

Sacred Heart Cathedral



MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

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Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
(We close for Mass and lunch 12:10 pm—12:40 pm)
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 4:45 — 5:30 pm and Saturday 2:30 pm — 3:30 pm

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*July 25th marks the 58th anniversary of the publication of *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's famous encyclical letter reaffirming the Church's perennial teaching on the immorality of artificial contraception. It was a watershed moment in the Church following the years of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), and in secular society following the huge cultural changes that swept through much of the western world in the wake of the sexual revolution. The Encyclical was unfortunately received by many at the time—both within and outside the Church—with disdain and dissent, and was regarded as indicative of the Church as hopelessly "behind the times."*

*However, the truth is the truth, whether "in season or out of season" (2 Tim 4:2) and in the decades that have followed, the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* has borne incredible fruit among those Catholic faithful who have received it with docility. And the counter-cultural warning that it provided has made Pope Paul VI look boldly prophetic in retrospect, as almost all of the dangers that he foresaw would come about through the widespread practice of artificial contraception have indeed come about almost exactly as predicted.*

One Bishop who enthusiastically supported and embraced the encyclical immediately upon its release in 1968 was none other than Bishop Fulton Sheen, then serving as our Bishop in the Diocese of Rochester. As we approach the time of his Beatification in September, I thought it might be of interest to read Bishop Sheen's own words. Included below is the first part of Bishop Sheen's Diocesan column, published in the Rochester Courier-Journal (the Diocesan newspaper) on August 2, 1968—immediately following the Encyclical's release. Part 2 will be included in next week's bulletin. — Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

Bishop Sheen Praises Pope Paul "He Dared To Oppose the World" (Part 1)

Psychology teaches: "Whatever is received, is received according to the nature and the psychological outlook of the one receiving it."

Black absorbs light and white reflects it. Pour water into a blue glass and the water looks blue; pour it into a red glass and the water looks red; pour it into a crystal glass and the water appears in its true nature.

The words of Our Lord from the Cross, "Father forgive them," kindled great hate in the thief on the left, but it converted the thief on the right. Seed falling on a highway does not act the same way as seed on fertile ground.

So it is with a Papal restatement on the Sacredness of Life. Those who condemned the Holy Father for not speaking out, will now condemn him because he has spoken out. The blue souls will now sing the "blues," the "red" souls will now see "red," for their minds were already made up. But crystal souls will accept the decision for many reasons, one of which is this:

Here is a man, who like Athanasius, dared oppose the world. Same secular minds are in favor of controlling the levers of life. But Paul dared oppose the world, for which he will be crucified, not only by the world itself but by some ecclesiastics, as was Christ on Calvary. "If the world hates you, it hated Me first, as you know well." (John 15:18)

A dead body will float down stream: it takes a live body to resist it.

If for no other reason than his courage to oppose mass demand for the frustration of life, he will appeal to those who want a Voice to say what is right, not when the world is right, but even when the world is wrong.

To hold the fort, to trumpet out a call to holiness against raging blasts, is heroism with victimhood.

Paul could be the most popular man in the world, if he gave to man the control of life's begetting, but now he will be the touchstone, the litmus paper, the moment of truth for all who claimed he was their shepherd.

He knows that if total control of life's beginning is given to man, that the control may be exercised at any moment during duration.

His attitude may be that of Father Tche who was assured by the Chinese Communists on June 2, 1951, that if he denied the Pope, he would be spared. "No," he answered, "because tomorrow you will ask me to deny Christ."

GIVING BACK TO GOD

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Parish Offertory for July 18 & 19, 2026

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\$13,988		\$13,988

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\$32,241		\$32,241

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PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Isabelle Cutaia, and all our faithful departed.

