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Note, all submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

# Sunday Mass Schedule

#### Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Raphael - 4:30 p.m. St. Bernard

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph – 8:00 a.m. St. Teresa – 8:00 a.m. St. Charles 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard – 10:30 a.m. St. Raphael – 11:00 a.m. St. Teresa 2:00 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish) – 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael (Haitian Creole)

# Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa

Monday-Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard

#### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Rosary St. Teresa (Spanish) – 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish)

#### Wednesday-Thursday

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### St. Teresa:

Confession and Adoration every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00-Noon

Holy Mass and Adoration 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

First Saturday Holy Rosary and Mass 6:00 a.m. (Spanish)

#### St. Bernard:

First Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

## St. Raphael:

Every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

#### **Sacraments**

#### RECONCILIATION

#### St. Teresa

Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## St. Bernard

Mon/Tue/Fri, after 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

#### St. Raphael

Tuesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m. Wed/Thurs, 11:30 a.m.-Noon Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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## Pastor's Corner



# From the Pastor, August 3, 2025

The readings for today, especially the first reading from Ecclesiastes and the parable told by Jesus in the Gospel, orient us toward our last end, the purpose of our lives. Many of us have a stated or unstated goal of life that we shoot for: to have as pleasant a

life as possible and then die a death with as little pain as possible. And therefore, we shoot for comfort and security. But what is the point of living a life like that? Qoheleth, the speaker in the Book of Ecclesiastes (a name which means "preacher"), comes up with this answer: "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity." To work hard in great toil and acquire a great deal doesn't matter. As Jesus says in another place, "You cannot love both God and mammon."

There is a story that is told about St. John Chrysostom, that great patriarch of Constantinople in the 4th century. There was a very rich woman who died and gave all of her money to the Church. And people came to the holy patriarch and asked him what he will do with the money. Will he give it to the poor? Will he build some great church? What will he do? And he said (I am paraphrasing), "If she was not generous enough to give it in her lifetime, I will not accept it. Bury it with her." The lesson is that what is given for our use in this life should be for a greater purpose, not just a pursuit of comfort and security.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

# Del Pastor, 3 Agosto 2025

Las lecturas de hoy, especialmente la primera lectura del libro de Eclesiastés y la parábola contada por Jesús en el Evangelio, nos orientan hacia nuestro fin último, el propósito de nuestras vidas. Muchos de nosotros tenemos una meta declarada o no declarada en la vida: tener una existencia lo más placentera posible y luego morir con el menor dolor posible. Por eso buscamos comodidad y seguridad. Pero, ¿cuál es el sentido de vivir así? Qohelet, el orador en el Libro del Eclesiastés (un nombre que significa "predicador"), llega a esta conclusión: "¡Vanidad de vanidades! Todo es vanidad." Trabajar arduamente y adquirir muchas cosas no tiene sentido. Como dice Jesús en otro pasaje: "No se puede servir a Dios y al dinero."

Se cuenta una historia sobre San Juan Crisóstomo, el gran patriarca de Constantinopla en el siglo IV. Una mujer muy rica murió y dejó toda su fortuna a la Iglesia. La gente fue al santo patriarca y le preguntó qué haría con ese dinero. ¿Lo daría a los pobres? ¿Construiría una gran iglesia? ¿Qué haría? Y él respondió (parafraseando): "Si no fue lo suficientemente generosa para darlo en vida, no lo aceptaré. Entiérrenlo con ella." La lección es que lo que se nos da en esta vida debe usarse para un propósito mayor, no solo para buscar comodidad y seguridad.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

# Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, August 4	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 5	Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday, August 7	Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 8	Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 9	Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday, August 10	Ws 18:6-9; Lk 12:32-48

Mass Attenda (English Masses only)	nce	July 19/20, 2025				
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %			
St. Raphael	511	181/No Data	35%/N/A			
St. Teresa	434	142/167	32%/38%			
St. Bernard	420	126/181	30%/43%			
St. Joseph	368	110	29%			
St. Charles	180	No Data	N/A			

# Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, Au	gust 3							
8:00 a.m.	St. Charles	♥ Bill Pitstick						
8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	<b></b> James Cibbs						
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	♥ John Bushell, Albert & Mary						
		Ann Morgan						
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	∜K.O. and Lisa Comer						
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	∜ Michael Ray						
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	†Tom Board						
2:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	St. Rose Family Parishioners						
3:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	St. Rose Family Parishioners						
Monday, Au	ıgust 4							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Aireon Avery for healing						
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	🕆 Suzanne Lohrer						
Tuesday, Au	ıgust 5							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜Andela Koetters						
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	🕆 Edwin McKenna						
Wednesday	Wednesday, August 6							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Jim Picolo						
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	🕆 James Abend						
6:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	St. Rose Family Parishioners						
Thursday, A	August 7							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	🕆 Barbara Potts						
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	† Jerry Pyles						
Friday, Aug	ust 8							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Julie M. Krupp						
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Phil Bobay						
Saturday, A	ugust 9							

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa Donald Lee Hardin

4:30 p.m. St. Bernard & Joseph Sr., Joseph, Jr.,

4:30 p.m. *St. Raphael* <sup>↑</sup> Ike Hardin

Mary, and Katie Schneeberger

♣ Deceased



# The Beacons are Lit

#### Not Enough Priests To Maintain Previous Schedules

People have for years been talking about a "priest shortage." In looking into the situation, I have found that we don't have a priest shortage. We do have fewer priests than we used to, yes, but that isn't the biggest crisis, which is a laity shortage. We have a lot fewer practicing Catholics now than we used to. The ratio of priests per Catholic is actually quite stable.

