

"I am the
living bread
that came
down from
heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever;
and the bread
that I will give
is my flesh for
the life of the
world."

John 6:51

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

235 North Front St. New Bedford, MA 02746

Sat., Aug. 7th—19th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Janice Mello (15th anniv.)
Req Sister, Pat Monteiro & Fam

Sun., Aug. 8th—19th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 PM +Alice & Fred Nazarchyk
Req. Laura & Kathy Rusinoski

Mon., Aug. 9th—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

...no Mass today...

Tuesday, August 10th —St. Lawrence

7:30 AM OLPH Parish Family,
Living & Deceased

Wednesday, August 11th—St. Clare

7:30 AM Benefactors of the Franciscan Order,
Living & Deceased

Thurs., Aug. 12th—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30 AM ++Szala Family
Req. Andrea St. Germain

Friday, August 13th—Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

7:30 AM +Fred Kalisz, Jr.
Req. Nancy K.

Sat., August 14th—St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:30 AM +William J. Hoder

Sat., Aug. 14th—Assumption of the B.V.M.

4:00 PM +Alvin Bodzioch
(birthday & anniversary)
Req. Daughter, Ann

Sun., Aug. 15th—Assumption of the B.V.M.

10:00 AM +Jonathan Fontaine
Req. Jocelyn & Leo Allen

THIS WEEK THE CHURCH CELEBRATES...

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Aug. 9th), Jewish-born in Germany, an agnostic in her teens, but later profoundly influenced by the autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus, a convert to Catholicism at age 32. Arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz, she was gassed and died a martyr for her Christian Faith.

St. Lawrence (Aug. 10th), about whom very little is known, except that he was a deacon for Pope Sixtus II. Yet, the greatest fact of his life is certain: he died a martyr for Christ.

St. Clare of Assisi (Aug. 11th), who, after a sermon delivered by St. Francis of Assisi, asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. What followed was what became the Order of St. Clare (Poor Clares). In 1224, holding a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, Clare repelled an invading army that fled without harming anyone in Assisi.

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus (Aug. 13th). The 18th pope, **St. Pontian** ended a schism in the church. When the emperor forced him to work in a mine, he stepped down as pope. **St. Hippolytus**, a Roman soldier assigned to guard Christian prisoners, was martyred after converting to the Faith.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv., martyr of charity. Twice arrested by the Nazis, he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, where he gave his life to save another prisoner.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on our altar for adoration and prayer this Friday, August 13th, from 9 a.m. until noon. The response in July was heart-warming; may we now build on that good foundation with even greater parishioner participation.

Kindly contact the parish office to let us know which hour you plan to spend with Jesus—9-10 a.m.; 10-11 a.m.; or 11-noon--so that we can assure that Jesus will not be alone at any time. We will never regret time we spend with Jesus.

FATHER BEN is no longer in residence here at OLPH. Following an unfortunate tumble in Boston and spending a few days in the hospital, then physical rehab, he is now in an assisted living complex in Chelsea, his home town. Father misses living at OLPH but is enjoying his new apartment and being near his family.

OUR THURSDAY BINGO seems more popular than ever and is attracting great crowds since we resumed our games about a month ago.

Larger numbers of patrons require more volunteers. The generosity of your time and helping hands from 4:30 to 6:45 or 6:45 to 9:45—no experience necessary—will be very much appreciated.

CHOOSE LIFE!"... *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you; a prophet to the nations I appointed you."* God's words spoken to Jeremiah ought to cause our nation to stop and reflect on who and what our policy of legalized abortion is destroying.

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Since the 16th century, the Church has dedicated entire months to certain devotions. August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The heart of our Blessed Mother is venerated (*not adored*, as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is), because it is the symbol of her love and her virtue. Catholic devotion to her Immaculate Heart can be an encouragement to a similar love and virtue.

Over the past century, this devotion has received new interest because of the visions to Sister Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent, in 1925 and 1926.

In the visions, Blessed Mother asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays (of Mass and Holy Communion) to help make amends for offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of so many. This practice parallels the devotion of the 9 First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Every one of us owes reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because every sin of ours cause grief and suffering to her, in union with her divine Son. God willed that Blessed Mother be intimately associated with His Son in bearing the burden of all sin, and that her Immaculate Heart, in union with His divine Heart, should receive reparation from us who have caused them such pain.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad

Live in Love

Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.


We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *What keeps you from being a loving person?*
- * *What can you do about this?*



*Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4:32

Dear Padre,

When I hear “Oh my God,” should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?

When I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus’ name. My mother said, “Oh, I don’t think Jesus is playing today.” She made her point, but I doubt she changed his future behavior.



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I don’t think we’re obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God’s name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, “You know, there are children here.” Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we’re under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn’t say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing.

Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it’s not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 9

Weekday

Dt 10:12–22

Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,

Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

Wednesday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 34:1–12

Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Jos 3:7–10a,

11, 13–17

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Jos 24:1–13

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14–29

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

AUGUST 15

The Assumption

of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a;

12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

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