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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:10 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)

1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME THE STRANGER



We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus’ call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? “They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD.”

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to “strive to enter through the narrow gate” into the glory of God’s own homeland, the reign of God.

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TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

St. Augustine, named Aurelius Augustinus, was born 354 A.D. of middle class parents in the North African town of Thagaste, now in Algeria. A brilliant and passionate scholar, he taught rhetoric in Carthage and later Rome and Milan until his early 30s. There in Milan, he experienced a dramatic conversion to Christianity at the age of 32, which set his life on a new course. He returned to North Africa and was ordained bishop of Hippo, where he was to spend the remaining 44 years of his life.

He is the author of 113 books, most notably *Confessions* and *The City of God*. Over 800 of his sermons have been preserved. As priest and bishop, he traveled thousands of miles in the Church’s service and fought tirelessly against the people who were dividing Christians in this turbulent time.

Shortly after his conversion, Augustine wrote his famous *Rule* for the monks who lived with him. Out of this tradition stems the Augustinian emphasis on fraternal life in community and a commitment to seeking balance in both contemplative life and a life of action, as expressed in *The City of God*.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday**

St. Monica

**Wednesday**

St. Augustine

**Thursday**

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday**

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thank you, Choir!

Our Choir is on break for the summer. We thank them for all the beauty they bring to our masses. And we thank them for attending all the endless rehearsals that are required for such an accomplished sound. They will return in September. Maybe you would like to become part of this fantastic group? Speak with our music director if so!





St. Monica, born in Thagaste, North Africa, around the year 331, was the daughter of devout parents who educated her in the faith. She married Patricius, a pagan Roman official and had three children, including Augustine.

Monica's whole life, as well as her sanctification, was inextricably bound up with Augustine's. After being deceived by Augustine of his future plans, she followed him to Milan, where in 386, due in great part to Saint Ambrose's preaching and her prayer, Augustine finally converted and was baptized in the spring of 387.

Like all God's saints, Monica is a woman "for all seasons." Her advice and her powerful example as a wife are a model for domestic peace and stability.

Monica did not live long after Augustine's baptism and was buried in Ostia, Italy. Her feast is celebrated on August 27th. She is patron of wives and abuse victims.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**AUGUST 26, 2019**

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**AUGUST 26, 2019**

- Monday**  
8:30am  
12:10pm Giacobe Phu (D)
- Tuesday**  
8:30am  
12:10pm
- Wednesday**  
8:30am  
12:10pm Aida Pereira (D)
- Thursday**  
7:45am Giuse Tien & Maria Cam (D)  
8:30am  
12:10pm
- Friday**  
8:30am Sunilda Duran Ortiz (D); Manuel Fernadez (D); Gilberto Valerio (D)  
12:10pm Bob Konchalski (D)
- Saturday**  
7:45am Giacobe Phu (D)  
7:00pm Manuel DeJesus Henriquez, Jose Salvador Henriquez (D); Ruben Cespedes (D)
- Sunday**  
8:00am People of SNT  
9:30am Juan Garcia (L); Severina Suardi, Silvestre Suardi, Marco Antonio Baez (D)  
11:30am  
1:30pm Maria Nguyen (D)

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Aug 25	Marilyn Torain David Le	Ruth Santana Dionne Miller
Sept 1	David Le Genevive Persaud	Daisy Soler Josephine Nguyen
Sept 8	Marilyn Torain Genevive Persaud	Eugene Mananga Melissa Rivera-Jovel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Aug 25	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Sept 1	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Pereta Rodriguez Dhariana De La Cruz
Sept 8	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**AUGUST 11, 2019**

**Tithing:** \$7,012.96  
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*We pray for the dead:*

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