



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22, 2018

"The Shrine"

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

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Rev. Anthony Brankin

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Alejandro Marca Mansilla

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Rev. Mr. Alfonso Salgado

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Mr. William Donegan

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Mr. Paul Rau

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Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler

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Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8AM

Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM

Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)

Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

Church is open: Weekdays from 6AM - 6PM

Confessions: Saturday 11AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM

Saturday 9AM-7PM Sunday 9AM-7PM

Adoration: Thursday until 6AM - 6PM

All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

Visits to the Sick: Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

Quinceaneras: Cotillion Masses are available for our girls who have been confirmed-please call.

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

Faith-Doubt

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

On Sundays, however, we never get much of a chance to talk about Saint Thomas—or any of the other saints for that matter. So today we will begin with the Apostle Thomas who is often called *Doubting Thomas*. And why do they call him that?

Because he did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until Jesus appeared to him and told him: “Put your fingers in the nail marks. Put your hands in my side, Thomas, See and believe. Blessed are those who have not seen but still believe.”

That of course is us. We have not seen—and yet we believe. And in our modern world—it gets harder to believe.

If we believe, we are attacked constantly—in the television and newspapers—in the media and universities and schools: there is no God; there is no Jesus; there is no Mary, nor saints or angels. And heaven and hell? Get serious!

And the challenges against belief in God and things supernatural can come even from within our own families and within our circle of friends.

Who has not felt a little afraid to say in public that we don't believe in gay marriage—or birth control or abortion? Who has not been a little reticent to explain to our family or friends that we cannot go to a wedding of two Catholics because they decided to have it in the Forest Preserves? Who has not felt a little shy in admitting to others—that—yes—we still go to Mass on Sundays? They think we are fanatics if we admit we pray!

And that's where we are today in modern America. We have more atheists than ever before. We live in a world of doubting Thomases who assail believers every day.

Jesus says we are blessed in our believing—but it is not easy to believe these days. It can be hard to maintain our Faith in Jesus. And people lose that faith every day.

You have no idea how many times people tell me they used to believe in God; they used to believe in the Church and Jesus and all the teachings of the Church; but not anymore.

And It doesn't make any difference as to why they have stopped believing. Somehow—for some reason they became convinced that they did not believe—in God or in Jesus or in the Church.

And they always throw this at me as a sort of personal challenge—“Take that you Catholic priest! What do you think now that I have told you that I no longer believe?”

What can I say? How can I answer their doubts?

I usually throw the challenge back at them. I will ask:

What have you read or studied that could be a response to your doubt?

If you tell me that you don't believe, then you had also better tell me—that you researched the question in Saint Thomas Aquinas or Saint Augustine or Anselm to see what they had to say about your doubts.

You had better tell me that you tried to study the issue before you decided you didn't believe.

Do you not think that some of the most brilliant and holy people in the Church have thought about such things—and taught about such things? And responded many times and in many ways to all kinds of doubts and challenges?

Do you think that just because you had catechism until you were thirteen years old that you know all there is to know about the faith? And you give up your religion at the first challenge to it?

Give your faith and the faith of your parents and grandparents at least the benefit of the doubt. And resolve that doubt by a little effort.

That's what I tell them. And they should do this—because their immortal souls are at stake.

Look at it this way—If there is no God and you don't have an immortal soul—then not to believe in anything will mean nothing. When you die you are simply annihilated and you dissolve into the black universe.

But if there is a God and you do have a soul and the teachings of His Church are true, then to carelessly throw away your beliefs and say “I don't believe” without even struggling to find an answer is foolish. And dangerous because you just might be damning yourself to hell.

We owe it to ourselves to take our faith seriously—and when the doubts inevitably come—we must resolve them—rigorously and studiously.

We need a strategy to help us believe in this non-believing world.

So what do we do? We must study and pray—and pray and study. We need to read as much as possible and pray while we are reading. We need to ask the right questions and find the best answers.

Maybe we can read religion books on theology or history. A good priest can direct you to the best books.

Maybe it is enough to read the Bible—but it should be a Catholic Bible with good footnotes. We can learn a lot simply by reading the Lives of the Saints or by praying from our little prayer books of devotion. To say the rosary—every day is a great strengthening to our faith.

When we make such an effort—we will strengthen our faith and our understanding of our faith and we will deepen our love for Jesus.

We are not finished learning about God and the Faith once we leave catechism class. That will only make it easier for the world, the flesh and the devil to make us doubt and lose the faith.

Our whole lives must be a search for God and a search for all that we can know about Him.

And when the doubts come—and they will come—we will be able to resist and resolve these doubts because of our love for God. We will be able to respond intelligently because of our studies. We will be able to prove to ourselves and to others that it is all true. There is a God and He rose from the Dead—and promises eternal life to us.

