



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2017

" *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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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.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Lately I have been wondering about the recent obsession of Catholic modernists to rehabilitate Martin Luther-- the Augustinian priest from Germany who set in motion the Protestant Reformation. "Martin come home—all is forgiven." I don't get it.

Truth to tell he was an odd duck—and I do not care if he was good to his mother.

He began a new religion out of whole cloth. It was the polar opposite of Catholicism going up against the solid block of constant Church teaching he personally invented a unique religious theology that was utterly new—not to mention heretical. And he invented it. I am not aware of any theological precedents he used. After 1500 years—he was going to correct the church's understanding of how we are saved—and it did not involve the Virgin Mary or the saints or sacraments—grace or good works—Purgatory or the pope.

And the people didn't like it. It sounded odd to them. It made little or no sense, and they resisted the authorities who wanted them to change. They even had armed rebellions in England.

The only ones who really bought this religious revolution were the Dukes and Princes of Europe who hoped that they could get something out of it all. In other words—they realized that if they could cast themselves off from the Church of Rome—the Catholic Church—they could seize all the monasteries and convents from the Church—and gain all that wealth and property for themselves.

The nobles couldn't care less about Luther's theories of salvation or grace or sacraments or heaven and hell—or even what he taught about the Mass. They just shrugged their shoulders and said "whatever!" as long as they could steal the monasteries and convents.

The rulers of Europe were as feckless then as they are now.

Well then how did so many people become Protestant? We should never think that the people were going to all these study groups and concluded over some beer and pretzels that Martin Luther was right. The Reformation was not a grass roots movement. The people would have been happy to have been left alone to believe as Catholics have always believed.

What really happened was that if a prince wanted to turn Lutheran and forsake the Catholic Church of his parents (and steal all the Church property) then he declared for Luther-- and all his people had to become Lutheran. They even had a phrase for it: *Cujus regio—cujus religio!* Whoever possessed the kingdom—everyone in it would be the religion of that prince

And those priests and people who wouldn't go along with the new ideas were either exiled or imprisoned or executed.

And millions—including many of my ancestors in Ireland--suffered greatly because they would not change the beliefs that had been handed on to them by their parents and their parents' parents for a thousand years—going back to some Apostle somewhere and ultimately back to Jesus.

In a few countries the people actually rose up in arms—against the new beliefs—the New Mass—the new way of being Christian—this spawn of Martin Luther. They were not going to go peacefully into that good night of reformed Christianity.

So what did Martin Luther teach? And what is it that the modernists want us now to accept as equal to--or better than Catholic belief?

Martin Luther believed that human beings were so corrupted by Adam and Eve's Original Sin—that there was nothing of any value or good left in them. They had so completely turned against God that anything they did—was vile and evil. Even if they thought they were doing good. Everything was a cause for God's condemnation.

Of course, God sent His Son to save them—and allow them into heaven. But Luther was clear--If God were to allow people to heaven—it would not be because of any good thing that they did—not because of their virtue or holiness or good works—because humans were and are – according to Luther's unique theory— wicked and evil. Nothing that a person can do would ever merit heaven—because the only thing we do merit is hell.

Luther totally misconstrues St. Paul and concludes that being good and doing good does nothing to get us to heaven.

So therefore—according to Luther--if God were to allow a person into heaven it would be only by that person having faith—faith alone. Not good deeds—not good works. Only faith.

At death then, God covers over the dung heap of this evil wretched human with a veil—a cover of faith—to disguise or hide the evil—and God takes that person to heaven despite that person's innate wickedness—and only because he had faith.

There is nothing that a person could do that could merit him salvation—in any way. If he did good things—that didn't make any difference—he was evil at heart—and if he did bad things—well that just proves the point.

All you need is Faith. And because of faith--God will take you to heaven in spite of your total thoroughgoing corruption.

Amazingly, Luther's theology went so far as to say that once you had faith—no matter what real evil you did—you were still going to heaven.

—behavior—moral conduct—virtue—or total lack of it—doesn't matter. It's all about Faith and whether or not you believe in Jesus.

Eventually this belief took hold among other denominations particularly among the modern day Born-Again Protestants—the ones who style themselves as “Christian” as opposed to Catholic.

If you have had a personal experience of Jesus as your Lord and Savior—that's your faith—well, from that moment on you are saved. Once saved always saved. You cannot lose it—you cannot throw it away—you are going to heaven—no matter what you do later.

Luther himself once said that “You could commit murder and fornication a thousand times a day and as long as you are washed in the Blood of the Lamb you are saved.”

So you see what has happened? Luther effectively cut the relationship between our faith and the living out of that faith in virtuous living. What we believe has nothing to do with how we live. That's not very helpful.

You really have to twist your brain to believe that doing good things or being good or striving after virtue and holiness doesn't count—that God doesn't care whether we are good or bad--and being evil and sinful does not matter as long as you have had the experience of Jesus as your personal Lord and savior.

