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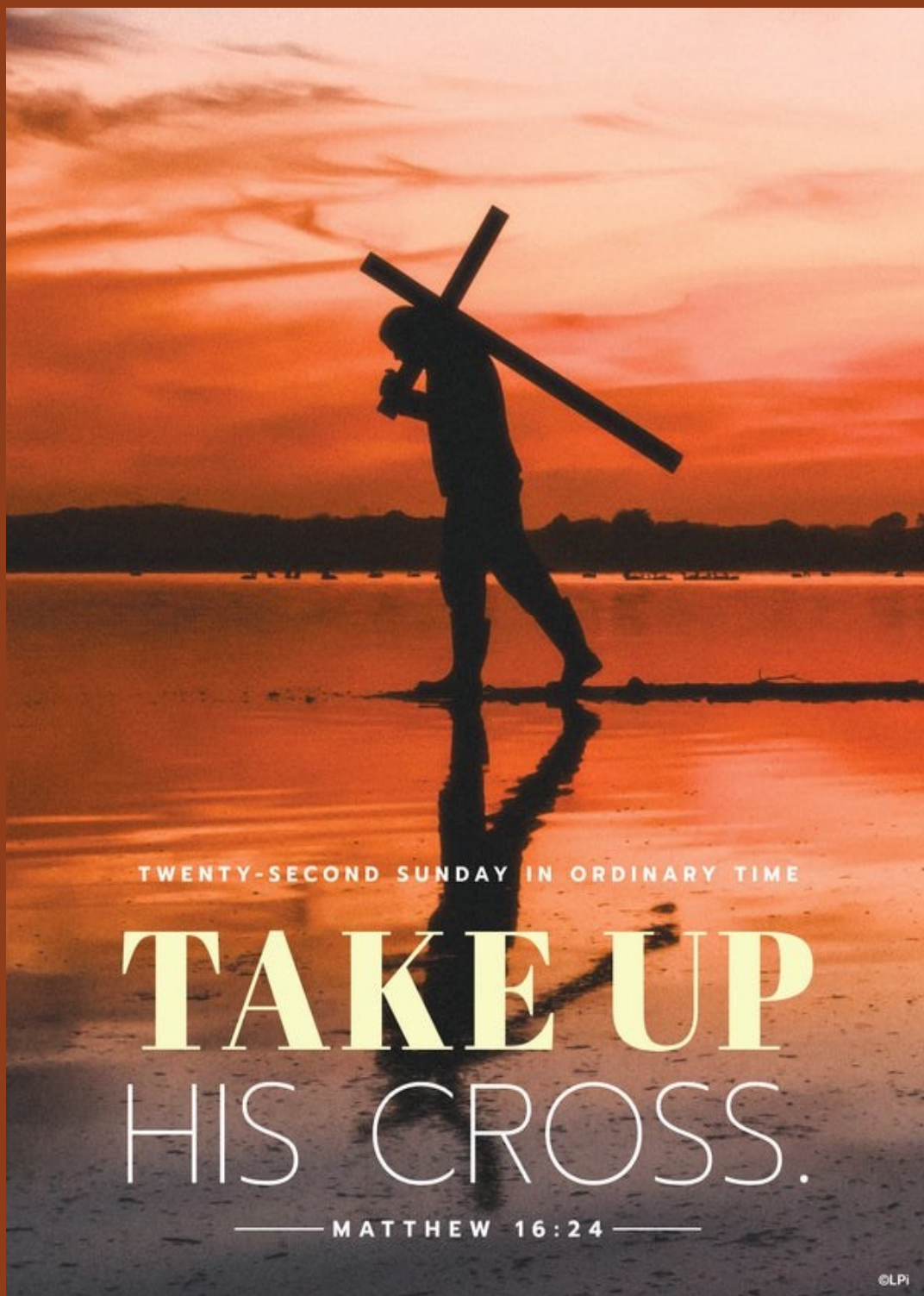
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faith who
respond to our
Baptismal
call to holiness
by caring for
one another
and journeying
together with
Christ through
prayer,
sacraments,
lifelong
formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
and Catholic
Tradition.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