I bring this up in the context of our weekend Mass schedule change because, since we have so fewer people than we used to have, we should have a schedule that best serves those people. It doesn't make logical sense to continue to maintain a schedule which was designed for a different time with more priests and more people. As I hope you see, your priests in Clark County have been working hard to serve you. I am the pastor of five parishes, which is frankly a ridiculous and impossible job. There is no way that we can continue to keep a status quo which is not appropriate for our time and the amount of resources we have.

Therefore, the second main reason for a weekend Mass change is we do not have enough priests assigned to maintain our current schedule. We only have two priests assigned to our Family of Parishes to celebrate Mass in English. We are allowed to schedule only two Masses per day per priest, according to the combination of the Code of Canon Law, particular law of the Archdiocese, and Archdiocesan rules of the Beacons of Light process. We have been adhering to this principle as we formulate the new Mass schedule.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

# Las Antorchas están Encendidas

No Hay Suficientes Sacerdotes Para Mantener los Horarios Anteriores

Desde hace años se habla de una "escasez de sacerdotes." Al investigar más a fondo, he llegado a la conclusión de que no tenemos una escasez de sacerdotes como tal. Sí, tenemos menos sacerdotes que antes, pero la mayor crisis no es esa — es una escasez de laicos practicantes. Ahora hay muchos menos católicos practicantes que antes. La proporción de sacerdotes por católico, de hecho, se ha mantenido bastante estable.

Menciono esto en el contexto del cambio en el horario de las Misas dominicales porque, ya que hay menos personas que antes, debemos tener un horario que sirva mejor a las personas que tenemos actualmente. No tiene sentido lógico mantener un horario diseñado para un tiempo con más sacerdotes y más feligreses. Como espero que hayan notado, los sacerdotes del Condado de Clark han estado trabajando arduamente para servirles. Yo soy el párroco de cinco parroquias, lo cual — francamente — es un trabajo ridículo e imposible. No podemos seguir manteniendo un status quo que ya no corresponde con nuestro momento histórico ni con los recursos que tenemos.

Por tanto, la segunda razón principal para modificar el horario de Misas de fin de semana es que no tenemos suficientes sacerdotes asignados para mantener el horario actual. Solo tenemos dos sacerdotes asignados a nuestra Familia de Parroquias para celebrar Misas en inglés. Y solo se nos permite celebrar dos Misas por día por sacerdote, según lo establece el Código de Derecho Canónico, la ley particular de la Arquidiócesis y las normas del proceso Beacons of Light. Hemos seguido esta directriz al formular el nuevo horario de Misas.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

# **Job Posting**

The St. Rose Family of Parishes is joyfully seeking a faithful, mission-driven Catholic to serve as our Associate Director of Evangelization. Rooted in the heart of the Church, this pastoral role focuses on guiding children, youth, and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through evangelization, catechesis, and sacramental preparation. Working closely with the Director of Evangelization, this servant-leader will help families encounter the transforming love of Christ, especially through the Eucharist and the Sacraments. If you are a prayerful disciple with a heart for forming the next generation in the fullness of our Catholic faith, we invite you to discern this

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# Catholic Ladies of Columbia Meeting

The Catholic Ladies of Columbia will meet on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in Fr. Collins Hall. Please bring your sack lunch—drinks will be provided. Our guest speaker will be Lori Clark, a member of In Mary's Name Sodality. Lori will share about their unique project of remaking greeting cards from recycled materials. These handcrafted cards are sold to benefit the seminary, continuing the group's mission of support through their fundraising efforts. They are also currently welcoming new members into their ministry.

Following the program, Marilyn Ryan will lead the business meeting.

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The St. Rose Family Rosary Makers recently sent 2,950 rosaries (valued at approximately \$700.00) to Our Lady's Rosary Makers (OLRM). The next Rosary Makers' meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, in Hoban Hall, following the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Raphael. We are in great need of both Rosary Makers and sponsors. Supplies and instructions are provided for those who would like to make rosaries at home.

To sponsor the Rosary Ministry, place your donation in an envelope marked "Rosary Makers" and drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to St. Bernard, with "Rosary Makers" in the memo line.

Thank you to all who have already supported this ministry!

And remember to pray the Rosary – as St. Padre Pio said while holding his rosary: "With this—one wins battles!"

For more information, please contact **Karen Lotz** at 937-390-1724 or **Theresa Rollins** at 937-925-2653.

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- Rosary Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (during the school year) at Catholic Central Chapel, back entrance.
- Catholic Men's Prayer and Study group. Every first and third Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Metzdorf Hall.
- Bible study every Sunday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Church Basement at St. Teresa.
- Rosary at St. Bernard after the Weekday Mass. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and before the weekend Masses.

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Post-it Notes (3x3)	Crayola Crayons (not fat ones)	Crayola Classic Markers (10 Pack)	Highlighters		
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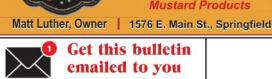
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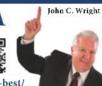
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