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ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: TH, F - 8:30 AM

Wednesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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AUGUST 11, 2024



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14
5:30pm **SPECIAL INTENTION**
Req. By: Joan Jones
2nd Int. **+JOSEPH TALENTO**
Req. By: Chris Stanko
3rd Int. **+ANTHONY & JUDITH HAUBRICH**

THURSDAY AUGUST 15
8:30 am **+VO ANH TA**
Req. By: Wife
5:30 pm **+DAVID JARBOE**

FRIDAY AUGUST 16
8:30 am **+IRENE KEATING JONES**
Req. By: Diane Fletcher

SATURDAY AUGUST 17
4:00 pm **+RICHARD VALVO**
req. By: Carol Valvo
2nd Int: **+THEADORE STEVEN CHRONIS**
Req. By: Grandma & Grandpa

SUNDAY AUGUST 18
9:00am +FRED RAMOS
Req. By: Family
2nd Int +RAYMUNDO CABILTES
Req. By: Daughter & Grandchildren
3rd Int. +GERARD BRUNETTE SR.
Req. By: Mike & Cathy
10:45am + MARTHA OLDHAM
Req. By: Diane Creel

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TODAYS SCRIPTURE READINGS

116:1Kgs 19:4-8 Ps34:2-9 Eph4:30-5:2 Jn6:41-51

UPCOMING WEEK READINGS

MONDAY ST. JANE FRANCES De Chantal
413:Ez1:2-5,24-28c Ps148:1-2,11-14
Mt17:22-27

TUESDAY STS.PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS
414:Ez2:8-3:4 Ps119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

WEDNESDAY ST.MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
415: Ez9:1-7;10:18-22 Ps113:1-6 Mt18:15-20

THURSDAY THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM
622:Rv11:9a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps45:10bc,11-
12ab,16 1Cor15:20-27 Lk1:39-56

FRIDAY ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY
417:Ez16:1-15,60,63 (Ps) Is12:2-6 Mt19:3-12

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Office

Baptism:

For registered & active parishioners:
**Baptism instruction is
required for Parents.**

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM
In the main Church Or by Appointment

Weddings:

Must be arranged with the Pastor at least
6 months before the date desired.

Funerals:

Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates,
Readings, and Music. There are
certain policies in place for the respectful burial of
your loved ones.

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SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESE

Goal: \$250,000.00
Raised So Far: \$119,966.07



Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!

Goal: \$174,559.61
Debt Balance: \$149,265.23



Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Faith Formation Catechesis (teaching the Catholic faith) aims to deepen a relationship with Jesus through educational and enrichment opportunities. Designed to touch the intellect as well as the heart, these programs help people live and experience a more Christ-centered life. The goal of our Faith Formation programs is to provide effective ways of teaching the Catholic faith to people of all ages and backgrounds to help better understand the heart and mind of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Register All students/families **must be registered members of St. Frances Cabrini**. Just like school, you must register for Faith Formation every year your child attends to keep our records current.

Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office, or on our parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Completed registration forms along with payment (cash or check made payable to St. Frances Cabrini) can be returned to the parish office or put in a marked envelope and placed in a collection basket at Mass.

Family Faith Formation [PreK-Grade 5...child care available @ parent meetings]

**Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m.
\$110/new family or \$40/returning family

First Communion Year 1 [typically Grade 1] and **Year 2** [typically Grade 2]

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\$40/child

Confirmation Year 1 [typically Grade 9] and **Year 2** [typically Grade 10]

**Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.
\$80/first year or \$30/second year

Post-Confirmation [any Confirmed high school youth]

**Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.
\$40/child

**Please go to our parish website under the Faith Formation tab to view a detailed calendar of dates and times for PreK-Grade 5 and for Grades 6-12.



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“The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine ‘genius’ which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope, and charity: she gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness.” (*Mulieris Dignitatem*) - ST. JPII



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“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.” — **G.K. Chesterton**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

True Patriotism Is Pious by **SUELLEN BREWSTER**

Patriotism is defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church under *piety*, a gift of the Holy Spirit, as the duty to love and honor one's country. In the simplest ways, this gift calls us to rejoice in the unity and peace which our country enjoys, and to mourn and reject anything that seeks to destroy that same unity and peace.

In the past few decades, we seem to have lost this gift. There is more likely to be rejoicing over the downfall of a political opponent than over the upholding of our most basic rights to life and freedom. There is more anger and angst over the loss of a political race than over the loss of civility and justice in daily civil life.

