

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 10 Green

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Peggy Nicholas

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, August 11 Red

St. Philomena, Virgin/Marytr, *I Class*

12:00 PM Robert Schaffer +

Tuesday, August 12 White

St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, *III Class*

7:00 PM Marie Stewart

St. Clare was the first woman to practice the life of entire poverty taught by St. Francis. Placed by him at the head of a few companions at San Damiano, she governed her community for 42 years, thus ranking as the foundress of the Order of Poor Clares. She died August 11, 1253 and canonized in 1255.

Wednesday, August 13 Green

Feria, *IV Class*

12:00 PM Mary Nerswick

Thursday, August 14 Violet

Vigil of the Assumption, *II Class*

7:00 AM Grace Clark +

Friday, August 15 White

Assumption of Our Lady, *I Class*

7:00 AM Eli Oelker

7:00 PM Pro Populo

The Church celebrates today with great joy our Lady's immediate entry, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, giving praise to her in whom the Redemption was fully effective without restriction, since, before all the other saints, she was privileged to enjoy the resurrection of the body, following the example of the Risen Christ Himself. *A great sign appeared in heaven*; the Mass of this feast, introduced by Pius XII after the definition of the dogma on November 1, 1950, sees in the woman portrayed in the Apocalypse, *clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars* the glorified Mother of God in the full radiance of her eternal glory.

Saturday, August 16 White

St. Joachim, Father of Our Lady, *II Class*

7:15 AM Bertram Dole

Desiring to associate St. Joachim with the triumph of his blessed daughter, St. Pius X transferred his feast from March 20, on which it used to be kept, to August 16, the day after the Assumption. In Hebrew the name Joachim means "preparation of the Lord." The Gospel sets out the genealogy according to St. Matthew. The divine preparation was begun far back and runs through the history of the whole chosen people, to finds its completion in our Lady, of whom was born Jesus Christ. The feast of St. Joachim, like that of St. Anne, should help us to venerate all the righteous of the Old Testament, whose lives were passed in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

Sunday, August 17 Green

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Mike Bogenschutz +

10:30 AM Pro Populo

St. Philomena's Day - Monday

Next Monday, August 11, is the traditional feast day of St. Philomena. The church construction will unfortunately prevent a High Mass for the occasion, but this will be made up for at the September dedication Mass. The Mass on August 11 will still be at noon.

Summer Catechetical Series

The five-week catechetical series *Basic Apologetics* continues on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM in the library, presenting an overview of the credentials of Catholicism as the only one true Faith, giving answer to the three essential questions of God's existence, Christ's claim and the truth of revelation, and the authority of the Church. This week's topic: *The Claims of Jesus Christ and their Justifications*.

Assumption - August 15

This Friday, August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and is a *holyday of obligation*. The holyday schedule will be observed with Masses at 7 AM and 7 PM; both will be low Masses due to the construction.

Evening of Recollection - August 21

The next evening of recollection is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, from 7-8:30 PM.

Church Cleaning - August 23

As the work in the church concludes, the scaffolding will be dismantled next week, leaving the entire church in need of a thorough cleaning. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 23, anytime during the morning following the 7:15 Mass. Please consider helping out!

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

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Calendar of Events

August 11	St. Philomena Feast Day
August 11	Catechetical Series (3rd of 5)
August 15	Assumption (Holyday of Obligation)
August 21	Evening of Recollection
August 23	Church Cleaning
August 30	Married Men's Solidarity
September 5	Dedication Mass

A Final Thought...

When you are hearing Mass, which is more important, to be attending with your mind or to be attending with your heart? Is it a good thing to follow in a book, and try to make out what the feast of the day is, and what on earth St. Paul meant when he wrote the Epistle? Or is it a better thing to occupy your mind with the things you need to pray about; to make acts of love and humility in preparation for your Communion and so on? And are you to feel bound to make such and such acts, because they are there in the pious book which your aunt gave you, or are you allowed just to let your mind dwell lovingly on the thought of God, and rest contentedly in the knowledge of our Lord's presence on the altar, His nearness to you, and His goodness to you?

If you ask me questions like that, I shall make a rather tiresome answer but one which I feel sure is the true answer: "The golden rule is that there is no golden rule." What is the best thing for you to do is the thing which is most successful in keeping away distractions. What is the best thing for you to do at this particular Mass is the thing which is most successful in keeping away distractions at this particular Mass. Don't feel bound to follow the words of the Mass, even if the priest at home is keen on the liturgy and is always advising you to follow the words of the Mass - unless that helps. Don't go through those printed acts in the book even if your aunt did give you the book - unless you find it helps. Don't force yourself into a groove; keep your mind open and supple, ready to follow God's guidance from day to day. If you find, sometimes - and perhaps especially on days when you are feeling happy and in a good temper with the world - that a comfortable feeling of God's presence comes flooding into your mind, hold onto that, don't let yourself be disturbed from that; it will do you more good than all the books

in the world, the missal included. And the same is true whenever you feel your mind drawn towards God, in love, in sorrow for your sins, anything like that. If your mind is buzzing with distracting thoughts, bury your nose in a book as much as possible. If you are feeling tired and not up to much in the way of mental effort, let yourself go into God's hands and let Him do what He will with your thoughts; just offer yourself quietly to Him. Don't tie yourself down to any plan, any rule; especially over your thanksgiving after Communion - that is the time when we should be most free, most ready to respond to whatever thoughts God sends us.

And when the distractions do come? They will, of course, all the same. [...] What you want to do is switch your mind back, quite quietly, to the business of your prayer, as if nothing had happened. Don't even make an act of contrition about it, not until Mass is over. Don't get angry with yourself, take it as quite an ordinary thing; it *is* quite an ordinary thing!

There is one other point I want to make about mental prayer. At least, you might call it two points, but it's really one - two sides of the same medal, Don't ever think it is wrong to ask God for quite insignificant things you happen to want. He likes, be sure of that, to share even your most undignified confidences. And at the same time, don't forget that he does want you to ask Him for spiritual blessings too; for the grace to overcome some particular temptation you have, for guidance in some important decision you may have to make, for more faith, for more love, above all for the gift of final perseverance. It's quite true that God doesn't need to be told you want these things, unimportant or important; but then, prayer isn't just telling God what you want. Prayer is showing God you trust Him to look after you and everybody you are fond of, and then abandoning your will to His, assuring Him that you know His will is best, and His way for you the right way. Your prayer has been a success insofar as it is a test and a token of confidence between you and Him.

Msgr. Ronald Knox, *A Retreat for Beginners*, ch. 11