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

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of — Thuan Nguyen
Requested by — Sister*

*In Loving Memory Of — Betty Reninger
Requested by — Judith Kiehl*

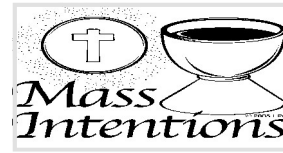


BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Jack Bansbach & Karen Cuttin
Brendan Kepes & Allison Brickwood

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they approach their wedding day and begin their vocation as husband and wife, revealing to the world the faithful love of Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church.



Saturday, July 25, 2026—Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

2:30 pm—3:30 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

Confession

Rosary

David J. Donofrio—Cheryl & Tom Tomasso

David Donofrio—Joe Ilii Jr.

John Vorrasi—Family

Jim Gerhardt—Deborah & Brian Gerhardt

Sunday, July 26, 2027—Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 kgs 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

7:00 am

Intentions of Mary Jo Lauriat—Donald & Jayne

Kuchman

9:15 am

For the people of Sacred Heart

11:15 am

Nino Trunfio MD—Ripton, Tara, Tessa &

Graham

Monday, July 27, 2027

Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

11:30 am—Noon

Confession

12:10 pm

Richard Lauriat—Campbell Family

Tuesday, July 28, 2027

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

7:30 am

Intentions of Potter Family—Family

Wednesday, July 29, 2027—Saint Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:29-27 or Lk 10:38-42

11:30 am—Noon

Confessions

12:10 pm

Helen Robbins—Earl Voss

Thursday, July 30, 2027—St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

11:30 am—Noon

Confession

12:10 pm

Betty Smith

Friday, July 31, 2027—St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

11:30 am—Noon

Confession

12:10 pm

John Brunette Sr.—Brunette Family

4:45 pm—5:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, August 1, 2026—Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

2:30 pm—3:30 pm

Confession

3:00 pm

Rosary

4:00 pm

Jan Tantalo—Loretta Ennocenti

Robert Hardesty—Friend

Phillip J. Marotta, USA—Joseph & Mary

Elizabeth Barry

Intentions of Fr. Van Lieshout—The Seven Sisters

Sunday, August 2, 2020—Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-4, Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:31-21

7:00 am

For the people of Sacred Heart

9:15 am

John Prewasnicak—Zwahlen Family

Intentions of Kame Lu & Nee OO—Family

Intentions of Penny Keenan—Moyer Family

Intentions of Shay Htway — Nee OO

11:15 am

Joseph Mark Mott—Joan Princiotta

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Bernadette Anastasi, Shirley Atwell, Gary M. Butterfield, Manjo Das, Scott Davis, Muriel DeMartino, Robert DiFulio, Heidi Erb, Frank Campione, Deborah Hard, Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM, Kristin Helms, Jon Herron, Robert Lighthouse, Andrew Mastin, John McGarvey, Irene Morgan, Fr. Thomas P. Mull, Susie Shoemaker, Sharon Springer, Susan Spinosa, Donald Stiner, Candice Verdon



*Jesse Jeremiah Lewis
Gary Cillian Lewis
Wesley Joseph Morales*

*We welcome the newest Children of God
baptized this week!*

Tabernacle Candles

Make a \$10 offering to have a sanctuary lamp burn in honor of your loved one. The name of the honored person will be listed in the bulletin. Cards are available with this offering. Please call or stop by the Cathedral main office to request this memorial.

The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester
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- 1st penance — Renewed by Jesus (2nd graders)
- 1st Communion— Receiving Jesus (2nd graders)
- Continuing Faith (3rd--7th graders)
- Confirmation Year 1 (8th graders)
- Confirmation Year 2 (9th graders)

Wednesday	5:30 pm — 6:30 pm
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Sunday	10:15 am — 11:00 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm — 6:30 pm
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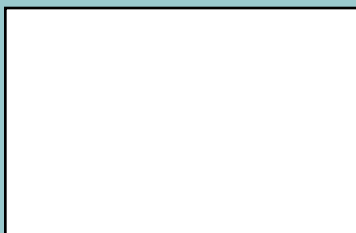
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