



# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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**Saturday, August 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary**

- 2:30 Wedding: Robert Bordieri and Alison Rushlow
- 5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ORABONA AND TANTIMONACO FAMILIES by Lucille Orabona

**Sunday, August 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 10:00 ADELAIDE SANTOS (deceased)  
by Dianela Lopes
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 JAMES J GRAY (deceased) by family
- 6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

**Monday, August 18**

- 12:00 ROBERT, THERESA & TREVOR CUSACK (deceased)  
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

**Tuesday, August 19 Saint John Eudes, Priest**

- 12:00 ROBERT & MARIA BARBATO (deceased)  
by Alan and Diane Costantino

**Wednesday, August 20 Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

- 12:00 VITO & JOHN DiCANDITO (deceased)

**Thursday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope**

- 12:00 FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

**Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 12:00 NANCY A WOLSTENCROFT (deceased)  
by Lorna Orabona

**Saturday, August 23 Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

- 2:00 Wedding: Mark Holloway and Brianna Keefe
- 5:00 NORMA, ARTHUR & DAVID MARCANTONIO  
(deceased) by family

**Sunday, August 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 10:00 ADELAIDE SANTOS (deceased) by Daniela Lopes
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 MAFALDA & ROBERT ALBANESE (deceased)  
by family
- 6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Diocese of Providence  
cordially invites you and your spouse  
to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over 50 years  
Wedding Anniversary Celebration on  
**Sunday, October 26, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**  
here at the Cathedral

**The 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes:**

Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized  
certificate & a reception for you & your guests.

*The Most Reverend Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.  
will be the main celebrant and homilist.*

**Reservations** are made by use of a registration form, which  
must be submitted by your parish and signed by your pastor.  
For additional information, please contact the Marriage  
Preparation & Enrichment Office at 401-278-4576.  
**REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
SEPTEMBER 19.**

**The Wisdom of the Saints**

**If only mortals would learn how great it is to  
possess divine grace, how beautiful, how  
noble, how precious. How many riches it  
hides within itself, how many joys and  
delights! No one would complain about his  
cross or about troubles that may happen to  
him, if he would come to know the scales on  
which they are weighed when they are  
distributed to men.**

*Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin  
Feast Day—August 23*

**The Queenship of Mary ~ August 22**

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.



**FROM THE RECTOR** - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

***The Fire Christ Desires to See***

Until God has absorbed my whole life and I am completely transformed in him, everything that I do is insignificant. My works will always be imperfect. In spite of this, he is content, he urges me, not letting me rest, repeating at every instant: "Follow the name that I have given you; be an apostle of my love."

He seems to support me and assure the good results of everything that I do, so that nothing will be ineffective but everything will contribute to the increase of his love in souls. But I ask ever more, namely, that whatever I do should always continue to do good, to produce love, until the end of the world. And I seem to hear the words: "Love is a fire that spreads; it burns whatever it encounters, and nothing can put it out." Love is the divine power, the eternity of God beginning in us. It is a participation in his divine being. God and the one that loves him become one thing.

Who will help me to make all souls understand the power and excellence of love and how rich is the soul simply by being able to love? If all would appreciate this treasure, there would not be poverty or pain on this earth, because love would change everything into heaven. As a proof of how love is our all and does all, notice this detail. Holy Mass was just beginning and I said to myself: "I want to hear it well, because by one Mass well attended, I am certain that my faults will be pardoned." With this intention I united myself to Jesus through Mary and I practiced other acts to this effect, remaining recollected until the Gospel. But then, until Communion I was distracted without realizing that I was at Mass. On realizing it, I was confounded and exclaimed, "My Jesus, my fervor of wanting to hear Mass well has stopped here." And I perceived in my interior the voice of the Lord saying to me: "You can desire something to be well done, but you cannot effect it. I have to do it in you and you must recognize your nothingness and impotency. This is what has happened here. You had the good will, but I have fulfilled it for you." And with this I was consoled.

*VENERABLE MARY MAGDALEN OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST, C.P.*

*Mother Mary Magdalen († 1960) was a Passionist nun from Italy. This is a letter to her spiritual director.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Now is the time to register your child for Religious Education for the new session 2025-2026. Religious Education is a continuous and life-long experience. Our Formation classes begin with the first grade and continue through the Confirmation program in high school. If you have a child entering first grade, or if you are new to the Cathedral parish, please call the parish office.

**REGISTRATION** is now open for adults who may be interested in becoming Catholic or any adult in need of the Sacraments (First Holy Communion, Confirmation).



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**[www.cathedralprovidence.org](http://www.cathedralprovidence.org)**

**JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY**

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident, please consider registering here at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.



**TOP REASONS TO REGISTER AT A PARISH**

A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community. It is a commitment to practice your faith. Registration enables the parish priest and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc.

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**[www.providencecathedral.org](http://www.providencecathedral.org)** and click on  
"Join us as a Cathedral Parishioner" from the

Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades K-8 will begin: **Sat., October 4, 2025** at 10:30am.

Classes for Confirmation Grades 9-12 will begin:  
**Mon., October 6, 2025** at 6pm.

O. C. I. A. will begin: **Wed., October 8, 2025** at 7pm.

For additional information/registration please email  
Sister Elizabeth Castro at: [sister.elizabethmssw@gmail.com](mailto:sister.elizabethmssw@gmail.com)