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August 30, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Peter, understandably, responded to Christ's foreshadowing of his death with shock and horror – insisting that Jesus would not suffer and die. But Christ's words to his disciples taught them all to respond with humble obedience, trusting in the mission of God without fully understanding it. And Jeremiah in the first reading felt that God had “duped” him. Perhaps the message here is to expect the unexpected when taking on a life of holiness. In my own vocations of marriage, motherhood, and teaching, I regularly encounter challenges and surprises. As disciples, when we discern the will of God in our lives and choose to live according to his will, we do so not because we know all that it will entail, but because we know and trust the One who calls us. We are not promised an easy life, but we are promised abundant life. God calls us to a life of holiness because he knows that is what will bring us fulfillment and peace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the process of discernment, we consider our gifts and talents, humbly reflect upon what is needed to build the kingdom of God, and listen carefully in prayer to the voice of God. We have the immense gifts of Sacred Tradition and Scripture to facilitate the “renewal of [the] mind” (Rom 12:2) as we allow our minds and hearts to be transformed by God's will. And in humble obedience, we must be honest with ourselves about whether we are fully open to God's call, even when it is contrary to our plans. When we believe with our entire being that we are living according to God's will, we will not be able to remain quiet or live in a mediocre way. Just as Jeremiah was unable to keep himself from speaking on the Lord's behalf, the Good News of Christ will come pouring forth from our being in everything that we do. And in this outpouring of God's love, we will give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through us.

REFLECT

Spend some time this week considering the vocation to which you are being called. Reflect upon how you can grow in trust of God to depend upon his care and guidance as you serve according to his will. Although our specific call may be challenging and may seem overwhelming, we can trust in the promise that following God's will leads to a life of joy and peace.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Our Way to God

Everyday life, some boring activities, illnesses, suffering, loneliness, problems at home and at work... – this is our daily effort, the reality that often resembles climbing a high mountain. For us as disciples of Jesus, this daily effort can be a burden, a kind of burden that crushes and destroys, but it can also be – and even should be – a means that leads to Christ, to God. A Roman proverb says: “Per aspera ad astra” which translated means: “*through adversity/hardship to the stars.*” Spiritual life requires effort, patience and inner daily work. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms this truth to us: ***Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me...***

What an important reminder for us people of the twenty-first century. Today's world does not want the cross, it throws it on the shoulders of others. Mass media, the Internet, colorful films and advertisements call for the cult of life: use, pleasure, living only to enjoy such a carefree life. Living in the era of faster and faster computers, we want to get everything in life faster and faster, without effort. This also carries over into our faith. For so many Catholics, the sacrifices recommended by our faith seem too big. Many forget that God, who gave everything for us, including His life, has the right to ask us to make sacrifices.

And what does our everyday life look like?

Sometimes in life we encounter, like Simon of Cyrene, that the cross often comes unexpectedly: illness, the loss of a loved one, various difficulties, uncertainty, giving up something in order to behave before God, His teaching and the teaching of the Church. It happens as it happened in the life of Simon of Cyrene, who did not choose the cross that he wanted to carry with Christ, but accepted the one that Christ entrusted to him. Sometimes we try to rebel against this cross, to run away from it, even though God designed a cross for each of us for the salvation of our soul. God gives man the cross, and the cross gives man God.

Each of us has his own cross to carry, big or small. Let us strive to carry this cross together with Christ. We walk together, today and every day. Let us be an extension of Jesus in our daily life. We realize that this is not an easy task, but it is worth taking, because as Christ says today: ***What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?*** Let us not be deceived by the spirit of evil in this way of taking up the cross of our daily life. One must take up the cross in the spirit of love, in the spirit of reparation for one's sins, for the sins of people, and remain with God and His teaching. Only then can we truly follow Christ, and it is this path that will lead us to heaven.

