

Calendar

Monday

August 6

Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday

August 7

Weekday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 8

St. Dominic,
Priest

Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 9

Weekday

Jer 31:31-34

Mt 16:13-23

Friday

August 10

St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Saturday

August 11

Weekday

Hab 1:12-2:4

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 12

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

Dear Padre,

While attending Mass at a different church, my husband and I saw a woman clutching a dog. My husband was perturbed when she went to Communion carrying her dog. Are there guidelines about bringing animals to Mass?

Animals are part of God's creation. "He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless and give him glory" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2416). We bless animals in honor of St. Francis, usually outdoors, showing our care for them in God's creation.

Seeing dogs inside church is uncommon, though some churches have been noted to be "pet friendly" by encouraging parishioners to bring pets to Sunday worship.

Your or any parishioner's experience requires parish leaders to make choices based on a clear rationale. Perhaps the pastor agreed to a special circumstance, allowing the dog because its presence offered emotional support. Service dogs, including emotional-support dogs, are certified and welcomed because of legitimate need.



SHINE CARANIA/SHUTTERSTOCK

A parish policy about dogs should consider the safety and well-being of animals and parishioners. A strange environment with lots of people can make dogs anxious. Also, some people are anxious around dogs. In cases of conflict, human needs are typically taken more seriously.

Another concern is cleanliness and allergies. Well-trained dogs may be accident free, but animals that trigger allergies pose problems. Reactions are serious matters, so policies need to consider people's health.

Dogs in church should not be a distraction. Well-trained service dogs have specific functions and should pose minimal distractions; family pets are another matter. Understanding the real need helps us form an appropriate pastoral response that serves the good of all.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR

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A Word From Pope Francis

Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force, salt and light for this society.... May you be sowers of hope, builders

of bridges, and agents of dialogue and harmony.

—Meeting with priests, religious, and seminarians, April 29, 2017

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Quit Grumbling!

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys *us* and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson of humble obedience. Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion. He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need, but we must expand our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

For Reflection

Do I need a bit more time praying with God to learn and enjoy his ways?

How can I accept all the good God gives me, and desire his will above my own?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Penitent St. Jerome*, 1497
Artist: Antonio del Massaro (Il Pastura)
Location: Vatican Museums

[Jesus said,] "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

John 6:26

Priest: Chaplain (CPT) Matthew Whitehead

Deacon: [Rev. Mr. Joe Pak](#)

Catholic Coordinator: [Pam Ortiz-Marty](#)

Mass & Confession Schedule

Weekly Mass – Wednesdays at Noon, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
1700 Saturday Vigil Mass & 0900 Sunday Mass, Memorial Chapel
Confessions – By Appointment

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Emergency Contact for a Catholic Priest: MP's 24/7 line 703.588.2800/2801; Duty Chaplain 202.236.4901

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.8255 | [Veterans Crisis Line](#)

Registration: Registering helps us to better serve our congregants. To register – and to enroll children in the CRE program – please call or email the Catholic Coordinator for a form. [Forms](#) can also be downloaded off the website. To update or deactivate current registrations, contact the Catholic Coordinator.

Sacraments and Sponsor Letters: Registration required. Priests only have pastoral jurisdiction with respect to sacraments for active duty military and their family members. Please call the Catholic Coordinator for more information.

E-Bulletin: E-mailed each Thursday; available on website

OFFERTORY 28-29 JULY 2018

		Attendance
Sat 1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1635.25	136
Sun 0900 Mass:	\$1806.00	202
Total:	\$3459.25	338

All checks - Regular Offering and Designated Offering - are made payable to C.T.O.F. (Chapel Tithes & Offering Fund)

CHILD CARE for children from ages of 6 months through five years is available in the nursery during the 0900 Sunday Mass. The nursery is in Room 108 – near the conference room.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MASSES - - each Wednesday at noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Last minute schedule changes are announced via email. Phone calls are made to those who do not have an email address. Please email the Catholic Coordinator if you would like to be added to the Weekly Mass email list or call if you would like to be on the phone tree.

