

August 27, 2017 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Resp. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Events for the week of August 20=27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel

Sun. 10:00 am Mass

This week, there will be **no Mass** Monday through Thursday. There will be **Rosary at 8 am**. Rosary. **Adoration** will be available.

Fri. 7:35 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass — First Friday

Sat. 8:00 am Mass — First Saturday

4:00 pm Confessions

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sun. 10:00 am Mass—No Youth Choir practice

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass
(in basement classroom under parish office).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rita DuBernay, Rod Durham, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Maxine Hermens, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Rita Ellison, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Denise McDaniel, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

Welcome to Fr. Hank!

Fr. Hank is filling in for Fr. Saji, while Fr. Saji is on vacation. Please keep Fr. Hank in your prayers in thanksgiving for his caring for the parish while Fr. Saji is gone, and please pray for Fr. Saji's rest and rejuvenation, in thanksgiving for time for fellowship with members of his congregation, and for his safe travels.

Quo Vadis Days — Where Are You Going?

Quo Vadis Day is a camp for **young Catholic men (13-18)**, giving the opportunity to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives. It will be held **September 8-10** at the **Diocesan Retreat Center**, Powell Butte. To register, call David Bisono 541.388.2566 or email him at dbisono@dioceseofbaker.org.

September 10: All Parish Mass and Picnic

The only **Mass** in Union County on **September 10** will be **11 am at Riverside Park**. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm Saturday evening. The picnic will follow. Hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and plastic ware will be provided by the parish. Please **bring a side or dessert to share**, and your blanket or lawn chair so you can relax after the meal. Games will be available for the children.

PRIZES ARE NEEDED!!!

Prizes for winners for the games **are still needed**; they can be dropped off at the office. **Volunteers are also needed** to help with the games. Call or text **Nancy Wheeling at 541-805-4917** to volunteer.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042
or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541-963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

FORMED

Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at FORMED.ORG and enter parish code: **MAMWFF**

Spending Time with Jesus

Someone is needed for adoration from **3-4 pm on Wednesdays**, and additional hours will be opening up this fall. This is **time to be up-close and personal with Jesus — face-to-face with him — bringing him your joys and your sorrows, listening to him and what it is he wants for you**. LifeTeen makes these recommendations in "A Beginner's Guide to Adoration": **1) Be patient**. Maybe you aren't ready to commit to a whole hour, but you could drop in for 15 minutes a week. **2) Bring Scripture**. As Fr. Hank said in last week's homily, praying Scripture before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity for great insights and spiritual growth. **3) Pray the Rosary**. Let Jesus' mother help you know him better. **4) Listen to sacred music** (earphones, please!). For some Gregorian chant can be a real asset to prayers; for others, praise and worship music is a way to pray. **5) Be okay with silence**. Allow yourself to sit in silence with Jesus. **Substitutes are always needed**; call **Mary Calder** to add your name to the list or if you have any questions about adoration: **541-963-7906**.

Living a Life of Joy: Radiating the Gospel.

Friday evening, October 20, through Sunday Mass, October 22, Our Lady of the Valley will be hosting a Northwest regional marriage and family conference: **Living a Life of Joy: Radiating the Gospel**. Speakers include **Bishop Cary and Matt and Mindy Dalton of Marriage Missionaries**. For marriages of **all ages and stages**, this conference will explore the **beauty of marriage** through a **Catholic lens**, providing **practical tools** to live this sacrament and vocation **within the current cultural landscape**. **Register at: https://tiny.url/olvmarrriageconference.**



LIVING A LIFE OF JOY

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

For over 25 years Fred and Linda Williams have helped those in need—including the homeless and those just released from jail. **To donate** household goods, small appliances, or children's clothing, **call Linda at (541-963-2282)**. Larger items may be donated if delivered. **Want to help in this work?** Call and let Linda know that you would be available to help pick up donations.

2017-2018 Youth Programs

Thank you to all of the families who provided input as we prayed about which time would best serve the goals for this ministry year and the preferences of families. The regular youth sessions for 1st grade - 12th grade will be **after Mass on Sundays until 12:30 pm** beginning on Sunday, **September 17**. There will be additional meetings for those preparing for sacraments. **Registrations** are now **available online** at olvatholic.org, **on the bulletin board** in the hallway **or from Amanda** outside the church **after Mass**. Please **register by Sunday, September 3**. Contact Amanda avillagomez@olvatholic.org with questions.