God bless you!
Fr. Jason

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. Whether you are visiting for the first time, worship with us occasionally, or join us every Sunday, we welcome you to St. John Brebeuf Parish. If you do not have home, or if your church is not home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Please call or stop by our parish office to register 847-966-8145. Visit our website <https://www.sjbrebeuf.org> for additional information on parish and community programs for prayer, faith formation, community outreach and information about St. John Brebeuf School. We are glad you are here and hope you will join us.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is private prayer and time before Jesus, really present in the Blessed Sacrament displayed on the altar 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The chapel is located at Fr. Thomas May Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave.) and is open to all visitors during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00pm // Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm // Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. After Hours the chapel is only keycard accessible. Please call the Parish Office (847) 966-8145 if you wish to obtain one.



DEVOTIONS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS — 1st Friday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 7:00 pm Mass

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 6:30pm Mass

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP in English:

Every Monday 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

OUR OF DIVINE MERCY in English: Every Friday 3:00pm in Adoration Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

OBSERVANCES:

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31 — SEPTEMBER 6

Monday, August 31st

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Maria Wiecheć
 † Encarnacion Santos Mendoza 40 days after death
 † Jan Koziara
 † Romulo Perez and deceased members of the Family
 † Guadalupe Aguilera and deceased members of the Family

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Za Dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Verene Schoenmann Name Day Blessings
 Randy and Josephine Dilay Wedding Anniversary
 † John Herzig
 † Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

† All Souls in purgatory

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Cecilia Distoer 40th day of death
 † Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O Dary Ducha Św. i potrzebne łaski dla Małgorzaty Wasilczuk z okazji urodzin
 Prośba o Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Łucji Wojtowicz z okazji urodzin
 O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary Ducha św, dla Księży sprawujących posługę duszpasterską w naszej Parafii
 † Henryk Kwietniewski w 1. r. śmierci
 † Antoni Witulski w 2. rocznicę śmierci

Thursday, September 3rd

8:30 am English Prayer for Vocation

Fr. Sebastian

† Bobby Canong
 † Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm English Prayer for Vocation

Fr. Sebastian

Krzysztof Pękala – Health, God's Blessings, and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary on his Birthday
 Thanksgiving & God's Blessings, continued graces, and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the anniversary of Agnieszka's Baptism
 † JoAnne Eberwein 1st year Death Anniversary

Friday, September 4th First Friday

8:00 am Confession

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

Health and Birthday Blessings for Rafał Woźnik
 Good health for Ma Rosario Tejada
 Guidance and safety for Joanne, Maika, Keoni and Levi Fernandez

† Józef Gibes

† Bob Wolff

† All deceased from Olickal and

Azhikannikal Families

† Gloria Salvador

6:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O wiarę i siłę w pokonywaniu trudności życiowych dla potrzebujących
 O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rafała Woźnik z okazji urodzin
 O szczęśliwą podróż i powrót dla Celiny i Bogdana

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes

† Rafał Mosio

† Za Dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

Saturday, September 5th First Saturday

8:30 am English First Saturday Devotion

Fr. Jason

Blessings for all school and parish office staff, and parish group members celebrating September Birthdays
 God's Blessings and protection for Jake Mathew

Health and Birthday Blessings for

Włodzimierz Grzeda

† Gloria Salvador

† Daniel O'Donnel

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Matthew, Bernice, and Matt Jr

Wojtaszek

† Dale Schwed

† Gloria Salvador

† John Jerome Arenó

6:30 pm Polish First Saturday Devotion Fr.

Sebastian

O szczęśliwą podróż i pobyt w Polsce
 O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary Ducha św, dla Księży sprawujących posługę

duszpasterską w naszej Parafii

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Józef Leś

† Jadwiga, Jerzy Łapiński oraz Stanisława i Adam Zajac

† Radosław i zmarli z rodziny

Sokołowskich, Rutkowskich i Baluk

† Zofia Komperda, Józef Kowalkowski,

Piotr Kowalkowski, Franciszek

Kowalkowski

† Zofia Janik w 11. rocznicę śmierci

† Marian Tokarski 6. rocznica śmierci

† Barbara, Zdzisław Tokarski 6. rocznica

śmierci

† Za zmarłych z Rodziny Waluś i Podolak

† Jan Klepacki

Sunday, September 6th

7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Aleksandra Skubisz 30. rocznica śmierci

