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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

## Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

## Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

## Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

## Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

## Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

## Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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# The Church of St. Helena

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 11, 2019**

*"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known  
the hour when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into. You also  
must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."*

- Lk 12:39-40



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## THE WORD

Pope St. John Paul II was a man of many talents. He was a philosopher, playwright, actor, theologian, athlete, poet, and linguist. And, he used his talents to the hilt to the benefit of the Faith.

For instance, when he was younger, he wrote a play about the dignity of marriage. Also when he went canoeing and kayaking, he would many times take young adults with him and have retreat-like discussions. His facility at many languages enabled him to communicate with many people.

I'm confident that Pope St. John Paul did not wait in many situations for someone to ask him to use his talents. He just used them.

He was an extraordinary example of this Sunday's Gospel which says: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." Pope St. John Paul loved the Lord and His Church and used his talents creatively to express that love.

The question I have is: Why do so many Catholic who are extremely talented and well-educated sit back and do little or nothing to build up the Church, the Mystical Body of Church? Are they waiting to be asked? Do they not see where their talents can be utilized? Do they look upon the Church as just an organization, or do they view the Church as a living organism connected to Christ to which they

belong? Or, maybe they are Sunday-Catholics who see no connection to what they believe and what they do?

Whatever the reason, Catholic of all ages need to assess their talents and ask the Lord in prayer: Where do you want me to serve You and the Church? He'll answer you in prayer or in inspiration. Or, maybe He'll answer by someone asking you to help with some project or need. Or, maybe you can step back and assess your talents and see what areas of the Church can use your abilities.

Granted, our talents need to be coordinated within Church structures and authorities, but there are many acts of charity and evangelical enterprises that do not need approval or coordination. For instance, inviting someone to Mass, sharing a spiritual reading book, bringing friends to a nursing home to visit, or helping a senior citizen. Or better yet, I've known Catholic laity who on their own initiative have written Catholic novels, started (with permission) Catholic schools, and written articles about the Faith in secular newspapers.

Love is expansive and grows. If the Lord has given us many gifts, our happiness will increase when we use them well. Our Lord is waiting for us to return His love to Him, His Church, and our neighbor.

John Sondag, Director of Religious Education

## PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) Next Thursday, Aug. 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. Our parish Masses are on Wed., Aug. 14, at 5:30 P.M., and on Thurs., Aug. 15, at 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

2) Our Back to School Night is Wed., Aug. 21, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. in Rowan Hall. All students need to be registered at this time for the new school year, which begins on Sept. 3 for grades 1-8, and on Sept. 5 for Kindergarten.

3) Our famous Parish Festival is Sept. 13, 14, 15. It's a major event for our parish and the community. If you have not yet volunteered your time and talent, there is still a great need. Volunteer forms are available at the entrances of the church. Thank you.

4) *Count it pure joy when you are involved in every sort of trial. Realize that when your faith is tested, this makes for endurance. Let endurance come to its perfection so that you may be fully mature and lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)*

**VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION**—St. Helena will host a VIRTUS Training Session: Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness Session on Thursday, August 14, from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. in Rowan Hall. In order to volunteer or work with children, this is one of three requirements you must complete. Registration is done online at the website below, or contact the school or parish offices for assistance. <http://safe-environment.archspm.org/essential-3/>. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

**BAPTISM**—The parish community rejoices in the recent baptism of *Eleanor Ann Bramante*, and *Annette Therese Bramante*, daughters of Anthony and Carolyn Bramante. By God's gift through water and the Holy Spirit they have been gifted with everlasting life in Jesus Christ, to celebrate life in the midst of the Church. May they always be a faithful member of His body.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**—Anyone who purchases or sells their Raffle Tickets for "Autumn Daze" before 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 21, is eligible for the an Early Bird Drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Al Vento's Restaurant. Turn your tickets into the collection or the Parish Offices.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN**—Public school children in grades one through eight can be enrolled in the 2019–2020 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. This program begins on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:45 P.M. in the school.

**REGISTER FOR THE 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 19, 2020. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please enroll now in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**BUTTONS FOR THE FESTIVAL—ONLY \$1**—You can still buy a button for only a \$1 and redeem it for a can of pop or bottle of water (\$1.50) at the festival. Plus there are several offers from merchants when wearing your button in their stores.

**VOLUNTEER ON-LINE (OR BY TELEPHONE) FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”**—You can volunteer on-line for “Autumn Daze” clicking on [sthelena.ivolunteer.com/autumndaze2019](http://sthelena.ivolunteer.com/autumndaze2019). You can also volunteer by talking to a live person, if you call Paul Rivers (612-724-9201).

**WE NEED CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”**—This year, we are trying something new! We are only serving cans of pop and not having fountain pop this year at “Autumn Daze.” So, we really could use cases of cans of donated pop, particularly Pepsi products for the main food lines (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist), but other products are fine for the Bingo Concessions and Outdoor Pizza Booth. If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Office for “Autumn Daze.” We need lots of pop for “Autumn Daze.”

**COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE—AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY MASSES**—Everyone, young and old, is welcome at Doughnuts and Coffee in Rowan Hall every Sunday after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. There’s a free-will offering, but if you forgot your wallet or can’t afford to make a free-will offering, just come and enjoy the occasion. It’s a wonderful way to meet and visit with parishioners.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic which is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

**DO YOU NEED HELP?**—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) If you need help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES**—Buy a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which can give it to a needy person or family. Place the card in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul Conference” and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

**CRY ROOM FOR PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN OR INFANTS**—You can find the “Cry Room” in the front of the church, if you go through the side door by the Baptismal font. After you go through the door, turn left, go

up a small series of steps, open a door, and you'll enter a room where you can be close to the altar and that has the prayers miked into it, you can see everything that's happening, and your little ones can cry or talk without disturbing others in the main part of the church.

**ST. HELENA CHURCH HAS A NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE DURING THE 10:00 SUNDAY MASS**—St. Helena Church offers a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There’s no charge. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass.

**ST. HELENA MUSIC TROOP**—Musicians (young and old, beginner, advanced or in-between) are invited to be part of the St. Helena Music Troop which goes to nursing homes to entertain their residents at least four times a month during the summer. Musicians do not have to come each time we perform. The people who entertain do not play music as a group but individually play the piano, band or symphonic instruments, or sing. If you are interested in participating, please call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**ASSIST THE NEEDY OF THE PARISH**—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to needy individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. We meet this Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 P.M. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**DO YOU HAVE A GIFT CARD TO A RESTAURANT THAT YOU’RE NOT GOING TO USE?**—The restaurant is a good one, but it’s out of the area or serves food that your diet restricts. Donate that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

**WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS**—We need good, used toys and stuffed animals for “Autumn Daze.” You can bring them to the Parish Offices.

**WE NEED CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS**—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at “Autumn Daze,” can use items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Donate your crafted items to the Festival on Friday, September 13 or Saturday, September 14.

**GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL**—Give your good, used books (fiction or non-fiction) to the “Autumn Daze” Bookstore. No romance novels, please. You can bring them to the Parish Offices, but if you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.

**ARE YOU CLEANING YOUR ATTIC, BASEMENT OR GARAGE?**—Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other booths. Bring the items to the Parish Offices or call 612-275-0431 to have them picked up. (No clothes, stoves, electronic musical organs, refrigerators, exercise equipment, or couches, please.)



**SCRIPTURE #1165**

**Wis 18:6-9  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
Lk 12:32-48**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 AM**

**Monday † Julie Elwood**  
**Tuesday † Dorothy Fleming**  
**Wednesday Spencer Nelson**  
**Thursday The Assumption**  
**Friday † Bob McDonald**  
**Saturday † Roger McInerney, Jr.**

**SACRISTY AIDES**—Sandy Martin and Lucy Koller, (Linens) Mary DeLuney

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*August 12:* Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27  
*August 13:* Dt 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
*August 14:* Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20  
*August 15:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab,  
1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56  
*August 16:* Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12  
*August 17:* Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15  
*August 18:* Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4,  
Lk 12:49-53

**PARISH CALENDAR**

*August 12 – August 19*

**August 12**

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

**August 13**

**August 14**

-Assumption: Mass at 5:30 pm

-Virtus Training Session, RH, 6:00 pm

**August 15**

-Assumption: Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 am

-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Offices, 6:30 pm

**August 16**

**August 17**

**August 18**

-Donuts & Coffee after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses, RH

**August 19**

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

**PRAYER CORNER**

Show us your mercy, Lord; our misery is known to us.  
May no evil desire prevail over us, for your glory and  
love dwell in our hearts. Amen.

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## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

*St. Helena Back to School Night*—Mrs. Rian and all the teachers look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night, August 21, in Rowan Hall from 4:00-6:00 P.M., with a Community Picnic to follow at Lake Hiawatha.

**A WISH LIST FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”:** Here’s some of the items that can be donated by individuals, corporations, or groups of people for the auction, prizes, or Attic Treasures:

- \*Housecleaning Services
- \*Tickets to sporting events—Vikings, Twins, Wild, Timberwolves, Gophers
- \*A Catered Brunch, Luncheon, Dinner, or Reception
- \*Sporting Goods
- \*A Child’s Birthday Party
- \*Vacation Homes
- \*Cabin Stays
- \*Fishing Boats
- \*Kayaks
- \*Hotel Packages
- \*Snow Blowing & Shoveling
- \*Lawn Services
- \*Home Services-carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and masonry
- \*Event Tickets-concerts, shows
- \*Gift Cards
- \*Fishing Excursions
- \*Hunting Trips
- \*Butchering of a deer
- \*Used Automobiles, Motorcycles, Trucks

If you have any questions, call 612-275-0431. Bring items, tickets, or certificates for the services to the Parish Offices.

**BAPTISM**—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

**DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER NEED A VISIT?**—If you or your loved one will be hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive Eucharist, let us know. Keep in mind hospitals and healthcare facilities cannot contact us. We need to be contacted by family. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care, Virginia, at 612-729-7344.

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**SEPTEMBER 13, 14, & 15**



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