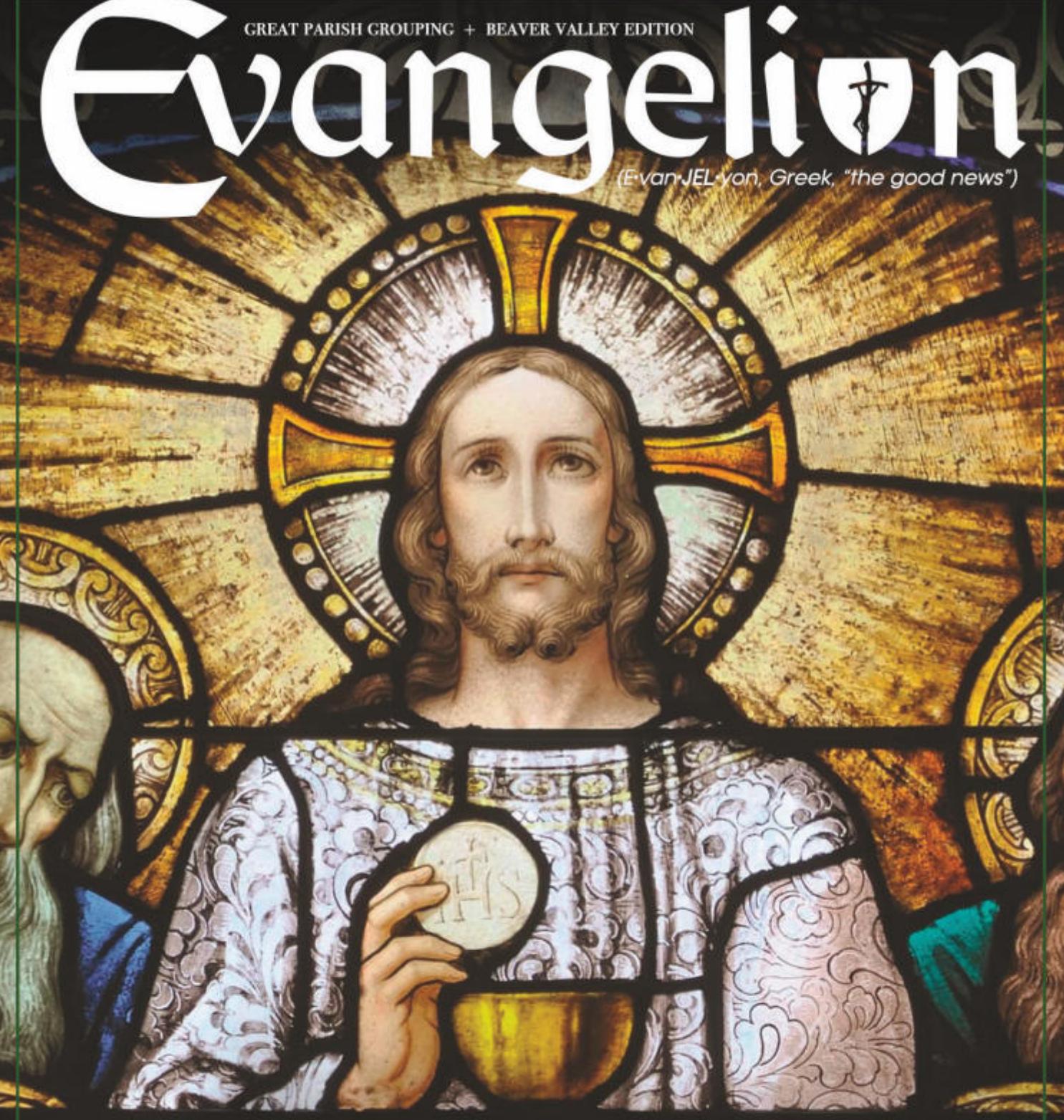


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# Evangelion

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(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



A stained glass window depicting Jesus Christ with a golden halo, looking down. Below him, a hand holds a chalice containing a host, with the letters 'IHS' embossed on it. The background shows intricate patterns and other figures.

HE is HERE! | August 22, 2021 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 22, 2021

## FIRST READING—**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers.

When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people:

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered,

"Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods.