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarz

† Tadeusz Noga

† Za Dusze zmarłych z Rodzin Persak,

Kramarz i Kocur

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

† Danny Carr Death Anniversary

† Angela Cassettari Death Anniversary

† Carl Bronder 10th Death Anniversary

† Ruth Young Villa Death Anniversary

10:00 am English Fr. Jason

God's Blessings and good health for the

Hehn and Ziegler Families

Health and God's Blessings to Elizabeth

and Jeffrey Wytaniec on their 8th

Wedding Anniversary

Blessings for Bernadine and Thaddeus

Szewc on their 79th Wedding Anniversary

† Michelle Gucik

† Vito Joseph Gargano Death Anniversary

† Chae O' Keefe

† Betty Martin

† Katarzyna & Józef Dąbek

† Maureen Ann Polcyn

† Ruth Young Villa Death Anniversary

11:30 am Polish Abp Kryspin Dubiel -

Nuncio

O Boże Bł. dla Zofii, Phebe i Declen Puacz z okazji rozpoczęcia nowego roku szkolnego

O Boże Bł. i dary Ducha Św. z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla

Mariusza

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Andrzeja

Reczek w 60. rocznicę urodzin

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary Ducha św,

dla Księży sprawujących posługę

duszpasterską w naszej Parafii

O Błogosławieństwo Boże, opiekę Matki

Najświętszej i światłość Ducha Św. dla

wnuczki Martyny z okazji 18. urodzin

† Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące i które

najbardziej potrzebują pomocy

† Jan Hermanowski

† Edward Rybka

† Józef Leś

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Jadwiga i Stanisław Kamiński

† Stanisław Dzik

† Zofia Pienkowski 1. rocznica śmierci

† Robert Burnson we wspomnieniu

urodzin

† Magdalena i Stanisław Komorek

† Zdzisław Redliński

† Mateusz Reczek w 9. miesiąc po śmierci

6:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Philip Grossman and deceased members of Grossman Family

† Cathy McIntosh 40th day after passing



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† Manuela Duarte Alvarez- In Memory of Her Death

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Martha Gfesser
Fely Ranjo
Millet Beltran
RJ Calisura
Anne Marie Guerrier
Betty Bukraba
Elizabeth Marrinan
C. Kozeny
Mario Brancato
Pamela Triplitt
Patricia
Lourdes Loraya
Marian i Maria Dzieciuch
Barbara Witkos
Rosetta Bizzotto
Harry Largent
Toni Kilroy
Caridad M. Altares
Alina Gawlik
Dolores Motto
Brooke Johnson
Jannette Mendoza
Mario Loraya
Vivian Daoud
Nanette Sadorra
Isabel C. Villarroel
Luke Kowalski
Joanna Oliwa
Francisco & Luz Atienza
Maureen Nathan
Charlotte & Carl Lindquist
Rose Manio
Teresa Parciany
Junver Isuga
Chef Raul Arreda
Baby Joseph Palmert

Charles Stephen Collins
Ben & Linda Caldea
Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Bienvenido Costes
Mahmoud Srouf
Araceli Madrudejos
Hedy Sancho
Alan Enzbigilis Sr.
Clifford & Judith Drexler
Sam Pace
Betts Eleanor
Helen Williams
Darlene Neumann
Stanisława Pabisz
Kazimierz Pabisz
Flordeliza H. Sotto
Pedro H. Sotto
Nicholas Mazur
Gloria Arago
George Frey
Scott Johnson
Aurea Primero
Emilia Fernandez
Ernie Tusa
Francisco Mandigma
Rosa Moreano
Corazon Sanchez
Jovita Aro
Lita Rosales
Susan Czech
Alexander T. Ando
Gloria Ramos
Rosario Dimaculangan
Maria Piotrowska

