

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 18 **Green**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

8:00 AM Tom Gruber family
11:30 AM Pro Populo (*Low Mass*)

Monday, July 19 **White**

St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor, *III Class*

7:30 PM Mark Hillis

Born in France in 1581, while still young he fell into the hands of Turkish pirates who carried him to Africa. Upon his return to France, he became a parish priest and chaplain to the galley-slaves. He was entrusted by St. Francis de Sales as spiritual director to the nuns of the Visitation. In order to help poor foundlings, young girls whose virtue was exposed to danger, and others insane, invalid, or sick, he founded with St. Louis de Marillac the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity, known also as the Sisters of St. Vincent. He died in Paris in 1660. Leo XIII proclaimed him the special patron of all charitable associations.

Tuesday, July 20 **White**

St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor, *III Class*

12:10 PM Ashlei Pepera

Born in Venice, he founded a congregation for the education of youth in orphanages and colleges. He opened asylums for the poor and gave them abundant alms with the help of the local nobility. After carrying victims of the plague on his shoulders to their burial place, he in turn died of the same illness in 1537.

Wednesday, July 21 **White**

St. Laurence Brindisi, Confessor/Doctor, *III Class*

7:30 PM Bridget Topalian +

Thursday, July 22 **White**

St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent, *III Class*

12:10 PM Charles W. Farrell

Mary Magdalene ever remains for the Church the penitent who was transformed by repentance and love for Christ. She formed part of the group of holy women who followed our Lord until the end of his life and she is the first Scripture records to whom He showed Himself after His Resurrection.

Friday, July 23 **Red**

St. Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr, *III Class*

12:10 PM Patricia Magruder O'Mara +

St. Apollinaris was consecrated a bishop by St. Peter and was sent to Ravenna to preach the Gospel where he was martyred in the year 79.

Saturday, July 24 **White**

Saturday of Our Lady, *IV Class*

11:00 AM Fr. Thomas Zeyen, SJ +

Sunday, July 25 **Green**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

8:00 AM Tracy Wright +

11:30 AM Pro Populo

Sunday Catechetical Series

A series of catechetical lectures on the twelve articles of the Creed is being presented on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 in the school cafeteria. These presentations are an abridged version of the instructions given to converts, but also with an apologetic bend, and will run for a few months with an occasional reprieve. All are invited.

Evening of Recollection

The next evening of recollection is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, from 7:30-9:00 PM. These recollections consist of two meditations with exposition, Rosary, and Benediction. The remaining recollections for the year are on the petitions of the Our Father. As the summer tends to be a time when devotion wanes rather than waxes, this provides a good and ample opportunity to regain focus. All are invited.

Collection Counters

We are in need of two or three more people to count the collection on a rotating basis. If interested, please call the rectory.

Choir Call!

Sacred music and Gregorian chant form an integral part of the worship of the Church and also take a formative role in the development of a good devotional life. We can all agree that choir and schola have made tremendous strides over the past year on account of lots of hard work and dedication on the part of many. As rehearsals will be picking back up again in August, and in order to continue to grow and build upon the sound we have, the choir and schola are looking for new members with some singing experience, especially some more men to help with the chant. The commitment would involve one weeknight rehearsal (three times a month, day still to be determined) along with the shorter rehearsal before the Sunday/Holyday High Mass. If interested or you would like more information, please contact Paul Grady at (206) 228-2160 or paul_grady@hotmail.com before the end of August. *Cantate Domino canticum novum!*

Sunday Potlucks

Sunday potlucks continue through the summer on the second and fourth Sundays. Please be sure to bring a dish to share if you plan to attend!

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

Schindler family, Sr. Megan Chibodeau, Susan Esary, David Wisniewski, Melissa Sandberg, Breier Scheetz, James Locke, Joan Scheetz, Glenn Abella, Dan Laggazino, Cindy Bailey, David Hobbs, Mary Lynn Kenary, Louis Leclezio, Stephanie Brusich, Nicholas Scheetz, Mary McKinsey, Mark Hillis, Tracy Wright +, Louis O'Callaghan +, Judith Rotea +, Richard Thrasher Sr. +, Alphonse Corallo +

Contributions *May God reward your generosity.*

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Calendar of Events

July 18 Sunday Catechetical Series

July 27 Evening of Recollection

August 6/7 First Friday/First Saturday

A Final Thought...

In way I quite understand why some people are put off by theology. I remember once what I had been giving a talk to the Royal Air Force, and old, hard-bitten officer got up and said: "I've no use for all that stuff. But, mind you, I am a religious man, too. I *know* there's a God. I've *felt* Him: out there alone in the desert at night: the tremendous mystery. And that's why I don't believe all your neat little dogmas and formulas about Him. To anyone who has met the real thing they all seem so petty and pedantic and unreal!"

Now in a sense I quite agreed with the man. I think he had probably had a real experience of God in the desert. And when he turned from that experience to the Christian creeds, I think he was really turning from something real to something less real. In the same way, if a man has once looked at the Atlantic from the beach, and then he goes and looks at a map of the Atlantic, also he will be turning from something real to something less real: turning from real waves to a bit of colored paper. But here comes the point. The map is admittedly only colored paper, but there are two things you have to remember about it. In the first place, it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the real Atlantic. In that way it has behind it masses of experience just as real as the one you could have from the beach; only, while yours would be a single isolated glimpse, the map fits all those different experiences together. In the second place, if you want to go anywhere, the map is absolutely necessary. As long as you are content with walks on the beach, your own glimpses are far more fun than looking at a map. But the map is going to be more use than walks on the beach if you want to get to America.

Theology is like a map. Merely thinking and learning about

the Christian doctrines, if you stop there, is less real and less exciting than the sort of thing my friend got in the desert. Doctrines are not God: they are only a kind of map. But that map is based on the experience of hundreds of people who really were in touch with God—experiences compared with which any thrills or pious feelings you and I are likely to get on our own are very elementary and very confused. And secondly, if you want to get any further, you must use the map. You see, what happened to that man in the desert may have been real, and was certainly exciting but nothing comes from it. It leads nowhere. There is nothing to do about it. In fact, that is just why a vague religion—all about feeling God in nature and so on—is so attractive. It is all thrills and no work, like watching the waves from the beach. But you will not get to Newfoundland by studying the Atlantic that way, and you will not get eternal life by simply feeling the presence of God in flowers or music. Neither will you get anywhere by looking at maps without going to sea. Nor will you be very safe if you go to sea without looking at a map.

In other words, theology is practical, especially now. In the old days when there was less education and discussion, perhaps it was possible to get on with a very few simple ideas about God. But it is not so now. Everyone reads, everyone hears things that are discussed. Consequently, if you do not listen to sound theology, that will not mean that you have no ideas about God. It will mean that you have a lot of wrong ones—bad, muddled, out-of-date. For a great many of the ideas about God which are trotted out as novelties today are simply the ones which real Theologians tried centuries ago and rejected.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, IV,