For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery.

He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

## SCRIPTURE SPEAKS

Let God reveal Himself to you in His Word. As you reflect on these readings, feel free to use available space to make notes, mark, or highlight anything that speaks to you.

## RESPONSORIAL—**Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21**

**Response: Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God.**

Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God. Glory, glory to God most high, glory, blessing and praise. With one voice, O people, Rejoice in our God, who hears the cry of all in need. (R.)

Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep, who exalts the lowly and sets captives free, who opens the door to all those who seek. (R.)

Oh, the love of God! Become flesh of our flesh, so that we might live in glory. (R.)

## **SECOND READING—Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32**

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

## **GOSPEL—John 6:60-69**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

## **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



HEAVENLY

# HALL OF FAME

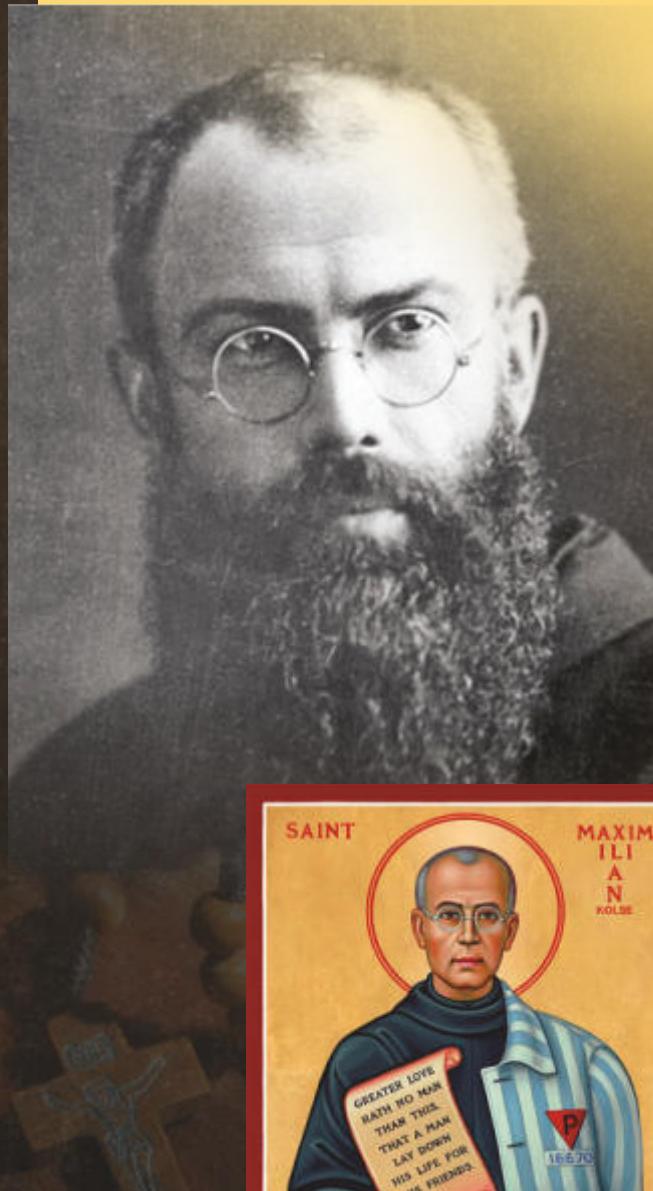
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

*J*ust the other day we saw several Steelers including Troy Polamalu and Coach Bill Cowher enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame. Cowher ended his speech holding up rosaries!



The way pro athletes and coaches sacrifice themselves for the team—and a select few of them make to Canton, Ohio—is a metaphor for a destiny even harder to achieve: Heaven and being enshrined as a saint.

It's impossible to get to heaven without Jesus Christ! So, Mary and the saints now desire more than ever to lead us to Jesus. Let's follow in the line of great hall of famers to be courageous witnesses (even if it means dying for the Lord as a martyr). Here is an example of a Heavenly Hall of Famer... 



"I don't know what's going to become of you!" How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe's reaction was, "I prayed very hard to Our Lady—the Immaculata—to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same. He was ordained a priest at the age of 24.

In 1941, Father Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis and imprisoned at Auschwitz.

