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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (AUGUST 6 – AUGUST 7)

Donation	\$4,898.00
Donation Online	\$2,407.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7,310.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$35,070.00

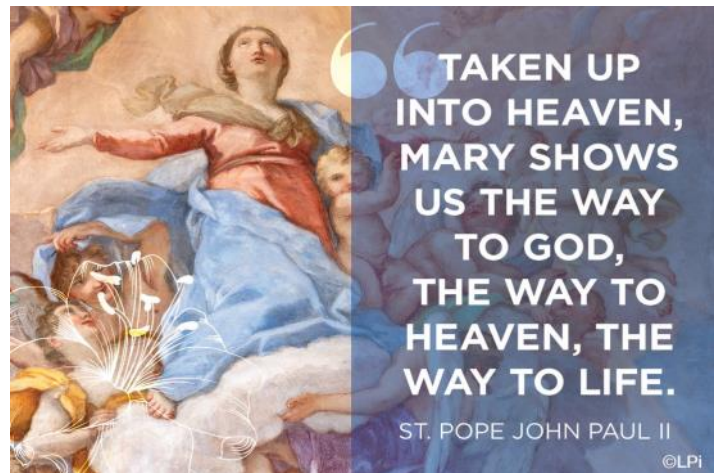


Annual Catholic Appeal

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BAPTISM

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:50

Setting a Cruciform Fire

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Today's gospel reading is striking.

- Whenever we read the gospel it's important to imagine the vocal undertone of Christ's words. Like any other person, sometimes his voice would have been gentle and calm, and sometimes it would have been tense.
- And in today's gospel Jesus proclaims: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." There's a vibrant urgency to these words that must have been apparent in his voice.

What does he mean? Why is he so passionate about this?

- In the ancient Jewish world, fire was generally associated with judgment.
- We usually associate judgment with punishment. Yet Christ himself said in the gospel of John that he did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. So what kind of judgment does Jesus bring?

He brings the judgment of the Cross.

- He brings the judgment that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us.
- He brings the judgment that brought St Paul to exclaim that "he loved me and he gave himself for me."

So when we really look at the crucifix we see the judgment of God. We see the horror of sin, and the infinitely greater love of God who came to die to set us free from sin and unite us to himself.

Christ reaffirms this in today's gospel when he says that there is a baptism with which he must be baptized, and that he's in anguish until it's accomplished.

- The Greek verb we translate as baptize is baptizein, which literally means to submerge. It refers to a difficult experience, and here Christ is referring to his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Christ came, then, to set the earth on fire by his death and resurrection.

- That brought us into a new relationship with him, setting us free to truly love him and, in him, to truly love others.

And he invites us to share in that cruciform fire, to say with him: "I also have a mission to set the world on fire with freedom and love for God."

Doing What We Can

St Therese of Avila said that the Devil likes to incite us to think about the great things we might someday do for God, and to forget about the good we can actually do right now.

And there's one thing that we can all do that seems very small, but it makes all the difference in the world. We can invite someone else to the Sacraments.

- As Catholics we believe that the Mass renews Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus loved each one of us, personally, and died for us. He has wanted to stay with us in the Eucharist until the end of time. We're never alone; God is near us.
- We also believe that Jesus wants to forgive our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter what we've done or failed to do, He wants to give us the tremendous joy of hearing the words: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

If we really believe that, why not invite someone else to experience it too?

- Most of us know someone who has fallen away from the Church.
- Why not tell them about our experience of Reconciliation, and invite them to go too? Or why not invite them to come to Mass some Sunday?

The little things make the greatest difference. A tiny spark can set the world ablaze. Now we prepare to receive a small host transformed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. God takes the little things and makes them into something unfathomably great – he wants us to share in that same power of his eternal love.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

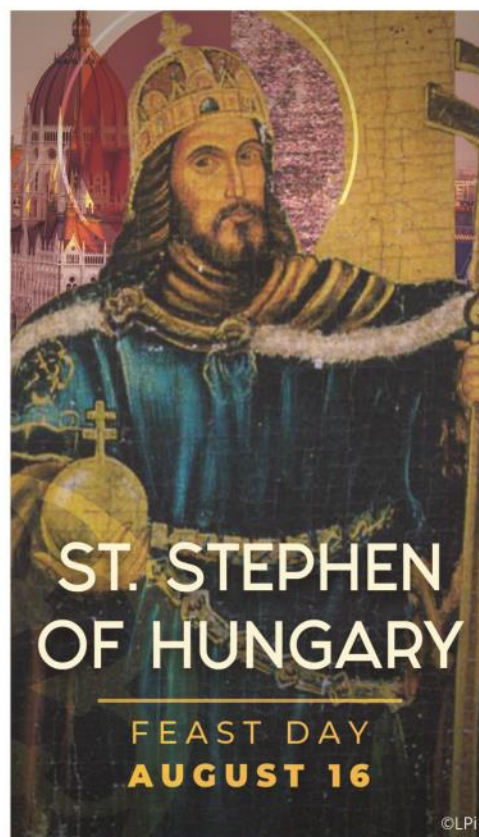
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary
- Friday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.