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

+ Zofia Pyrek

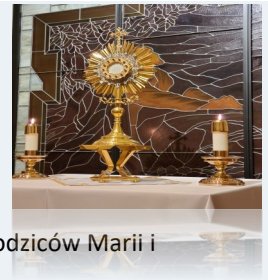


Wieczne odpoczywanie racz im dać, Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj im świeci. Na wieki, wieków. Amen

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 † Małgosia Przycka 5th year Death Anniversary

Candle 2 O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziców Marii i Mariana Dzieciuch



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

August 23 — \$ 15,712

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your support is essential to our mission and ministry. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment. We're grateful you're part of our community!

Bóg zapłać za nieustanne wsparcie naszej parafii, za hojność, zaangażowanie oraz za to, że tworzyacie naszą wspólnotę.



WEDDING BANNS:



I Christopher Malobabic & Aleksandra Persowska

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.



Timothy Casey
Scott Rodberg
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn
SSGT Michael J. Archam
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Joshua Clavel Ramos
Chief Ryan Morrow
Angelina Garza
John Frei
Jacqueline L. Yurgil
Anthony Kamykowski
Marcin Kulis

Thomas Neuengen
Mark Honsa
Pvt. James Cunningham
Marian Niemoćko
PFC Seth D. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen
Robert Monaco
Ryan Belluci
Joseph Gacoby
Mark Yurgil

Prosimy o modlitwę za wszystkich służących w siłach zbrojnych oraz o pokojowe i sprawiedliwe rozwiązanie konfliktów i przemocy.

GROW IN HOLINESS



First of the Month Devotions

This week we observe First Friday and First Saturday of the month. Please join us following the 8:30 a.m. Mass for our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Confessions will be available on Friday
from 8:00am to 8:30am
and from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The First Friday devotion is a beautiful Catholic tradition centered on the infinite love and mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is also a special invitation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion with a heart renewed by God's grace.

In Confession, we come before Christ with humility and trust, acknowledging our sins and receiving His forgiveness through the ministry of the priest. Regular Confession helps us grow in holiness, strengthens us in our struggle against sin, and prepares our hearts to receive Jesus worthily in the Holy Eucharist.

On First Friday, we pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. At the end of the 17th century, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and asked her to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. Among the promises associated with this devotion is a special promise for those who, with sincere faith and proper disposition, receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays: the grace of final perseverance and the assurance that His Divine Heart will be their refuge at the hour of death.

The Nine First Fridays are not a guarantee of salvation simply by completing a series of devotions. Rather, they call us to a deeper relationship with Christ through repentance, Confession, the Eucharist, prayer, reparation, and trust in His mercy.

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

The Five First Saturdays devotion is an important part of the message of Our Lady of Fatima. It calls us to offer reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins and offenses committed against God and against her Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady asked the faithful, on five consecutive First Saturdays, to receive Holy Communion, pray five decades of the Rosary, spend fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and receive the Sacrament of Confession, all with the intention of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart. Confession may be made within a reasonable time before or after the First Saturday, provided one is in the state of grace when receiving Holy Communion. This devotion encourages a spirit of reparation and fosters a deeper love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Holy Eucharist, the Rosary, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Through these practices, we are drawn closer to Jesus through Mary and strengthened to live our Catholic faith faithfully in the midst of the challenges of everyday life.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

In addition to our First Friday and First Saturday devotions, each Wednesday we pray the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help has a long and beautiful history. The miraculous icon, traditionally associated with the island of Crete, eventually found its home in Rome, where devotion to Mary under this title spread throughout the world.

For centuries, Catholics have turned to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in times of difficulty, illness, family struggles, uncertainty, and spiritual need. Her icon reminds us that Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ, and encourages us to place our worries and needs in His hands. Through her maternal intercession, we ask for the grace to remain faithful to Christ, to persevere in prayer, and to trust that God never abandons those who seek Him.