When a prisoner escaped, the commandant announced that 10 men would die. As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line, saying, "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children."

The commandant, dumbfounded, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Father Kolbe's death was not a sudden, last-minute act of heroism. His whole life had been a preparation. His holiness was a limitless, passionate desire to convert the whole world to God. And his beloved Immaculata was his inspiration.

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Baptized  
June 5, 2021*



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THURSDAY: STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

4:00-7:00 PM

FRIDAY: OUR FAMOUS FISH FRY

4:00-7:00 PM

SATURDAY: STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

3:00-7:00 PM

SUNDAY: DON'T MISS OUR FAMOUS  
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# MARY'S MANTLE

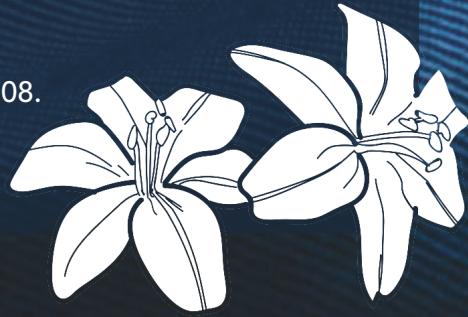
I heard a beautiful story about the afghans given out at Christmastime through our *Mary's Mantle Apostolate Ministry* at Our Lady of Peace. Although we hear so many say thank you, and get to see smiles and tears from the patients and people who receive them, this story touched me.

I received a phone call about a cancer patient who was given an afghan at Christmastime from us. Although this lady was not religious, she decided to bring the afghan to the hospital with her when she was undergoing an operation to remove the cancer. After the operation, while in recovery, she felt very cold; she was shivering, and no matter what the nurses did she couldn't get warm or comfortable. The nurse asked her if she wanted the afghan she brought with her. Immediately, when the afghan covered her, she felt warmth and peace inside her. She wanted to know who made the afghan. Now she is recovering nicely. This touched her very much.

We distributed about 80 afghans this year, about 300-400 total throughout the years. I couldn't tell her who made her afghan but could tell her these afghans are made with love and prayers from many people. I'm sure she felt the love that was put into her blanket!

Please know that if you are donating an afghan or lap afghan to our ministry, you are helping and comforting people more than you know. We've received calls already from people asking if we are giving them to patients and homebound again this Christmastime. The answer is YES, please help us continue making this a success every year. Every afghan/lap afghan is given out to people who can use one to brighten their day. Many people have no one to visit them. Their response always is, "I can't believe someone was thinking of me." Although we don't distribute these until the end of the year, anytime one is made and donated to us, it gets saved to give out when needed. If you know of someone in December who is a patient in a nursing home, Veteran's home, or is homebound please let us know and we will try to deliver one to them. Our thoughts and prayers are with all!

For questions, please call Jackie at (724) 869-9908.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE GROUPING

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## ADORATION

Why Adoration? A parishioner shared with us "Adoration has given me a deeper understanding of my faith." Come and feel the soothing silence for yourself! Adoration is available **Monday-Thursday from 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace in Conway.**

## CONFESION

Confession is available after every daily and weekend Mass, Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at Good Samaritan, and Saturdays at 3 PM at both Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Baptist.

## MADONNA & CHILD STATUE

If you would like to take the Madonna and Child statue into your home please contact Jackie at (724) 869-9908. The statue and a small notebook are located on the table near the side entrance along with baskets for any intentions.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year. We offer classes from Birth to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. [greatgrouping.org/formation](http://greatgrouping.org/formation).

## ALPHA

We will be starting a new Evangelization program in the Beaver Valley parishes called Alpha. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha programming will begin in January 2022. In September, we will be running training sessions for anyone interested in joining the ALPHA Team in any capacity. If you feel called to join in on the team please contact Cindy Deschaine at [cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org](mailto:cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org).

## WEEKEND RIVER TRIP

Set out over the deep waters, and encounter God in the beauty of nature! On **September 18 and 19**, Fr Jay and David Belczyk will be taking a 2-day, 35 mile canoe trip down the Allegheny River, through lush forests and tranquil valleys. We will camp on an island, where we will celebrate a sunrise Mass. Join us for prayer, friendship, fellowship, and discovery. Families with children are especially encouraged to come. For details, questions, and to reserve a spot on the trip, please contact Good Samaritan parishioner David Belczyk: [davidbelczyk@gmail.com](mailto:davidbelczyk@gmail.com) or at (412) 523-0055.

