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MASS SCHEDULE

All worship services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

August 7, 2022: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS – AUGUST 2022 – CYCLE C

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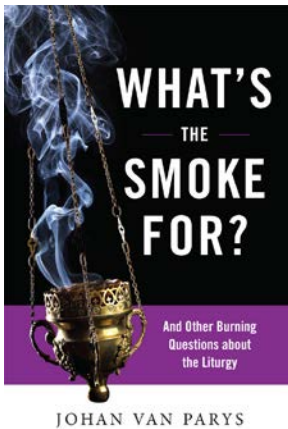
August 7, 2022 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Each of the readings today looks ahead. As described in the Book of Wisdom, the descendants of Jacob (Israel) await deliverance from slavery in Egypt. In the Letter to the Hebrews, Abraham gazes far into the future at a city whose architect and maker is God. And in the Gospel, Jesus urges us to prepare for his coming. In our busy lives, do we strive to be ready? (Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48)

August 14, 2022 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings remind us that following the Lord sometimes involves struggle. Jeremiah is almost killed for speaking out in God's name. The Letter to the Hebrews urges the audience to persevere in resisting sin. Jesus tells his disciples that following him can lead to conflict, even within families. Lord, help us to be true to you while trying to draw others to you as well. (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53)

August 15, 2022 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Today's first and second readings celebrate the victory of God over the evils of sin and death. Mary's Gospel canticle looks forward to this victory – which has begun with her. Mary was Jesus' temple. Do we recognize that we, too, have the grace of being a temple of God? (Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27a, Luke 1:39-56)

August 21, 2022 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's first and second readings, people from the ends of the earth come flocking to join God's people. But the second reading and Gospel remind us that salvation involves more than membership. "Endure your trials as 'discipline'" (Hebrews); "Strive to enter through the narrow gate (Luke). (Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30)

August 28, 2022 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach notes, "Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins." In the Gospel, Jesus describes one form of almsgiving: extending a dinner invitation to someone who can't reciprocate. It's food for thought. We hope to all be together one day, celebrating "in the city of the living God" envisioned in Hebrews. Why not begin now?



Dear Johan,

I never understood the significance of priests' robes, their layers and colors. Could you please explain?

Gentle Reader-

The vestments worn by the liturgical ministers point to their function within the church. The alb, the white tunic, is the common vesture of all the baptized. The word alb comes from the Latin word *albus*, which means white.

Liturgical ministers wear albs to indicate that they minister by virtue of their baptism. Technically speaking, all the baptized could wear such a garment when attending the liturgy. In many churches the newly baptized (neophytes) wear albs during the Easter Vigil. Some churches even invite the neophytes to wear their albs throughout the entire Easter season.

The stole is the long scarf-like garment worn by the deacon, the priest, and the bishop. The deacon wears the stole on the left shoulder, while the priest and the bishop wear it over both shoulders. Over the stole, priests and bishops wear a chasuble, the long garment worn for the celebration of the Eucharist. On occasion, they will wear a cope (sort of like a cape) for the beginning of a solemn Eucharist such as on Palm Sunday or for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. In addition, typical liturgical garb for the bishop includes the crosier (staff), the miter (bishop's hat), and the pectoral cross.

The colors of the vestments relate to the liturgical season or feast. There are four basic colors: green for Ordinary Time; violet for Advent and Lent; white/gold for Christmas, Easter, and certain solemnities and feasts; red for Pentecost, Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and feasts of martyrs. In addition, rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and Fourth Sunday of Lent while black may be used for funerals. The color blue, which is increasingly more popular for Advent, is not an official liturgical color. But then again, this is a detail only liturgists lose sleep over.

Footnote: To those of you who prefer the priest wear purple on days when the (Minnesota) Vikings (football team) play, I say: advise them to play during Advent or Lent.

From the Pastor's Desk

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Birthdays: August 11 – Barbara Butchart
August 22 – Erlaine Eltomi

Anniversaries: August 31 – Dr. Nathaniel and Sandra Murdock

Best wishes to all who have special days to celebrate this month!

Masses now on Facebook Live! We are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to "see" you!

2022 Synod – October 21-23, 2022: This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, from Friday afternoon, October 21, 2022, through noon on Sunday, October 23, 2022. More details will follow in the coming months.

"What's the Smoke for? – and other burning questions about the Liturgy": This month we begin a series of questions posed about the Liturgy using the book entitled, "What's the Smoke for?" (ISBN 978-0-8146-3565-0, Liturgical Press, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN 56321) These are questions posed to Catholic Liturgist, Johan Van Parys, that Catholics and others often wonder about the liturgy. Van Parys is the Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1995. Since 1997, he has been managing editor of the award-winning *Basilica Magazine*. He is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgists and Societas Liturgica. This month's topic is "Priest's Robes and Colors."