
(The DeCenzo Family)

### Friday, August 23

6:30 a.m. + Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)

8:15 a.m. + Mary Louise Kissel (The Kissel Family)

### Saturday, August 24

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Fidel Pitones  
(The Fiala Fristad Family)

4:00 p.m. + Joseph Izzo

### Sunday, August 25

8:30 a.m. + James R. Cecil

10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Eloise Dunlevy  
(The DeCenzo Family)

5:00 p.m. + Jerry & Rosemary Mogan (Sue Mogan)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### AUGUST 11, 2024:

Envelopes ..... \$ 12,952.25

Online Giving ..... \$ 10,771.00

**Total:..... \$ 23,723.25**



**BAPTISM**  
CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE BAPTISMS OF  
**SARA & WILLIAM KELLY**



## EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...

A whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. In one hour, you will feel calmer, stronger, and renewed!

Join our **Pietra classes!**

Saturdays this summer from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church. Contact Maria Elliott at [maria@viribuswellness.com](mailto:maria@viribuswellness.com) for more information or by using the QR code.



## PARKING LOT CLOSURES

Festival setup will begin the weekend of August 24 and 25th. After the conclusion of the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 25th the church parking lots will be closed as we set up for the festival. All those attending 5:00 p.m. Mass on August 25th, and those attending Daily Mass throughout the week will need to park across the street from St. Michael. There will be a limited number of handicap spaces available for those who need it. Thank you for helping us to get ready for another great year of our St. Michael Parish Festival!

## PARISH CALENDAR: AUGUST

<b>SUNDAY, August 18</b>	K of C Community Breakfasts after 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C)	<b>Thursday, August 22</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00pm Festival Committee Meeting (MH)
<b>Monday, August 19</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	<b>Friday, August 23</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Tuesday, August 20</b>	No Activities	<b>Saturday, August 24</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (Field) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>Wednesday, August 21</b>	6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	<b>SUNDAY, August 25</b>	No Activities

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

*Praised be Jesus Christ!*

Given the ongoing Eucharistic Revival that the Bishops of the United States have initiated, as well as the Bread of Life discourse which we are entering into during the Sunday Masses, it is a perfect opportunity to revisit the reality of the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Lord Jesus is truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Most Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, is reserved in the Church in the tabernacle outside of the Holy Mass so that we may each draw close to Jesus for prayer. As Catholics, we also make use of the Lord's reserved presence so that those who are sick and/or homebound may receive the Lord through a Communion Call from one of the priests, deacons, or Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In addition to the Lord in the tabernacle in the Church, we also have the privilege of having an Adoration Chapel where each of us can spend some time before the Lord for longer periods of personal prayer.

Each of us needs quiet and even private personal time in prayer with the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. During this period of our nation's Eucharistic Revival, it is a perfect time for each of us to re-evaluate our personal schedules to make time for a weekly Holy Hour before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. At one point in our parish's history, we had the Chapel running in a nearly Perpetual mode of Adoration with Exposition, WE NEED TO RETURN to that kind of Adoration for the benefit of our personal lives as well as the life of the parish family.

In addition to making it a point to establish a weekly hour of Adoration in our daily lives, we also need to welcome the Lord Jesus into our homes through His Most Sacred Heart. The strong connection between maintaining a healthy devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and having a relationship with the Sacred Heart in our homes has been expounded upon and highlighted by countless saints and popes.

As school is soon to resume, I invite all of our parishioners to join me in praying for a great and holy start to the new school year for all of the children, parents and teachers in our parish.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr, Stash Dailey



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

**AFTER THE 8:30AM & 10:30AM  
MASSES IN THE CAFETERIA**

Join us for our next community breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Come enjoy good food and fellowship. The menu will include pancakes (gluten free available), sausage, bacon & eggs!

Breakfast is available at NO COST; donations will be accepted and net proceeds will go to support Catholic Social Services.



**CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
SERVICES**



AROUND THE PARISH



Labor Day Weekend

Friday: 7-11pm

Saturday & Sunday: 5-11pm

Midway Games - Rides - Casino  
Kiddy Land - Silent Auction - Bake Sale  
Cash Raffle - Great Food - Beer & Wine

Live Music & Entertainment:

Friday: Conspiracy Band 8-11pm

Saturday: The Shazzbots 5-7pm, Radio City 8-11pm

Sunday: The Wet Bandits 5-7pm, Schifferly Road 8-11pm

NEW THIS YEAR..... KID ZONE!