Knowing the Saints

This week, there are two important feast days: the feast of the **Passion of St. John the Baptist** (8/30), and the feast of **St. Augustine of Hippo**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (8/29). Their lives both reinforce the importance of commitment to **Truth**.

Jesus said, "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." (Lk 7:28). St. John the Evangelist wrote, "A man named John was sent from God... to testify to the light, so that all might believe..." (Jn. 1:6-7). St. John the Baptist **lived a simple life**, eating locusts and wild honey and dressing in camel's hair (Mt 3:4). Throughout his life, **he pointed to the need to reform one's life**. John baptized Jesus and later pointed to him as the "Lamb of God." Later John said, "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30). **John's purpose in life was to make a path to Jesus** (cf. Jn 1:23-27), and he was **beheaded because he refused to condone sexual immorality**, that is Herod's adulterous cohabitation with his wife's brother, Herodias (Mt 14:3-5), who then used her daughter to ask for John's head on a platter (Mt 14:10-11). Though he was not asked to deny Christ explicitly, he was martyred for his witness to Christ who is Truth. As St. Bede put it, "**St. John, for Christ, gave up his life, even though [his persecutor] had not demanded that he should deny Jesus Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. And he did not keep silent about the truth, and thus he died for Christ who is the Truth.**"

St. Augustine lived a life very different than that of St. John the Baptist for many years. Though he had been brought up as a Christian, he **drifted away from the Faith**, going so far as **to embrace heresy. He loved comfort and pleasure and had a long-time relationship with a woman, living with her outside of marriage, and they had a child together**. Despite what might have looked like satisfaction with life on the outside, **St. Augustine was restless**. Probably his most famous quote is, "'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and **our hearts are restless until they rest in you.**" In his seeking, in his recognition of the need to change his life, he said, "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while **we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!**" As he struggled to live chastely, he prayed, "Grant me chastity and continence... but not yet." The turning point was when he heard, "Take and read," and understood this to be God telling him to read Scripture. He opened the bible to Romans 13:13-14: "**Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**" This struck him deeply, and he began to change his life, eventually

Saturday, September 2, at 5:30 pm Vigil Mass:

Lector: Charlene Storoe
Altar Servers: McKenna Shaw, Clinton Tarvin
Acolyte: John Herman
Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Villagomez
Elaine Acevedo

Sunday, September 3, 10:00 am Mass:

Lector: Delia Jaramillo
Altar Servers: Zalia Robles, Brittany Robles,
Diana Robles
Acolyte: Joe Petrussek
Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Petrussek, Cathy Petrussek
Gustavo Robles, Elizabeth Robles

All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.

becoming a priest, then a bishop. He was a prolific writer, and is known as both a Father of the Church and a Doctor of the Church.

Today we are faced with many challenges regarding the Truth about marriage and family life, about sexuality and gender, and about the sanctity of life. In 2012, Pope Benedict said, "...**celebrating the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist also reminds us — Christians in our own times — that we cannot give into compromise when it comes to our love for Christ, for his Word, for his Truth. The Truth is the Truth; there is no compromise.**" The Christian life requires, as it were, the 'martyrdom' of daily fidelity to the Gospel; the courage, that is, to allow Christ to increase in us and to direct our thoughts and actions. **But this can only occur in our lives if our relationship with God is strong.**" St. Augustine and St. John the Baptist would both agree.

Get FORMED

New: September Liturgical Calendar

Each month, FORMED presents a calendar with recommendations of materials to read, study, listen to, or watch, corresponding with the liturgical year. Recommendations for adult and youth materials and for both Spanish and English content are made. **The September calendar is included on the insert**, as well as information on **how to register with FORMED**. If you aren't registered for FORMED, take a minute to do so. The parish subscription makes this resource available to at no personal expense. FORMED **provides great information** regarding the Catholic faith, **but it is also designed to help each person develop a daily habit of formation and prayer, to grow in their spiritual life**. When you have a conversation about faith with someone and they have questions, **feel free to share the registration information with them, even if they aren't Catholic!** If you are talking to a Catholic who is attending another Church at this time, encourage them to browse through the information. They can **register for free at FORMED.ORG using the OLV parish code: MAM-WFF**. When sharing the code and inviting others to use this resource, it is most helpful if you can **make a specific recommendation** for them to look at or listen to. This means it is important to **become familiar with the resources** on the site. Remember, new items are added regularly, so keep checking back.

Last weekend, **Fr. Hank** mentioned the book **33 Days to Morning Glory**, the audio **The Fourth Cup**, and an audio on relativism **Who Am I to Judge?** **These are all available on FORMED.org!**