We invite you to join us for these beautiful devotions and make them part of your spiritual life as together we seek to grow in holiness and draw closer to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Our parish family is compiling a list of those currently serving in the United States Armed Forces so that we may keep them and their families in our prayers. If you have a loved one who is currently serving or deployed, we invite you to share their name and branch of service with us. It is our privilege to remember them in prayer and ask God's protection, strength, and peace upon them.

Please contact the parish office to include your loved one on our prayer list (847) 966-8145 or office@sjbrebeuf.org

OUR PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE

- **Youth Ministry** | Meets every 4th Sunday of the month / Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a gathering.
- **Young Adults Catechism Study** | Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM.
- **Spirituality Group I** | Meets once a month:
 - Morning session: every 4th Thursday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass
 - Evening session: every 2nd Thursday of the month after 7:00 PM in the church chapel (behind the main altar)
- **St. Monica's Prayer Group** | For parents praying for their children. Meets every 4th Monday of the month after the 7:00 PM Mass.
- **St. Rita Devotion** | Every 22nd day of the month after the evening Mass. Devotion is followed by the Blessing of Roses
- **First Thursday Prayer for Vocations** | Every First Thursday of the month at the conclusion of the 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.
- **Marian Prayer Group** | Every Monday at 7:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel.
- **Hour of Divine Mercy** | Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 3:00 PM.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION — OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. OCIA is for:

- Those who are not baptized.
- Those who are baptized in another Christian tradition (i.e., Protestant) and who seek to enter Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who never had the opportunity to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Those who seek to join the Catholic Church become members of the Catechumenate: an ongoing process that meets people where they are on their faith journey and gently initiates them into the life of the parish and the Catholic Church.

Through participation in RCIA, people journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and by receiving these they become members of the Catholic Church. After an initial period of several weeks (known as "Inquiry") and a personal interview, non-baptized persons can become "Catechumens" through a public Rite of Acceptance. Similarly, baptized Christians may become "Candidates" in the Rite of Welcome. Catechumens and Candidates journey together each week to understand what it means to believe in Jesus and live the Catholic Faith. The Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at the great Easter Vigil Service for those who have discerned the call from God and are ready and able to make the commitment. **2026/27 OCIA Candidate Classes begin Monday October 5th 2026. Classes will be held every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm Please visit our website to REGISTER. www.sjbrebeuf.org**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



MARRIED IN 1976?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

To register, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

We hope to see you there!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mother Guerin Class of 1976: Seeking members of the Mother Theodore Guerin High School Class of 1976 for a 50th reunion in early October with Mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday; for information, including dates, email mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com.

Ministry of Care Training, Oct. 3

Do you feel called to care for the faithful in hospitals, care facilities and private homes by listening, praying and sharing the Eucharist? Ministry of Care Training will be offered on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at AdventHealth LaGrange Hospital, 5101 Willow Springs Road, LaGrange, IL 60525. Lunch will be provided during the free training. Topics include the spirituality, theology and the rites of the Pastoral Care of the Sick. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and have the support of their pastor and the Minister of Care Parish Coordinator. Contact Deacon Tom Carlson to enroll: tcarlson@archchicago.org or (630) 746-8384.

Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church? Join us for a Deacon Inquiry Session. Men, single or married, ages 32-62, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands. Sessions will be held in English and Spanish, in September, November (2026), February and April (2027). For more information and to RSVP for a session contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900 ext. 102



ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

Parish Scripture Study

Plan to attend our fall scripture study program. We will be studying the **Gospel of Matthew.**

Standing at the start of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. The Gospel of Matthew continues to reveal through Jesus' teachings what it means to be a disciple. Matthew reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to online lectures are included.



Our Sessions will begin soon. We meet from 10:00 am - 12:00pm.

If interested or would like more information contact Chester Gilbert at bbgilbert@comcast.net or call 847-966-4789.