Bounce Houses, Slides,  
Games, Face Painting,  
Balloon Animals, Bubbles,  
Photo Booth, Snacks & More!

\$10  
per child  
\$30  
family max

Friday  
7-9pm  
Saturday &  
Sunday  
5-9pm



# Help with the Festival!



**Volunteer Signups are OPEN NOW!**

We will need many volunteers for each day of the festival, as well as volunteers to help with setup the week before and cleanup on Monday. Please consider helping our parish in this way!

Grab a friend to work a shift together! Sign up at

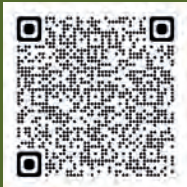
<https://www.saintmichaelfestival.com/volunteers/>

All volunteers are provided a voucher for one free food court item and pop/water stand drink per night.



## The Silent Auction needs your help!

We are collecting donations of pre-made baskets to auction off at this year's festival. Tips to consider in creating a basket:



More tips for making a basket!

- Start with a theme: Sports, Game night, Legos, Game Tickets, Baking, etc.
- Make a list: Don't forget to list what is in your basket and its approximate value.
- Drop it off: Drop off all pre-made baskets to the Parish Office by August 25. We are happy to wrap the basket for you!
- Contact the committee: Do not hesitate to ask us any questions! Email us at [coloradomallory@gmail.com](mailto:coloradomallory@gmail.com)
- Want to help, but can't make a basket? Donate gift cards to help our Silent Auction team create even more spectacular baskets to bid on!



## BAKE SALE

Cookies & Cakes & Pie, Oh My!

Make sweet things happen for our festival bake sale! A fun way to help - donate your favorite baked goods for our bake sale. Sign-ups are available online or in Marian Hall. Containers are available in Marian Hall.

Don't forget the CASH RAFFLE!  
Scan the QR code to get your tickets today!



# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

***“God inspired in the heart of the pure Virgin Mary His own intense love for humility...It was this humility which attracted to her the countless graces which rendered her worthy to be the Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth.”*** +SAINT JOHN EUDES

**Monday, August 19 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint John Eudes, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22** A young man approached Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?” He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He asked him, “Which ones?” And Jesus replied, “You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

**Meditation:** Here we have a young man who had the best the world could offer — wealth and security — who came to Jesus because he lacked one thing — he wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which money could not buy him. The answer he got, however, was not what he was looking for. He protested that he kept all the commandments; but Jesus spoke to the trouble that was in his heart. One thing kept him from giving himself whole-heartedly to God. While he lacked nothing in material goods, he was possessive of what he had. He placed his hope and security in what he possessed. So when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession and treasure, he became dismayed.

**Prayer:** O God, who wonderfully chose the Priest Saint John Eudes to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ, grant us, by his example and teachings, that, growing in knowledge of you, we may live faithfully by the light of the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Did you ever wonder why the young man went away from Jesus with sadness rather than with joy? Simple — the young man’s treasure and his hope for happiness were misplaced. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of our will and our focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. The Lord himself is the greatest treasure we can possibly have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not something sorrowful — quite the opposite, it is the greatest joy! Jesus challenged the young man because his heart was possessive. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. Those who are generous towards God and others find that they cannot outmatch God in generosity. God blesses us with spiritual goods that far outweigh the fleeting joys of material possessions.

**Tuesday, August 20 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbott and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30** Jesus said to his disciples: “Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” Then Peter said to him in reply, “We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will

yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

**Meditation:** Some always wonder if Jesus was against wealth. Why does he issue such a strong warning to the rich (as well as to the rest of us who desire to be rich)? We know that Jesus was not opposed to wealth per se, nor was he opposed to the wealthy. He had many friends who were well-to-do, including some notorious tax collectors! One (Matthew) even became an apostle! Jesus' warning reiterated the wisdom of the Old Testament: "Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is perverse in his ways" (ref. Proverbs 28:6; Psalm 37:16). "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist" (ref. Proverbs 23:4). Jesus seems to say that it is nearly impossible for the rich to live as citizens of God's kingdom. The camel was regarded as the largest animal in Palestine. The "eye of the needle" could be interpreted quite literally or it could figuratively describe the narrow and low gate of the city walls which was used by travelers when the larger public gate was locked after dark. A normal sized man had to "lower" himself to enter that gate. A camel would literally have to kneel and crawl through it.

