



20th Sunday

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

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:27-28

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Saturday, August 15 *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 10:00 Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 BISHOP LOUIS E. GELINEAU & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GELINEAU FAMILY

Sunday, August 16 *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 10:00 7th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS FOR JOHN & DIANE TAPIS by John Tapis

Noon Eucharistic Adoration

- 1:00 JOSEPH A. ABBATE (deceased)
by Alan and Diane Costantino
6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

Monday, August 17

- 12:00 ANNE DUTRA (deceased) by son Jim

Tuesday, August 18

- 12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Wednesday, August 19 *Saint John Eudes, Priest*

- 12:00 MARTHA JASENTA MOYO (deceased)
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

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

- 12:00 JAMES BARDSLEY (deceased) by family

Friday, August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*

- 12:00 JOHN PLUMMER (deceased) by family
(5th Anniversary Rem.)

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

- 3:00 Wedding: *James Scacco, Jr. and Jillian Kelshaw*
5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ORABONA AND TANTIMONACO FAMILIES by Lucille Orabona

Sunday, August 23 *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 10:00 HELEN & GINO TUDINO (deceased)
by Doreen Tudino

Noon Eucharistic Adoration

- 1:00 MAFALDA & ROBERT ALBANESE (deceased)
by family
6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

**Religious Education & O.C.I.A. Formation
2026 - 2027**

Our Religious Education and O.C.I.A. program will begin soon! We warmly welcome all children, youth, and adults as we prepare to grow together in faith, prayer, and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We also welcome, Sister Cristina Gomez, HMSP, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word, as the new Religious Education & O.C.I.A. Coordinator for the Cathedral Parish.

Religious Formation is a continuous and life-long experience. Our Formation classes begin with the first grade and continue each grade through the Confirmation program in high school. It is especially important that first graders be registered as the First Eucharist and Reconciliation program is a two year preparation for the Sacraments. If you have a child entering first grade, or if you are new to the Cathedral parish, please call the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434.

Registration forms must be completed before the start of classes. Also, if the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion have already been received, a copy of those sacramental certificates should be supplied with the registration form.

Registration forms will be available at the entrance to the Cathedral, and on the Cathedral's website:

www.providencecathedral.org

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, fellowship, and growing in our Catholic faith. Please keep our students, catechists, and families in your prayers as we begin this new year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Attention All Catechist
Substitute Catechists & Aids**

All Catechists, Substitute Catechists & Aids will be required to follow the Compliance Policies of the Diocese of Providence and submit an application for a Background Criminal Investigation (BCI) form before the parish Formation program begins. The Diocese Office of Compliance handles all forms. However, if the Catechist or volunteer has completed a BCI within the past year it will be accepted by the Office of Compliance. Please contact the Parish Office at (401) 331-2434 for the BCI Disclaimer Form.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In September we will be organizing a new Parish Pastoral Council. The focus of this council is not primarily financial, but rather to be an advisory resource for the Rector of the Cathedral. The scope of work of the Pastoral Council will be to coordinate, evaluate and to propose and direct on a leadership level the pastoral, liturgical, educational and evangelization activities and ministries of the Cathedral Parish. More information will follow in August.

Msgr. Bastia

A Meditation

The Great Faith of the Gentiles

The faith of the gentile nations was swift in its speed, eager in its rejoicing, wise in its search, resolute in its finding, faithful in its adoration, generous in its gift of itself. Think of the faith of the centurion, at which Scripture tells us that Jesus marveled. In fact, he went so far as to say that he had not found faith as great in Israel.

Then we have the Canaanite woman who interceded for her daughter, and when she was refused, persisted, and by the great noise she made, battered at the silence of Jesus. When he turned away from her, she followed him without apology; she humbly adored him when he rejected her; she listened patiently to his reproaches, and so, in the end, she brought forth *honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty stone* (Dt 32:13). In the person of this woman, the church of the gentiles deserved to hear the Lord Jesus say: *O woman, great is your faith!*

There was the centurion, too, when Jesus was suffering and the faith of the disciples was exceedingly disturbed. He reached the full stature of a strong faith, and the crucified Jesus, whom others saw and fell away scandalized, drew him forward in praise.

The gentiles...snatched [Jesus] in with outstretched hands, laid hold of him and took him to their embrace. Like the dawn, they saw with joy that the Sun of justice had arisen, because the radiance of a new grace was enlightening them. The conversion of the gentiles, so unexpected and so spontaneous, from its very beginning gave...[Jesus] himself great occasion to rejoice and celebrate.

JOHN OF FORD

John of Ford (†1214) was the abbot of a Cistercian monastery in southwest England.



Registration forms for the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** Faith Formation program are available on the Cathedral's website and at the entrances to the Cathedral. The **O.C.I.A.** program is for any adult who may be interested in becoming a baptized Roman Catholic, or any adult Catholic in need of the Sacraments [First Holy Communion, Penance, Confirmation].

IMPORTANT: For baptized Catholics please attach a copy of your Baptismal, First Holy Communion certificates if the Sacraments were received.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPONSOR: Please attach a copy of the Baptismal, First Holy Communion and Confirmation certificates and if married a current notification of Catholic Marriage. Sponsors should be a regular faithful Roman Catholic practicing and always willing to embrace the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel.

Please visit the Cathedral's website at:
www.providencethecathedral.org



TUITION ASSISTANCE **APPLICATION NOTICE** **APPLY NOW FOR 2026-2027** **TUITION SUPPORT**

Is your family seeking tuition assistance from the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul for the upcoming year? Our diocese partners with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to evaluate financial need fairly.

Visit the Portal: Log in to your existing FACTS account or create a new one.

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered for parish-sponsored aid. Families must be registered, active parishioners and must meet with the Rector to qualify for the Cathedral's tuition assistance.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office at 401-331-2434 to schedule a meeting with Msgr. Bastia.

Virtues, Explained! **Wisdom**

Mini Explanation

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Wisdom, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom? Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (*Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2*).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to notify us when a parishioner is home-bound, or with a serious illness and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.