And because of the strength of our belief—people will be drawn to Our Lord and His Church; and one or two doubting Thomases might even come to believe with us.



Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel of St. Odilo Church is open every Thursday for adoration from 6AM to 6PM. All are welcome.

La Capilla de Adoración

La Capilla de Adoración de la iglesia San Odilo esta abierta todos los jueves de 6AM a 6PM. Todos son bienvenidos.

Please note the
change in schedule

CATECHISM REGISTRATIONS!!!

*For students 2nd grade and up
(Including adults*)*

COME TO OUR CCD ORIENTATION MEETING
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 12:30PM MASS~IN THE CHURCH

Sunday July 22nd -in Spanish
Sunday July 29th -in English

**Please note: Our Communion program is a 1-year program.
Our Confirmation program is now a 2-year program.**

There will be a \$50 late fee applied for those
who register after August 4th.

Requirements: A \$75 nonrefundable deposit
and certificates of any sacraments already received.
Also, you must be an active member of our parish.

Tuition: (Plus book fee of \$25/student)

One child	\$175.00
Two or more	\$60.00 each additional sibling

Extra Materials fee (if receiving a sacrament):

First Communion (2nd-5th grade)	\$40.00/child
First Communion (6 th grade and up)	\$50.00/student
Confirmation	\$50.00/student

If you need to order a certificate from a Parish please do so immediately.

Certificates are required at time of registration.

*Classes for 21 and older are free (donations accepted).

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Note los cambios
de horario e idioma

!!!REGISTRACIONES DE CATECISMO!!!

*Para estudiantes de 2^{do} grado en adelante
(Incluyendo adultos*)*

VENGAN A NUESTRA REUNION DE ORIENTACIÓN INMEDIATAMENTE
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 12:30PM ~EN LA IGLESIA

Domingo 22 de julio-en español

Domingo 29 de julio-en inglés

**Aviso: Nuestro programa de Comunión es de 1 año.
Nuestro programa de Confirmación ahora es de 2 años.**

Habrà un cargo adicional de \$50 para aquellos que se
inscriban después del 4 de agosto.

Requisitos: Un depósito no-rembolsable de \$75 y los
certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos. Además,
usted debe ser un miembro activo de nuestra parroquia.

Matrícula: (Más el costo del libro: \$25/estudiante)

Un niño \$175.00
Dos niños o más \$60.00 por cada hermano adicional

Cuota extra de materiales (si reciben un sacramento):

Primera Comunión (Grados 2 al 5) \$40.00/niño
Primera Comunión (de 6^{to} en adelante) \$50.00/estudiante
Confirmación \$50.00/estudiante

Si usted necesita contactar a una parroquia para ordenar un certificado,
por favor ordénelo de inmediato.

Se van a requerir certificados en el momento de la inscripción.

*Las clases para adultos de 21 años o más son gratis (se aceptan donaciones).
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**Congratulations to Fr. Alex. Felicidades al Padre Alex.
He has been appointed the Pastor of Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish.
Ha sido nombrado párroco de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Tepeyac.**

Farewell for Fr. Alejandro Marca Mansilla. All are invited!!!
Sunday, July 29th after 12:30PM Mass in the Parish Hall
Please bring something to share.

Despedida para el Padre Alejandro Marca Mansilla. Todos están invitados
Domingo, Julio 29 después de la misa de 12:30pm. En el sótano de la escuela
Por favor de traer algo para compartir.

August 26th



St. Odilo is having it's annual Parish picnic called Odilo Palooza! It is a day of fun, food and music for everyone of our parishioners! Young and old alike! There is music and cusine to fit every taste! This is our grand fund raiser for the Summer! Please help make it a success. Come one come all!!!

Please volunteer to help make
Odilo Palooza a fun filled day.
Sign up in the vestibule after Mass.

La iglesia de San Odilo tendrá su kermés anual de Odilopalooza! Sera un dia divertido, con mucha comida y música de para todos nuestros feligreses! Para jóvenes y grandes. Habrá comida y música de diferentes sabores. Esta kermés es nuestra recaudación de fondos más grande del verano. Porfavor ayuden para que este dia sea exito.

Por favor, voluntario para
ayudar a hacer
Odilo Palooza un día lleno de diversión.
Regístrese en el vestíbulo en la misa.

A letter from a parishioner....

Hello Father Brankin - Just wanted to let you know about our attempt to get some state assistance for our son to attend a Catholic High School (courtesy of the new funding program for low income families.) I first read about it in The Shrine last Fall, & after talking it over with my wife, we looked at Catholic High Schools, with good academic reputations, that were close by, and we decided to look at Fenwick. They had already had their placement test for 18/19, with one make up test for those who couldn't make the first one. But, lucky for us they had decided to have a 2nd make-up test that very upcoming Saturday. SO, with little to no preparation, we hurried our son into the Fenwick placement test that Saturday. He did well & was accepted. Then we went through the long-drawn out process of trying to see if we could receive some of the state assistance.