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST

1100 Topics in Catholicism, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST

1200 Weekly Mass

SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST

1700 Vigil Mass – Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

0900 Mass – Anointing of the Sick

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 years before Christ. The bread described in today's reading is called *manna*, a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for "what is this?"

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

In our series of readings from the letter to the Ephesians, we have come to a part of the letter which gives advice for daily living. Today's reading describes the effects of baptism. In the waters of baptism, we symbolically die to one way of living and rise to a new way of life.



This weekend's altar flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Phil LaBonte by his wife, Madeleine.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

...for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our community members who are ill; for our deceased; and, for those who are lonely or in crisis:

Deployed: Deborah & Panakkal David, Foreign Service; Major Anne Alvarado, US Army

Healing: Barbara Nestro, Alfred Prados, Len Trahan, Warren Efting, Caroline "Tiger" Davidowich, Bob Schaaf, Bill Daknis, Finian Lalime, Virginia & Bill Hoh, Rosemary Haddock, Ann McDermott, Tim Meyer, Tom Meyer, Carroll F. Towey, Nellie Jo Yannarella

Lonely or in crisis: If you need to talk to someone, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Option 1; text 838255; chat live at [Veterans Crisis Line](#).

To add or remove names, please call the Catholic Office or [email](#) the Catholic Coordinator.

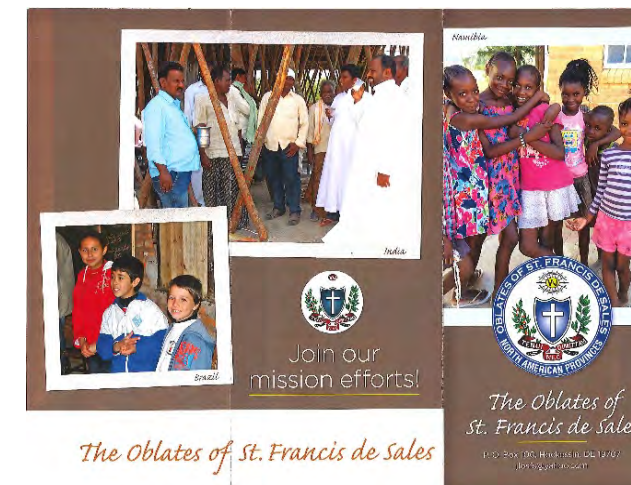
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS - - classes are held on the third Sunday of each month at 1030 in the Conference Room. The next class will meet on 19 August. To register for the class or to schedule a baptism, please contact the Catholic Coordinator.

CRE – CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - - begins after Labor Day on Sunday, 9 September. New families – please contact the Catholic office to enroll. Volunteers interested in teaching or assisting religious education classes should contact the CRE Coordinator at cre@jbmhhcatholicparish.com

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – are you interested in the Catholic faith? Are you ready to take a journey towards converting to Catholicism? Are you already Catholic but want to become Confirmed? If you would like more information on RICA, please contact Deacon Joe or the Catholic office. Classes begin in September.

THE NEXT DESIGNATED OFFERING will be collected the weekend of 25-26 August for the Oblates (of St. Francis de Sales) Mission Appeals. Through this appeal, money is distributed to various mission territories in South America (Brazil, Uruguay, and Ecuador), Haiti, Africa (Benin, The Ivory Coast, Namibia and South Africa) and India. The funds are utilized in several ways: providing basic needs for the poor including education, social services and pastoral care. It is also used to support many seminarians native to these locations.



Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and shared experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God and for one another. Jesus' life and teachings direct our lives as Christian disciples.

We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic Community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

Core Value Statements

WE bond through shared service to our country.
WE welcome all to join our community's journey with Christ.
WE grow continually to celebrate Christ through education, prayer, service, and fellowship.
WE thrive through vibrant ministries that engage all within our [JBM-HH] community.
WE walk with other JBM-HH faith communities to praise and serve God.

Designated Offering

This weekend we are collecting a Designated Offering for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). AMS provides pastoral services for members of the armed forces and their families. If you would like more information about AMS, visit their website at milarch.org.

Please place monies intended for the Designated Offering directly in the collection plate. If you wish to tithe only, place regular weekend offerings in the envelope provided in your pew.

Thank you for your generosity!