This ought not be so. As Christians we are called to be vessels of peace, keepers of peace, spreaders of peace. Never should the political realm take precedence over the spiritual. Never should our designs for how we think things should be "fixed" take precedence over our personal call to holiness lived out in daily life in either private or civic life. Never should our rejoicing be given over to anything that is contrary to God's will and law. Sadly, however, that rejoicing over evil seems to be politically acceptable at the moment.

Immediately following the assassination attempt of one of the candidates for the highest office in our country, some demonstrated gleefulness—tempered only by the fact that the attempt was not successful. Those rejoicing seemed to have no concern for the long-term effects of political violence on our nation's freedom and stability. The short-term goal of eliminating one's political opponent appears to be more important than continuing to be the republic which shines the light of liberty for the entire world. Witnessing laughter and expletives over the failed attempt, I felt like I had entered a dystopian twilight zone. Never have I been so thankful that my parents and their generation had already passed to their reward and did not have to see what had become of the freedoms they fought so hard to hand on to us.

People who dare to say "not my president" regarding someone who is elected and sworn in, for whom they did not vote, do not simply disagree with the results of a trustworthy system of checks and balances (which has served us for nearly 250 years), but instead choose to disregard their duty to desire and work for what is best for their country under any elected official. Every American has studied our Civil War. We know the terrible cost that was paid for national sins. We know that the effects continue in many ways a century and a half later. And yet we so callously look upon the importance of unity and peace that we think that the violent elimination of a candidate or an elected official could be a good thing. Are we not students of the Bible? Have we not read the woeful history, throughout the thousands of years leading up to Christ? Where has placing politics before God's commandments ever gotten anyone?

There exists no political solution to a spiritual problem. Our spiritual problem in this country, in this world, is that we have stopped loving God with our whole heart and our whole mind and our whole soul, and stopped loving our neighbor as ourselves. We may disagree on what the foremost commandment from our Lord means on a civic level, but it is impossible to define it in a way that says that assassinations are good. "Rejoice, our enemy has been shot!" Lord, have mercy.

Many people, including our Holy Father, Pope Francis, have suggested that World War III has begun, and that we are headed in a very bad direction. Our nation, gifted with an outrageous amount of every kind of blessing imaginable, has the corresponding responsibility to use those blessings for the good of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for every person in the world. We cannot shine with that God-given light if we employ the darkest political "techniques" used throughout history, condone their use, or even—God forbid—celebrate them.

There is one simple way back: repent. Stop trusting in man and in systems and place all your trust in God. Put first things first and then true patriotism, true piety towards your country can shine again in its proper place, serving peace and unity, while not being its source. Only the conversion of hearts will change what ails this country and this world. Only Jesus can heal our land. Stop putting political machinations before fear of the Lord. Start praying for the Lord to reveal to you how you have strayed from the ideals of peace, justice, and unity. Then repent and serve the Lord by loving Him first, your neighbor as yourself, and trusting that all else will follow in His perfect order.

It is no coincidence that this assassination attempt took place on the anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the three Fatima children when she showed them the vision of hell. What is hell but the complete absence of love for God and neighbor, where the only glee is at the suffering of the other? That "hell" was revealed in the glee of our fellow Americans who could joke and laugh about the recent suffering and violence.

This republic is precious. If you don't think so, visit Arlington, Gettysburg, or your local VA hospital. Remember that freedom isn't free, and that we must be diligent in our stewardship of it, even when we disagree with who is in power or who is running for election. Thanks be to God and his Blessed Mother that an inch came between us and another American tragedy on July 13, 2024. Thanks be to God that He allows this time of mercy to continue. But let's not forget what Jesus said to St. Faustina in paragraph 1587 of her *Diary*:

In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy.

We are still in the Day of Mercy. But we know that it will not last forever. Is our behavior as a nation, both privately and civically, hastening the Day of Justice or elongating the Day of Mercy? Live mercy. Spread mercy. Reject violence and division. Be a steward of this great republic not a person who is taking a hammer to it.

The Holy Spirit has given us this gift of piety for our country known as patriotism. As with all His gifts, we need to respond to His grace and exercise the gift. In this challenging chapter of American life, let us make it a priority to live true patriotism by being merciful, God-fearing, God-loving, God-and-neighbor-serving Catholics. Let us not sink to the level of degradation and division that so many unfortunately have. And most of all, let us pray.

Were the Crusades Just Wars? By **CATHOLIC ANSWERS**

Some people find distasteful the idea that the pope exhorted and spiritually incentivized Catholic warriors to fight in the Crusades. They say the Crusades highlight the hypocrisy of Christians, who, on the one hand, profess to follow Jesus, who willingly accepted his Passion and death, and on the other, participated in and supported an armed expedition to the Holy Land. This criticism gained popular favor through the writings of the 20th-century historian Steven Runciman.

