



# ST. JOHN FISHER CHAPEL

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## University Parish

August 15, 2021 ● *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Y*ou may notice the absence of 'A Kean Perspective' this week as Fr. Jim is just now returning from a couple of weeks away. It is all part of my plan for world domination... Muahaha! Ahem. It is, admittedly, a small step — taking over the cover of the parish bulletin, but I gotta start somewhere, right? Just kidding – I could never replace the keen and insightful perspective of our pastor, Fr. Jim. He is still the master and I am the apprentice with much to learn.

This Sunday, celebrating the glorious feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, I am also reminded of how much I still need to grow in holiness. The sanctity of the saints calls all of us on, but the goal can seem so distant sometimes and perhaps unattainable when we think about our past failures. This feast reminds us to look up, to look Heavenward and see the glory of the life to which God calls us. He has promised it. He can accomplish it in us and raise us to a glory beyond what we can even imagine. This Sunday, let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us and for all sinners, to give us hearts that long for Heaven and hope to be with Jesus and Mary for all eternity.

### **Alma Redemptoris Mater**

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer,  
who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven,  
and Star of the Sea,  
Give aid to a falling people  
that strives to rise;  
O Thou who begot thy holy Creator,  
while all nature marvelled,  
Virgin before and after  
receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel,  
have mercy on sinners.*

–Fr. John Carlin



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### MASS TIMES

**Tuesday:** 12:15pm Mass  
**Wednesday:** 12:15pm Mass  
**Thursday:** 7:15pm Mass  
**Friday:** 12:15pm Mass  
**Saturday:** 8:30am Mass  
**Sunday:** 10am & 6pm Mass

### CONFESSION TIMES

Thursday, 6pm in Church  
Saturday, 9am in Church

### PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
1pm every Tuesday | 6pm every Thursday

**Parish Rosary**  
8am every Saturday

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17-18b

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

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SUN | August 8 at 10am - +Sean Robinson  
at 6pm - +Martha Robinson

TUE | August 10 at 12:15pm - +Stanley Cook

WED | August 11 at 12:15pm - +Nolan Tyler

THU | August 12 at 7:15pm - +Special Intention

FRI | August 13 at 12:15pm - Health & Safety of Students  
this School Year

SAT | August 7 at 8:30am - Health & Safety of Teachers  
this School Year

## UPCOMING EVENTS



May the best chili win!

LAKE ORION CATHOLIC  
YOUNG ADULTS  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**

August 21, 2021  
6:30 PM  
St. John Fisher Chapel  
Auburn Hills

Ages 21-29  
RSVP and/or sign up to be a cook at  
[stjosephlakeorion.org/young-adults](http://stjosephlakeorion.org/young-adults)



## A BIGGER BOAT

This week, in our teaching series on the Holy Mass, we will look at the very beginning

of the liturgy: the entrance procession and the greeting. This may seem very basic and almost trivial for us to consider this small part of the Mass, however, in learning about the Mass, the first thing we should understand is that *no* part of the Mass is insignificant. Everything is there for a purpose, and that purpose is beautiful.

Practically speaking, the entrance procession serves to get the priest from point A to point B efficiently, so that we can start the Mass, pray, and be that much closer to securing our donut and coffee afterward. But there is also a much deeper meaning to this procession that reveals the mystery. I say THE mystery, because there is really only one mystery that is continually revealed to us, though in many and varied ways. This is the mystery of God's love for His Church. Catholic apologist and theologian, Dr. Christopher West describes it by saying that, "The Bible can be summed up in five words: God wants to marry you." Drawing from St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, West writes and gives talks around the world about this one mystery of God's love and how that love is revealed in a unique way through our bodies and our sexuality. It is a message that this upside down world sorely needs to hear.

But what Dr. West is ultimately talking about is this one mystery. Just as God's love is revealed in the mystery of our bodies, in the mystery of our sexuality, so God's love is also revealed in the mystery of the Eucharist – God forever uniting Himself to bread and wine to be really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. The one mystery is revealed in the mysteries of marriage and holy orders – in the faithful love of husband and wife and in the intimate union of God with His priests so that even the words of the priest have power to absolve sins and to give life. All these mys-

teries are but facets that reveal the one mystery of Christ's love for His Bride, the Church. This is the mystery revealed in the entrance procession if we have the eyes to see it.

You see, nowadays when we think about weddings, we usually think about the bride dressed in white, processing down the aisle with her father to meet the groom at the altar. But in the ancient world, it was actually the other way around. The bride did not process last, but rather, the bridegroom came down the aisle to meet his bride. This is the language of Scripture, that the Church, the new Jerusalem is "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rv 21:2), and that the *bridegroom*, Christ, is the one who comes forth from his tent like the sun, like a champion running his course (Ps 19:6). In the parable of the 10 virgins, it is the bridegroom who is delayed in coming, not the bride (Mt 25:1-10), and when He comes, the wedding feast begins.

See now the priest, processing in for Mass, coming last in the procession as the people stand awaiting him. See now Christ coming to meet His Bride the Church who is already standing at the altar waiting for Him. This is forever the posture of the Church – the Bride awaiting Her Bridegroom. It is why we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus". It is not as though the Church is striving toward Heaven to get to Christ, but rather She awaits Heaven to come down to Her, striving only to prepare Herself like a wise virgin with Her light of faith shining brightly. The entrance procession shows us the nuptial meaning of the Mass, that in our words and actions, there is an ongoing dialogue between Christ and His Church that we are all a part of. We are, all of us, caught up in this one prayer, this one mystery of Christ's love for His Bride, so that each of us may be united to Him for all eternity.

God love you!  
Fr. John



## Sacred Relics of the Saints: *Treasures of the Church*

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

6:30pm at St. John Fisher Chapel  
3665 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills

*Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church* is coming to St. John Fisher Chapel! This exhibit begins with a teaching on Sacred Relics followed by a public exposition of the relics from many highly venerated saints. The event will take place on **Friday, September 3rd at 6:30pm.**

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will host the extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. For more info about the exhibit, visit [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com).

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