I don't think that even modern day Lutherans believe that.

On the other hand Catholic teaching makes all the sense in the world.

Yes you must have faith—and faith is a gift that we do not earn. And yes you must have grace in your soul and that too is a gift and God does not owe it to us— yes it is all a gift—but you must cooperate with that gift--and you must allow yourself to be transformed by that grace and faith—so that the more you believe the more good you do.

The more you cooperate with God and His inspirations and sanctifications—the better you actually become.

We receive two kinds of grace—actual grace—that comes to us as helps from God when we do a good act—this grace helps us do more good acts. At the same time—every good deed we do—every sacrament we receive—every prayer we pray--every rosary and Mass and confession we participate in we also receive sanctifying grace. This is actually the Life of God in us. This is His very Presence in our souls—uniting His Being with our souls--and molding us and sculpting us into His people.

And little by little we change and are changed—by the grace of God—sanctifying grace and actual grace--the life of God that comes into our hearts and makes us new creatures—genuinely new.

Oh yes we have the same identity—but because of the Sacraments and our prayers and our sacrifices we live more and more the life of Christ—as Saint Paul says-- “It is not I who live—but Christ who lives in me!”

We are in a word “Transfigured”.

On this Feast of the Transfiguration we see how Our Blessed Lord shows to a stunned Peter and James and John who He really was—He is God—He is Divine—and it shows in His Body and appearance—and He is so Divine that they could hardly look at Him.

It is clear that we must be transfigured as well.

That is not a figure of speech. The constant teaching of the Catholic confirmed at the Council of Trent is that if we are saved—if God is to take us to heaven—it is not despite who we are—but because of who we are—persons in whom God lives and moves and has His Being—human persons in whom God can see Himself reflected.

His grace—and His Sacraments and our response in faith is regenerative. It actually brings new life—creates new life—in our souls. God does not blind Himself to who we are—and cover us over and despise us and disdain us and take us to heaven in spite of us—no.

And because He loves us He change us into the people He wants us to be—to be like Him.

He transfigures us.

And—notwithstanding Martin Luther--transfiguration is what it is all about.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times are:
Monday, August 14 - 6:30pm (English)

Tuesday, August 15 - 6:30 & 8am (English), 12pm (Latin), 6:30pm (Spanish)

The Guadalupano Society is selling raffle tickets today and next Sunday for a raffle.

They have many great prizes.

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. The raffle will be held on Sunday, August 20.

All proceeds will go towards the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in December!



Divine Mercy

Divina Misericordia

La Hora de La Divina Misericordia es orado todos los Martes aquí en San Odilo a las 3pm. Favor de acompañarnos en este servicio de media hora. Están bienvenidos a orar en su propio idioma. Estamos tratando de incrementar la oración en este mundo tan problemático.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy is prayed on every Tuesday here at St. Odilo Church at 3PM—the Hour of Divine Mercy. Please join us for this half hour service. You are welcome to pray in your own language. We are trying to increase prayer in this troubled world.



School Supply Donation

It's back to school time again. When you are out buying supplies for your own children, or just wandering down the school supply aisle, why not pick up a few items to share with the children from Saint Agatha / Blessed Sacrament, our sharing Parish? The supplies we collect will be distributed through Sister Patricia.

Please donate new items only.

Children could use:

Looseleaf Paper	Pens	Scissors
Notebooks	Pencils	Rulers
Folders	Crayons	Colored Pencils
Binders	Markers	Pencil Pouches/Boxes
Glue Sticks	Backpacks	Erasers
Lunch Boxes	Highlighters	Composition Notebooks
Kleenex	Index Cards	

School supplies can be dropped off at the rectory until noon on Sunday, August 13, 2017.



Basilica of the National Shrine –Trinity Dome Collection

Parishes throughout the archdiocese will participate in a national collection to complete the final major project, the Trinity Dome, on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC before its 100th anniversary in 2020. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine is the largest church in the United States and is a beacon of our faith to the nearly 1 million who visit it each year and to the millions more who visit and work in our nation's capital. More information on this project can be found at trinitydome.org and/or nationalshrine.org. Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative through the second collection next week.

Las parroquias en toda la arquidiócesis participarán en una colecta nacional para terminar el último proyecto principal, la Cúpula de la Trinidad, en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, DC antes de su aniversario número 100 en 2020. También conocida como la Iglesia Católica de América, el Santuario Nacional es la iglesia más grande en Estados Unidos y es un modelo de nuestra fe para casi un millón de personas que lo visitan cada año y para los otros millones que visitan y trabajan en la capital de nuestra nación. Puede encontrar más información sobre este proyecto en trinitydome.org y/o nationalshrine.org. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo a esta iniciativa a través de la segunda colecta, que se llevará a cabo la próxima semana.



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC.

Have you (or someone you know)
not made First Communion yet?
Then Follow Me!



If you are a young adult or even an adult who has not been baptized or who has not made your First Communion this is the program for you.