## ANNUAL MUSIC MINISTRY APPRECIATION PICNIC

Attention all music ministers from the Beaver Valley Parishes: As a thank you for your dedication and hard work over the past year, you are invited a picnic on **Thursday, August 26, 4:30 – 8:00 PM at Walker Park** (in Edgeworth Borough). Bring your family, lawn chairs, games, a dessert, or side dish. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments will be provided. For directions and/or more details, email Bridget at [bjarsulic@greatgrouping.org](mailto:bjarsulic@greatgrouping.org).

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Beginning Saturday, September 11**, the updated interim schedule will include these items:

- 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday morning at Saints John & Paul will be discontinued
- 7:00 PM Mass on Sunday evening at Saints John & Paul will be discontinued
- Saints John & Paul weekend schedule will be:
  - Saturdays:
    - 4:00 PM Confessions
    - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
  - Sundays:
    - Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM
- Beaver Valley weekend schedule will be:
  - Saturdays:
    - 3:00 PM Confessions at Our Lady of Peace
    - 4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace
    - 3:00 PM Confessions at Good Samaritan
    - 4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Good Samaritan
  - Sundays:
    - 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Peace
    - 10:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist
    - 11:00 AM Mass at Good Samaritan
    - 4:00 PM Mass in Spanish at Good Samaritan

This schedule will be re-evaluated in the spring 2022.

## AFGHANS & BLANKETS NEEDED

We will once again collect afghans & lap blankets for the sick in nursing homes and the shut ins that will be delivered during the Christmas season by the Apostolate Ministry. Both men's and women's colors are needed. For information please call Jackie (724) 869-9908.

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23** (1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Deceased of the Cupelli Family (Ralph & Nina DeLuca)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24** (Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Elizabeth J. Raymer (Ted & Linda Liscinsky)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25** (1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Mildred Stuban (Stuban Family)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26** (1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • John & Sophie Oriszko (Sophie & Bill Campbell)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27** (1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Janet Doyle (Ed & Gerri Fabanich)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28** (1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Michael Cristallino (Rick & Carol Caruso)

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist • In Honor of Elaine Witowich

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29** (Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Frederick & Helen Ringel (Family)

9:00 AM Good Samaritan • David Yanko (Wife, Jackie)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • Dolly Hovan (Friends)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • In Honor of Ivan Palacios & In Memory of Norma Stahl Bohorquez (Jennifer Palacios-Weis)

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(OLOP) In Memory of Edward J. Neville  
by Janet Stange & David Sepos

(OLOP) In Memory of Earl Stange  
by Richard & Rebecca Palladini

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For the weekend of August 15

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## THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

### BREAD & WINE

(OLOP) In Honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of Chris & Vanessa Campbell  
By Sophie & Bill Campbell

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

(SJ) In Memory of the deceased of the  
Hertneky Family  
by Helen Ringel

(GS) In Memory of Yarmilla Sivy  
by JoAnn Smith

### ALTAR FLOWERS

(OLOP) In Memory of Ed Neville's Birthday  
by Neville Family

### BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Eugene Zielinski  
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, August 23

6:30 PM Grief Share (GS)

### Tuesday, August 24

10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (SJ)  
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)  
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)

### Wednesday, August 25

10:00 AM Story Hour (OLOP)

### Thursday, August 26

4:00PM Choir Picnic (Walker Park)

### Friday, August 27

7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

### Saturday, August 28

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)  
3:00 PM Confessions (SJB)  
4:00 PM Guitar Trio at Mass (SJB)

### Sunday, August 29

Nothing Scheduled

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## REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul

5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan

6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul

6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul

1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul

3:00 PM CONFESSION at Our Lady of Peace

3:00 PM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul

5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul

9:00 AM Good Samaritan

11:00 AM Saints John & Paul

11:00 AM Good Samaritan

11:00 AM Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)

7:00 PM Saints John & Paul

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.