



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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July 31st, 2022 † 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 31, HIGH MASS 9:00 a.m. - St. Ignatius Loyola, C

Pro Populo

Mon., Aug. 1, No Mass in Springs - St. Peter in Chains

Tues., Aug. 2, No Mass in Springs - St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, BCD

Wed., Aug. 3, No Mass in Springs - Finding of the Body of St. Stephen

Thurs., Aug. 4, No Mass in Springs - St. Dominic, C

Fri., Aug. 5, HOLY MASS, BENEDICTION and EXPOSITION 6:30 pm -

Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows (FIRST FRIDAY)

Sat., Aug. 6, REPOSITION 8:45 am, HOLY MASS 9:00 am-

Transfiguration of Our Lord (FIRST SATURDAY)

Sunday, Aug. 7, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Serving Schedule:

Sun. July 31st: Oliver Vigil, Thomas Vigil

Fri. Aug. 5th: Eric and Steven Kosovich

Sat., Aug. 6th: Dominic Pulliam, Andrew Fries

Sun. Aug. 7th: Steve Kosovich, Anthony Griess

Sun. Aug. 14th: Alexander Vigil, Jude Vigil

Mon. Aug. 15th (9:00am): Andrew Fries, Anthony Vigil

We pray Thee, O Lord, to grant us at all times a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Confessions: Sundays - 8:00 am and after Mass Tues. & Wed. - 7:30 am

Ending Hymn: Dearest Jesus #46, Pg: 50

Children's Catechism Class: will resume Sunday, Aug. 21st, from 8:15 - 8:25am.

Adult Catechism Class: will resume Wednesday, Aug. 31st, from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: RIP Robert Bernard, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Sarah Watterson, Rebekah Hibdon, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Maria Atwood, Tom Gallegos, RIP Marilyn Soisson, RIP Anita Grasins, RIP Joshua Baert, RIP Susan Chenoweth, RIP George Trahan, and all the sick. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

FIRST FRIDAY and FIRST SATURDAY MASS: in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are this week. Please sign up for the all night adoration on the Google sheets link that has been sent out. All the hours must be filled in order for us to have this privilege! Devotions for First Saturday will begin at 8:00am; these include the Rosary with meditations and prayers to the Immaculate Heart.

RECTORY UPDATE: The bid from Poulson Construction has been signed. We'll keep you posted as to when work will begin! Deo Gratias!

The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen, the First Martyr – *Father Weninger, 1876*
After St. Stephen, the first martyr, had been stoned to death by the Jews some pious men buried him with all due reverence at the county-seat of Gamaliel a few miles from Jerusalem. In consequence of the persecution of the Christians in Judea, the location of his tomb was forgotten, until it pleased the Almighty to reveal it. Gamaliel appeared to a holy priest named Lucian in his sleep and disclosed to him where the bodies of St. Stephen, Nicodemus, his son Abibon, and his own were lying, telling him to inform St. John, Bishop of Jerusalem, of this fact, saying that it was the will of God that he should exhume them for the benefit of many men. Lucian awakening, and fearing it was but a dream, or perhaps even a delusion from Satan, did not tell the Bishop, but humbly prayed to God that, if it were a revelation from on high, He would grant him a repetition of the vision. Lucian continued in prayer and fasting for eight days, when Gamaliel again appeared to him and repeated all he had said before. Lucian did not yet obey, but to be more certain, fasted and prayed eight days more. Gamaliel appeared to him for the third time, and, with a severe countenance, reproving him for not believing his words, commanded him to make the Bishop acquainted with the facts immediately, in order that the faithful might no longer be deprived of the benefits which they would obtain by the intercession of St. Stephen and the other Saints. Lucian could no longer doubt. The joy of the holy Bishop and Patriarch was exceedingly great. He called the bishops and priests of the neighboring churches, and went to the place indicated finding four coffins, on which were engraven the names: St. Stephen, St. Nicodemus, St. Abibon, St. Gamaliel. When the coffins were reverently opened, there issued from them a fragrance as if the place had been filled with blooming flowers. More than seventy persons, some of whom were sick and others possessed by evil spirits were instantly restored to health, or relieved of their torments on touching the sacred relics, especially those of St. Stephen. The body was carried with great solemnity to Jerusalem, and deposited in the church of Sion, the oldest and largest church in that city. The remarkable discovery of the relics of St. Stephen and the miracles were soon known all over the Christian world. The heretics, who, at that time persecuted the church, were ashamed, and the faithful strengthened in the true faith and animated in their veneration for the protomartyr. St. Augustine tells us of many great miracles wrought, in his presence, by these relics. A blind woman's sight was immediately restored, by touching her eyes with a flower, which had been laid on the relics of St. Stephen. Eucharius, a priest, arose again to life, when they placed upon his corpse a tunic which had rested on St. Stephen's body. A lad who was killed by being run over by a carriage, was not only restored to life, but his broken limbs were healed. Eleusinus placed the corpse of his child upon the spot where the relics of the saint had rested, and immediately the child lived again. Upon the head of Martial, a hardened Jew, his brother-in-law--a Christian--laid a flower, which had been on the altar near the relics, and the next day the Jew requested to be baptized. St. Augustine concludes with these words: "If I alone were to relate what I know of the miraculous cures performed by St. Stephen at Calama and in its neighborhood, I should have to write many books, and yet not be able to collect all of them."