

Calendar

Monday

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

August 22

Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

August 23

Weekday

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

August 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Saturday

August 25

Weekday

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or

5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

Dear Padre,

Due to a car accident, my adult son is now impaired in mobility and speech. Can I, his father, accompany him in confession?

If a penitent needs assistance in communicating to the priest, an interpreter may accompany this person into the confessional. A willing penitent can use the service of an interpreter if the priest, for example, doesn't have signing skills or know the penitent's language (*Code of Canon Law*, 983.2). (Your question suggests the priest wouldn't understand the

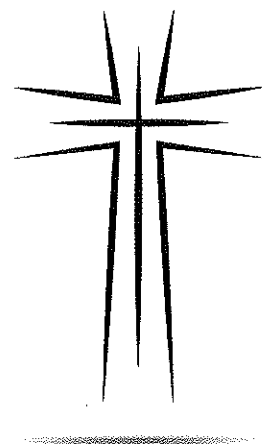
penitent without assistance, or he's unable to write anything in advance to present to the priest.)

The interpreter who has knowledge of the sins from confession is always strictly obliged to secrecy. This obligation applies to the sins expressed and to specific counsel and penance given by the confessor. Any interpreter who betrays a penitent may be "punished with a just penalty, not excluding excommunication" (Canon 1388.2). For the confessor, "this secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the 'sacramental seal,' because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains 'sealed' by the sacrament"

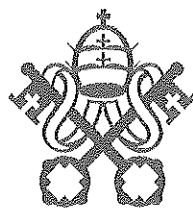
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1467).

"Only those who have the use of reason are capable of committing mortal sin. Nevertheless...persons with intellectual disabilities often are conscious of committing acts that are sinful to some degree and may experience a sense of guilt and sorrow" (*Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments With Persons With Disabilities*, 28). If the individual is capable of having a sense of contrition, even if the sin cannot be described precisely in words, the person may enjoy sacramental absolution.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Amid the din of so many voices, the Lord asks us to distinguish between what is from him and what is from the false spirit....to distinguish the word of wisdom that God speaks to us each day from the shouting of those who seek in God's name to frighten,

to nourish division and fear.

—Jubilee for socially excluded people, November 13, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Accepting God's Truths

The pursuit of wisdom and knowledge has long been a supreme striving of the human heart. Especially as we age, we hunger to truly understand reality, the human heart, modern culture, its problems and solutions.

The Old Testament offers amazing tips on the

Piece: *The Hand of God*, 1890

Artist: Auguste Rodin

Location: Vatican Museums



pursuit of wisdom. Using the analogy of a woman who prepares a meal and invites others to dine at her table, wisdom is a gift prepared by God and set before humanity to receive. We don't produce the truth. We discover and embrace it. We chew on it, take it in like food, and gain strength from it.

The Jews had a hard time swallowing Jesus' truth about the Eucharist. They argued among themselves, trying to figure out this truth instead of simply accepting this revelation as coming from one they could trust—then once accepted, strive to understand the mystery. Once we accept the world, situations, and revelations offered to us, and strive to understand these gifts, then wisdom can become ours.

Some fundamental attitudes accompany this changed perspective: First, it is right to humbly accept the world, people, and situations as gifts to appreciate rather than problems to be solved. Second, believe God has wisdom to share. Third, build upon truths already known and revealed, accepting that we can't "know it all."

The Rodin sculpture also hides this same truth. God's hand fashions creation, holds it in his palm, and then offers it to us. We accept it as a gift, embrace it, and discover the wisdom of the hand of God hidden therein.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Would the author of Proverbs consider me foolish in the way I live? Read more of the book to find out.

Is there a truth I need to accept and build my life upon to move from foolishness to wisdom?

[Wisdom says,] "To any who lack sense I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

Proverbs 9:4-5

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 11-12 AUGUST 2018

		Attendance
Sat 1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1,746.00	139
Sun 0900 Mass:	\$1,904.00	227
Weekend Total:	\$3,650.00	366

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, 21 AUGUST

1100 Topics in Catholicism, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST

1200 Weekly Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

SATURDAY, 25 AUGUST

1700 Vigil Mass – Designated Offering

SUNDAY, 26 AUGUST – 21TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

0900 Mass – Designated Offering

1030 CRE Volunteer Meeting, Building 417

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Here, the author personifies Wisdom as a woman. She offers guidance on how to live a life pleasing to God. This is symbolized as a banquet at which she serves fine food.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Today's passage from the letter to the Ephesians continues reflections on how to live as a Christian in everyday life. In the world in which the author lived, two things particularly kept people from living a dignified life: ignorance and addiction to alcohol. The first-century author sets forth high expectations for Christians.

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.

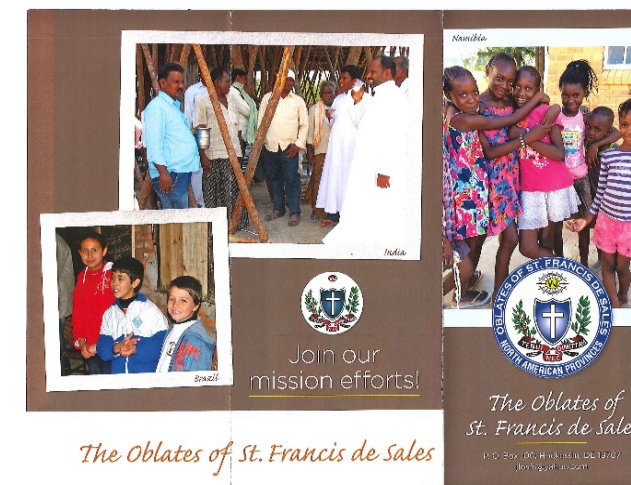
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS - - this Sunday, 19 August. Classes are held on the third Sunday of each month at 1030 in the Conference Room; the next class is on 16 September. To register or to schedule a baptism, please contact the Catholic Coordinator.

CRE – CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - - begins Sunday, 9 September! New families – please contact the Catholic office to enroll. **Volunteers** will meet on Sunday, 26 August at 1030 to prepare for classes. The meeting will be held at the Education Center, Building 417, Room 218. The first lessons from the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* begin 23 September. 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? For more information, please contact Deacon Joe or the Catholic office. Classes begin on Sunday, 9 September.

THE NEXT DESIGNATED OFFERING will be the weekend of 25-26 August and we're collecting 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.