Any adult, including young people in high school, that needs to receive Baptism and/or First Communion is welcome to attend our weekly catechism classes!

Classes will be every Monday from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church with Fr. Brankin. We will also be asking for copies of certificates of the Sacraments already received.

Classes begin September 11th!!

To sign up you may call 708-484-2161 or you may also stop by the rectory!

Jóvenes desde 9o grado en adelante y adultos que necesiten recibir sus Sacramentos están bienvenidos a atender a nuestras clases. Las clases serian todos los lunes de 6:30pm-7:30pm en la Iglesia con el Padre Anthony. También pediremos copias de los certificados de los Sacramentos que ya hayan recibido.

Las clases comienzan el 11 de Septiembre!

Para apuntarse puede llamar al 708-484-2161 o también puede pasar a la rectoría y dejar su información.

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, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, Eddie Shishkoff, Baby Carmody, Milly Kosinar, Shirley Klein, Danny Gale, Patricia Stalzer, Rahman Ayi, Roger Kowalski, Vincent Wallis, Pat Grady, Irene Smith, Lewis Johnson, Peg Kocar, Terry Raso, Georgina Alejos, Belen Salgado, Enrique Gonzalez, Joanne Carlson, Diane Kuntz, Maria Banda, Frank Rossi, Senorina Castillo, Brian Hess, Maria Sanchez, Zianny E. Leyva, Alice Zimmerman, John Mozis, Louise Kuzin, Mary Dedowicz, George Fuoco, Betty Sereno, Joseph Coleman, Phillip Brankin, Bette Pustawski, Judy Biagi.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family Linda Sitarz.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

August 6, 2017	\$9,065.12
Last Year	\$10,109.64

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

WEDDING BANNS

III-Daniel Rocha & Maria Villa
II-Felix Hernandez & Sylvia Sanchez
I-Jorge Jimenez & Ileana Zarco
I-Cesar Morales & Rudith Franco

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

6:30-Legion of Mary (PR)
7PM-Domestic Violence (PH)

TUESDAY...

7PM-Spanish Bible Study (PR)

WEDNESDAY...

4-6PM-School Folder Pick Up (PH)
6:30-Arts & Crafts (SR)

THURSDAY..

5-8PM-School Folder Pick Up (PH)
6:45-Armory of Christ (CB)
7PM-Bible Study (PR)

FRIDAY...

6:30-Pequeño Rebaño (CB)
7PM-Faith Formation (PR)

SATURDAY...

8:30-Adoration Committee (PH)

Group Contact Information
Armory of Christ-708-681-6879
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 14-SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR

6:30AM-Stan Plukarski (Caron & Dominic Russo)
8AM-Raymond Mathews
6:30-The People of St. Odilo (English)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15-THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30AM, 8AM, 12PM (Latin), 6:30PM (Spanish) -
The People of St. Odilo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16-SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

6:30AM-Stanley Vesecky & George Novotny
(Laurelle Jirku)
8AM-Florence M. Holt

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Florence M. Holt
8AM-Keith & Joe Stockhausen (Family)
-Nettie Matejka (Granddaughter, Diane Krumpos)
-Virginia "Ginny" Hlava Stuck (Russ & Maureen Prys)
-Barbara Mance (Maria Zorjan)
-Felicisima Escano & Severino Escano Jr. (Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Carol Cody Newcomb
(St. Sabina First Friday Club)
8AM-Birthday Blessings for Roberta Lorenz (Ron Lorenz)
2PM-Quinceanera-Areanna Gallegos

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19-SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

8AM-Larry Monahan (Joan Stockhausen)
12PM-Quinceanera-Gisselle DelToro
2PM-Wedding of Daniel Rocha & Maria Villa
4PM-Stephen Kutz (Mary Helen)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Blessings to Aurelia Bucio (Familia)
8AM-David Spagnola (Joan Stockhausen)
9:30AM-Bruce Bakalich (Mary Jo O'Riordan)
11AM-Roberto Celio (Carmela Celio)
12:30PM-Juan Vega (Petra Martinez)



SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

August 19 & 20	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	N. Banda B. Ouska	K. Gleeson	V. Arechar A. Brown, A. Brown
7AM (Esp.)	A. Cruz, A. Salgado A. Sambolin, T. Luna	T. Luna	S. Ruiz, J. Saavedra V. Bermudez, P. Morales
8AM	N. Kmet J. Stockhausen	J. Jansen	M. Herrera, S. Herrera N. Blitts
9:30AM			W. Morral, S. Morral W. Estrella, L. Estrella
11AM	A. Canaverall, L. Cervantes. D. Wodarczyk	G. Pater	R. Arechar, L. Arechar J. Navar
12:30PM (Esp.)	M. Garcia, E. Marquez E. Coronado, V. Chavez	M. Miranda B. Herrera	J. Diaz, J. Diaz G. Rodriguez, A. Duarte E. Ramos

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