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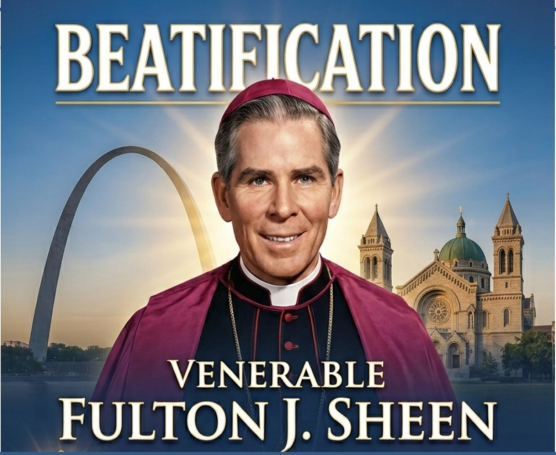
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A jak wygląda nasza codzienność?

Czasami w życiu napotykamy, tak jak Szymon Cyrynejczyk krzyż, często przychodzi niespodziewanie: choroba, strata kogoś bliskiego, jakieś różne trudności, niepewność, zrezygnowanie z czegoś, aby zachować się w porządku wobec Pana Boga, Jego nauki i nauki Kościoła. Dzieje się w naszym życiu tak, jak to stało się w życiu Szymona Cyrynejczyka, który nie wybierał sobie krzyża, który chciał nieść z Chrystusem, przyjął ten, który mu Chrystus powierzył. Czasami próbujemy się buntować na ten nasz krzyż, od niego uciekać, a Pan Bóg każdemu z nas zaprojektował krzyż dla zbawienia naszej duszy. Bóg daje człowiekowi krzyż, a krzyż daje człowiekowi Boga. Każdy z nas ma swój własny krzyż do dźwigania, większy czy mniejszy. Starajmy się nieść ten krzyż razem z Chrystusem. Idziemy razem, dzisiaj i każdego dnia. Bądźmy przedłużeniem Jezusa w naszej codzienności. Zdajemy sobie sprawę, że nie jest to łatwe zadanie, ale warto je podjąć, bo jak mówi dzisiaj Chrystus: **Cóż bowiem za korzyść odniesie człowiek, choćby cały świat zyskał, a na swej duszy szkodę poniósł?** Nie dajmy się zwieść złemu duchowi z tej drogi podejmowania krzyża naszej codzienności. Trzeba wziąć krzyż w duchu miłości, w duchu wynagrodzenia za swoje grzechy, za grzechy ludzi, i trwać przy Bogu i Jego nauce. Dopiero wtedy można iść tak naprawdę za Chrystusem, i ta właśnie droga zaprowadzi nas do nieba.

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PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA



Najbliższy **piątek, 4 września** to Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca. Spowiedź święta od godz. 6:00PM. Msza św. o godz. 7:00pm. Po Mszy św. Nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa.

Nabożeństwo Dziewięciu Pierwszych Piątków

Miesiąca jest szczególnym wyrazem miłości i wynagrodzenia Najświętszemu Sercu Pana Jezusa za grzechy nasze i całego świata. Wśród obietnic Najświętszego Serca Jezusowego jest łaska wytrwania w wierze oraz pomoc w godzinie śmierci.

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- **Przyjąć Komunię Świętą w pierwszy piątek miesiąca** jako wynagrodzenie Najświętszemu Sercu Pana Jezusa.
- **Mieć intencję wynagradzającą** – ofiarować tę Komunię Świętą jako wynagrodzenie za grzechy swoje i całego świata, szczególnie za zniewagi wobec Najświętszego Serca Jezusowego.

Dobrze jest także w tym dniu uczestniczyć we Mszy Świętej, odmówić Litanię do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa albo poświęcić chwilę na adorację. To nabożeństwo nie jest „magiczną obietnicą”, ale drogą do głębszej miłości do Jezusa, regularnej spowiedzi i życia sakramentalnego.

PIERWSZA SOBOTA MIESIĄCA



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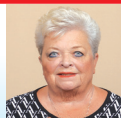
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm (English)
7:00 am and 11:30 am, (Polish)
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday (English)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4pm - 5pm / Monday - Friday 6:30pm—7pm
First Friday: 8am—8:30am & 6pm - 7pm (English & Polish)