To make a long story short, we had just about given up on hearing anything, when just last week, we received news that our son would receive the maximum amount offered by the state. We had grudgingly resigned ourselves to having him go to the local public school. We didn't think a Catholic school would be possible for us. We wanted to let you know that all this was possible because of the notice we saw in The Shrine, and also your mention of it at a homily at Mass.

So many, many thanks & God bless!
Sincerely,
Grateful Parents

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Ramon Marentes, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Rahman Ayi, George Fuoco, Peter Rybak, Timmy O'Connell, Paula Tammen, Carlos Zorrilla, Jeanette Sprovieri, Darnell Stovall, Linda Lancaster, Theresa Risco, Antoinette Delterra, Al Trotta, Diana Ferrel, Geraldine Stack, Julie Kopacz, Kathy O'Toole, Esperanza Walczak, Maria Pena, Aurora S. De Asis, Bobby Harol, Don Looney, Dolly Kaminski, Patricia Stalzer, Sam Martyn.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

July 15, 2018 \$10,297.58
Last Year \$ 8,207.69

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

6:30PM-Legion of Mary (SR)
7:00PM-Folkloric Dance (CB)

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)

THURSDAY...

6:45PM-Armory of Christ (CB)
7PM-Bible Study (PR)

FRIDAY...

6PM-Pequño Rebaño (CB)
7PM-Faith Formation (PR)
8PM-Folkloric Dancing (CB)

SATURDAY...

10AM-Street Team (PR)

Father's Day Novena

These fathers were remembered in the Father's Day Novena.
Fr. Charles Skach & Fr. Louis Cernik



Books/CDs/DVDs

Coming Weekend of July 28th and 29th:

St. Odilo Spiritual Library of religious books, CD's and DVD's including Meditative Prayer books, Scripture Study Books and Informative Books about the Catholic Faith. Materials will be available to view and borrow and then return later.. Come visit us in the vestibule of St. Odilo before and after all the Masses on Saturday, July 28th and Sunday July 29th.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 23-SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

6:30AM-Chris & Lisa Thill (Thill Family)
8:10AM-Birthday Blessings for Silvana Perilla & Carmen Hunter (Family)

TUESDAY, JULY 24-SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

6:30AM-For Guidance & Protection (Molly Esleta)
8:10AM-Florence Hlava (Family)
-Abram David Mantooth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25-SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

6:30AM-Javier Arreola (Family)
8:10AM-Delores Leonetti (Mary Clark)

THURSDAY, JULY 26-SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30AM-Mildred Podgorny
8:10AM-Anne Lash (Petrauskas Family)
-Sacred Heart of Jesus (Family)
-Enrique Torres (Nobers Family)

FRIDAY, JULY 27-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-John Dedowicz (Nephew)
8:10AM-George Pudil (Nancy Pudil)
3:00PM-Quinceanera - Samantha Valdez

SATURDAY, JULY 28-WEEKDAY

8AM-Mary Rios (Rios Family)
12:00-Quinceanera - Angelina Rico
4PM-Birthday Blessing for Crystal & Ilarion (Family)
5PM-Quinceanera- Breanna Garcia

SUNDAY, JULY 29-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Juan Gonzalez (Veronica Gonzalez)
8AM-Anthony & Helen Shatas (Family)
9:30AM-Ken Hansen (Friend)
11AM-Paterno Abad (Aida Abad)
12:30PM-Julietta Mercado (Family)



Group Contact Information

Armory of Christ-708-680-6879
Guadalupanos-708-484-2161
Legion of Mary -708-623-9280
Knights of Columbus-708-204-3761
Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima -708-484-1204
Guitar & Mandolin - Cuerdas Clasicas - 773-387-6744
ESL-708-287-7347 Spred-708-287-7347
Ushers-708-788-8136

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

July 28 & 29	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	B. Banda E. Hron		G. Rodriguez J. Arreguin
7AM (Esp.)	A. Cruz, R. Marin M. Mejia	A. Lopez	A. Mendoza, A. Cruz A. Becerra
8AM	D. Kaminski B. Ouska		R. Flores, A. Arredondo
9:30AM			W. Morrall, S. Morrall M. Gonzalez, E. Gonzalez
11AM	R. Lorenz, F. Miller P. Tammen		V. Hernandez, C. Hernandez
12:30PM (Esp.)	E. Marquez, E. Coronado J. Sanchez, M. Salgado	M. Villarreal E. Lopez	J. Diaz, J. Diaz A. Durate, D. Roa, E. Ramos