

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

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

When I left home in 2009 to enter major seminary at the North American College in Rome, Italy, it was with the understanding that I would spend my first two academic years abroad, without returning home over the summer. At 21 years old, that was both an exciting opportunity, but also a sad prospect of having to be apart from my family for such a long time. (Our seminarian, Michael Piersall, and his family are experiencing this same thing right now).

The seminary had a tradition which I hope is still carried on today. On August 27th, the newly-arrived first year seminarians would walk to the Church of St. Augustine, near the famous Piazza Navona. There, in a chapel to the left of the main sanctuary is an altar that contains the remains of St. Augustine's saintly mother, St. Monica. And so, the seminarians were instructed to **pray for their own Mothers** back in the US, there at the tomb of St. Monica, on Monica's very feast day (August 27th).

Monica herself famously spent years in sorrowful prayer praying for the conversion of Augustine. I'm sure that there are many mothers in the parish who are asking for the intercession of St. Monica for the conversion of their own children. But perhaps St. Monica's feast day should also be a sort of "Catholic Mother's day" in which we return the favor and all pray for our own mothers—either for their present physical and spiritual well-being, or for the happy repose of their souls.



There is a very touching scene in the Confessions of St. Augustine in which Augustine relates the story of the death of Monica. She is attempting to return to her home in North Africa but contracts a deadly sickness while waiting in Ostia, the port city of Rome (now an archeological site called Ostia Antica). St. Augustine attempts to assure his dying mother that he will provide for the transfer of her body back to North Africa for burial. Her response to his is a lovely testament to her faith:

*“Lay this body anywhere. Let not the care of it in any way disturb you. Only this I ask of you, that you **remember me at the altar of the Lord** wherever you are.”*

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

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Parish Offertory for August 15 & 16, 2026

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YTD Actual \$67,708	YTD Goal	YTD Variance \$67,708

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE



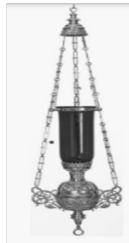
Brendan Villarrubia & Taylor Snyder

Please keep this couple 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.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

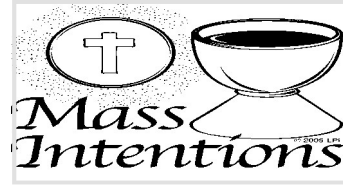
*In Memory Of — Anthony Inzana
Requested by — Family*

*In Memory Of — The Bauer Family
Requested by — Brenda Bauer-Gotham*



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.



Saturday, August 22, 2026—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

2:30 pm—3:30 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

Confession

Rosary

Sandra L. Harkness—Mark & Laura

John Vorrasi—Family

Intentions of Michael Ryan—Nietopski Family

Intentions of Michael Nietopski—Nietopski Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026—Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33:36; Mt 16:13-20

7:00 am

9:15 am

11:15 am

Margaret & Jerry McCabe—Kelly & Paul Gotham

For the people of Sacred Heart

Jane Canavan—Tim & Marlene Canavan

Monday, August 24, 2026—Saint Bartolomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Intentions of Karen Ritchie—The Seven Sisters

Tuesday, August 25, 2026—Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

7:30 am

Thomas Moore—Hubbel Family

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Intentions of William & Suzanne D'Ambrosio—Theresa

Thursday, August 27, 2026—Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Helen Gririn—Jeff & Darlene Piersall

Friday, August 28, 2026—Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Intentions of Kathleen McMahon—The Seven Sisters

4:45 pm—5:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, August 29, 2026—The Passion Of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 6:17-29

2:30—3:30 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

Confession

Rosary

John Vorrasi—Family

Intentions of Kristan Nietopski—Nietopski Family

Intentions of Joseph Nietopski—Nietopski Family

Intentions of Luca Nietopski—Nietopski Family

Sunday, August 30, 2026—Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

7:00 am

9:15 am

Bob & Evelyn Gotham—Paul & Kelly Gotham

Susan Tellier & Garth Tellier—Charles Tellier

John Joseph—William & Beverley Empey

Thanksgiving to St. Theresa of the child Jesus

Intentions of Kyaw Ser Moo—Kame Lu & Nee Oo

For the people of Sacred Heart

11:15 am

Save The Dates

Sunday, September 13, 2026 — First Responders Mass with Bishop Bonnici at 11:15 am.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 — White Mass with Bishop Bonnici at 11:15 am.

Both of these masses will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



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

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

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

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



The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester
In Residence: Rev. Aaron J. Kelly, Secretary to the Bishop

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- 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
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