Perhaps more than any other scholar, Runciman shaped popular understanding of the Crusades, through his three volume *History of the Crusades*, published from 1951-54. His well-written and engaging style was highly readable, but erroneously presented the Crusaders as simple barbarians bent on the destruction of a peaceful and sophisticated Islamic culture. His view that the Crusades were “great barbarian invasions” and a “long act of intolerance... which is a sin against the Holy Ghost” solidified the myth that the Crusades were unjust wars of Christian aggression—a myth many Catholics swallow to this day.

Were the Crusades unjust? To answer that question, first we must understand that the Church has never taught that all violence is evil or sinful. Divine Revelation affords the use of violence in certain cases and for just reasons. The Old Testament is replete with examples of legitimate warfare sanctioned by God undertaken by the Jewish people.^[1] These examples clearly illustrate that God commanded and allowed the use of violence for a holy purpose.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430), in his work *City of God*, consolidated Jewish and Greco-Roman traditions into a Christian understanding of legitimate warfare, or “just-war doctrine.” Augustine taught that violence could be undertaken for legitimate reasons, including past or present aggression, proclamation by a legitimate authority, and restoration of order and property. A review of the historical record proves the Crusades met these criteria.

The Crusades were born from the violent aggression of Islam, which had conquered ancient Christian territory in the Holy Land and North Africa and established a large foothold in Europe within a century of Muhammad’s death in the early seventh century. Particularly troublesome to Christian Europe was the conquering of Jerusalem in 638 by an Islamic force that sacked the city for three days and destroyed over 300 churches and monasteries.

Additional Christian territory was stolen by Islamic conquerors in the late eleventh century when the Seljuk Turks, a nomadic peoples from the Asian steppe who converted to Sunni Islam, invaded Anatolia (modern-day Turkey), a very important province of the Byzantine Empire. Emperor Romanus IV Diogenes (r. 1068-1071) gathered a mixed force of imperial troops and mercenaries in an attempt to stop the Seljuk advance, but they were defeated at the Battle of Manzikert in 1071. Their victory allowed the Seljuks to consolidate their power in Anatolia, establishing it as the Sultanate of Rum with its capital in the ancient Christian city of Nicaea, site of the first ecumenical council in 325 and within striking distance of Constantinople.

And so, in the first place, the Crusades were launched to recover these conquered Christian territories and return them to the patrimony of Christ, which is one of the criteria for a legitimate exercise of violence.

Another justification for war is self-defense and/or defense of innocents threatened with violence. The Crusades were also a response to the severe persecution of indigenous Christians living in the occupied territories, whose lives were severely restricted and who suffered constant pressure to convert to Islam. As an example, in the early eleventh century, Christians living in the Fatimid caliphate were subject to persecution during the reign of al-Hakim, who ordered them to wear identifying black turbans and a large cross in public. He also ordered the destruction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, originally built by Constantine and St. Helena in the fourth century.^[2]

Christian pilgrims were also subjected to harassment and violence, which demanded a defensive response from Christendom. The Seljuks, who were known for their brutality, threatened pilgrims to the holy sites in Palestine. As an example, a group of 12,000 German pilgrims led by Bishop Günther of Bamberg in 1065 was massacred by the Seljuks on Good Friday, only two days’ march from Jerusalem. The invasion of Christian territory, Muslim persecution of native Christians and pilgrims, plus the threat posed to the Christian Byzantine Empire, were all legitimate reasons to engage in defensive warfare and, Bl. Pope Urban II cited them as justification for the First Crusade. And so in 1095, at the Council of Clermont, the pope preached an armed pilgrimage to recover the lost Christian territory of the East and specifically the Holy City of Jerusalem.

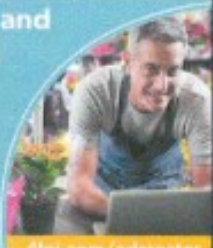
Urban viewed the Crusade as a pilgrimage, the aim of which was not to conquer but to visit the place of pilgrimage and then return home. Later popes maintained the understanding of the Crusades as just, defensive wars with the central goal of the recovery of ancient Christian territory. Heroic men and women of faith, rooted in love of Christ and neighbor, undertook the Crusades as acts of self-defense and recovery of stolen property. This is the proper understanding of these important events in Church history.

^[1] See Ex. 15; 32:25 – 28; 1 Sam. 15:3 and 2 Macc. 15:27-28. ^[2] The church was rebuilt in 1048 and then renovated and greatly expanded by the Crusaders after the liberation of Jerusalem in 1099.

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