**Prayer:** O God, who made the Abbot Saint Bernard a man consumed with zeal for your house and a light shining and burning in your Church, grant, through his intercession, that we may be on fire with the same spirit and walk always as children of light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Wealth can make us falsely independent. The church at Laodicea was warned about their attitude towards wealth and a false sense of security: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing" (Revelations 3:17). Wealth can also lead us into hurtful desires and selfishness (see 1 Tim. 6:9-10). Look at the lesson Jesus gave about the rich man and his sons who refused to aid the poor man Lazarus (ref. Luke 16:19ff). They also neglected to serve God. The scriptures give us a paradox: we lose what we keep and we gain what we give away. Generosity will be amply repaid, both in this life and in eternity (ref. Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 6:38). Jesus offers us an incomparable treasure which no money can buy and no thief can steal. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Material wealth will shackle us to this earth unless we guard our hearts and set our treasure in God and his everlasting kingdom. Where is your treasure?

### **Wednesday, August 21 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Pius X, Pope**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-6** Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Meditation:** What do work, wages, welfare, and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God. There is great tragedy in unemployment. In Jesus' times hired laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry. God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a lifetime for him and those who come at the last hour.

**Prayer:** O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith and to restore all things in Christ, filled Pope Saint Pius the Tenth with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude, graciously grant that, following his teaching and example, we may gain an eternal prize. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put as much effort in as they think they will get out. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work. The Lord calls his disciples to serve God and neighbor with generosity and joy. Do you perform your work and duties with cheerfulness for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need?

## **Thursday, August 22 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Meditation:** There is a great lesson for us in Mary's response to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel. She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust. Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed, we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man". God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willingness, obedience, and heart-felt trust as Mary did. When God commands, he also gives the help, strength, and means to respond. We can either yield to God's grace or resist and go our own way. But if we choose the latter, where are we going? Nowhere!

**Prayer:** O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Folks, we need to remind ourselves that God lavishes his grace upon all who believe in him. He shows his favor to the lowly, to those who are humble and receptive to his word. We see the unfolding of God's plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. The new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God. As Eve was the mother of all humanity doomed to sin, now Mary becomes the mother of the new Adam who will father a new humanity by his grace (Romans 5:12-21). This child to be conceived in her womb is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King" (Luke 1:32-33), and his name shall be called "Jesus", which means "the Lord saves". "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The promise of an everlasting kingdom to the house of David (Isaiah 9:6-7) is fulfilled in the King to be born in Mary's womb.

**About the Queenship of Mary:** With the certainty of faith, we know that Jesus Christ is king in the full, literal, and absolute sense of the word; for He is true God and man. This does not, however, prevent Mary

from sharing His royal prerogatives, though in a limited and analogous manner; for she was the Mother of Christ, and Christ is God; and she shared in the work of the divine Redeemer, in His struggles against enemies and in the triumph He won over them all. From this union with Christ the King she assuredly obtains so eminent a status that she stands high above all created things; and upon this same union with Christ is based that royal privilege enabling her to distribute the treasures of the kingdom of the divine Redeemer. And lastly, this same union with Christ is the fountain of the inexhaustible efficacy of her motherly intercession in the presence of the Son and of the Father. Without doubt, then, does our holy Virgin possess a dignity that far transcends all other creatures. In the eyes of her Son she takes precedence over everyone else. In order to help us understand the preeminence that the Mother of God enjoys over all creation, it would help to remember that from the first moment of her conception the holy Virgin was filled with such a plenitude of grace as to surpass the graces enhancing all the saints. Spurred on by piety and faith, may we glory in being subject to the rule of the Virgin Mother of God; she bears the royal scepter in her hand, while her heart is ever aflame with motherlove. ~Excerpted from *Ad Caeli Reginam (On Proclaiming the Queenship of Mary)*, Pius XII

## **Friday, August 23 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40** When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

**Meditation:** Let's get back to something quite basic and foundational: What is the purpose of God's laws and commands? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah – the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its true purpose. Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might," and Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." So what, then, does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

**Prayer:** O God, you set Saint Rose of Lima on fire with your love, so that, secluded from the world in the austerity of a life of penance, she might give herself to you alone; grant, we pray, that through her intercession, we may tread the paths of life on earth and drink at the stream of your delights in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Faith in God and hope in God's promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God and uniting ourselves with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. So has anything entered your life that keeps you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Saint Paul the Apostle wrote: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

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### **MONTH OF AUGUST + PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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**JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES MASS:**

The Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, September 7th with a Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Fernandes is planned to be the main celebrant for the Mass. The Mass is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and every year after 60 years of marriage. All registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a personalized certificate in the mail. The Mass is also scheduled to be livestreamed for family members and couples who prefer to attend virtually. Couples can register by visiting our website at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>.

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