

20 August 2023
XX Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
XII Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat.4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday : 9:30AM (Live-streamed) and 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM and 6:3-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 21 Aug. St. Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal, Religious
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 22 Aug. THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8 AM For: Amy Cossette+
Req; Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 23 Aug. ST. ROSE OF LIMA, Virgin, Religious
7 PM For: Ryan & Rose Blehar (15th Wedding Ann.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blehar

Thu. 24 Aug. ST.BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle
NO MASS TODAY DUE TO PILGRIMAGE

Fri. 25 Aug. ST. LOUIS IX, King
8 AM For: Fr. John Quinn+
Req: The Anderson Family

Sat. 26 Aug. Bl. Maria of Jesus Crucified (Maria Baouardy)
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: James Dobson+
Req: Joan Dobson

Sun. 27 Aug. XXI Sunday of the Year (Ordinary Time)
XIII Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Fr. Maurice Flood+
Req; Mark Faldzynski
9:30 AM For the Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: Harlen Moonen (L.)
Req: His children

OUR WONDERFUL PARISH PICNIC IS THIS SUNDAY!

It is the highlight of our parish's social year! Please do not forget if you have signed up to attend! We look forward to being together for an afternoon of food, fun and friendships! In advance, I would like to thank Kathy Hudson and Stephen van Lieshout for all their "prep work" in organizing our parish picnic once again. God bless them both.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Thursday 24 August. We will leave the parking lot of the Rectory at 6:30 AM. Please bring a lunch to eat and something to drink. Depending on travel time, we will either join in the Shrine's daily Mass at 11:30 AM, or have a Mass later of our own. In the afternoon, we will hear the story of the Apparition, and have an opportunity for Confession with the priest of the Shrine. We will visit the outdoor shrines on the grounds, and depart from there in the late afternoon. Dinner will be at a local restaurant located near the Shrine. We will hopefully be back in Verona by 10 PM. Pray for good weather and a safe trip!

TIME TO START PLANNING FOR FALL

St. Joseph's Society will have their first meeting of the year on Thu. 7 Sep. at which they will be choosing officers for the coming year.

The Rosary Society will open their year with the customary covered dish supper on Thu. 14 Sep. at 6 PM, followed by their meeting.

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

All those who have a child entering second grade this fall, whether home-schooled, private school or government school are to be at the meeting for parents only on **Tue. 19 September at 7 PM at the Rectory.**

If your child was baptized in a parish other than OLG, please bring their baptism certificate with you to this meeting.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING NINTH GRADE

Are to attend the parent meeting on **Thu. 21 September at 7 PM at the Rectory.** This is to register your son/daughter for the Confirmation classes which extend for two years. So the children enrolled this fall will not be confirmed until 2025. All students who belong to our parish are expected to have at least one parent present for the meeting, whether they attend government, private school or are home-schooled.

If your son/daughter was baptized in a parish other than OLG, please bring a copy of their baptism certificate with you to the meeting.

WHY THE DECLINE IN CATHOLICISM IN BRAZIL?

Friar Clodovis Boff, the brother of the more famous Leonardo Boff, maintains that liberation theology is the root cause of the demise of the Faith in Brazil. Until 2007, Friar Clodovis was himself a liberation theologian. Liberation theology gained popularity in the 1970's and emphasized freedom from poverty and oppression as the key to salvation.

Then, in a move which alienated him from his brother, who has left the priesthood and married, he published an article entitled "Liberation Theology and Return to Fundamentals". In it, he accused the liberation theologians of making the poor the center of theology, instead of Jesus Christ. Now, he has written a book calling for a re-centering of the Church in Latin America on Jesus Christ.

In the book, entitled "The Crisis in the Catholic Church and Liberation Theology", Boff says "It is necessary for the Church to once again emphasize Christ as Priest, as master and Lord, and not just the fight against poverty and the climate crisis....These are important questions, but without drinking from Christ, Who is the source, everything dries up[, everything dies."

In the late 1960's, when liberation theology began its long dominion of religious thought in Brazil, more than 90% of Brazilians were Catholics. Since then, the percentage of Catholics in the Brazilian population has declined to 51% (yes, you read that correctly).

Moreover, Brazilian Catholics have a very low rate of Church attendance. A survey conducted by the Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) in 36 countries last year showed that only 8% of Brazilians go to Mass on Sunday. The rate was third lowest among the analyzed countries.

Fr Boff states "with liberation theology, faith is instrumentalized in terms of the poor. One falls into utilitarianism or functionalism in relation to the Word of God and to theology in general....Liberation theology appeals to ideas such as 'margins of gratuity' and 'eschatological reserve' to assert its respect for the transcendence of faith. In fact, the part of transcendence is the smallest and least relevant part, the 'lion's share', falling as always to the 'liberating reading of the faith'."

According the friar, this is leading many Catholics to Protestantism, esotericism, neopaganism, and even Satanism.

"Doctrinally affirming the primacy of Christ in the Church costs little. Affirming however, in an existential way, that Christ is the absolute center of the Church, costs, and a lot: It costs the heart and the soul, when it does not cost tears and perhaps blood."

(Adapted from an article from the Catholic News Agency, by Marcelo Musa Cavliari, 17 August 2023).