



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 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.

## **Ramblings - Fr. Brankin**

Demons House Blessings 2017

I am proud to say that I have blessed more houses in the ten years I have been at St. Odilo—than in the previous thirty years. That's true.

Often enough the blessing is routine. Maybe, the family has just moved into a new house—and they are asking for God to fill that house and the family with His Grace and protection. Nothing out of the ordinary is happening. No noises. No shadows. They just want God to be there at the beginning of their new home.

And that is a beautiful Catholic tradition—the house blessing. We beg God to watch over our house, our home, our family—so that in the future nothing does happen.

On other occasions—a family or a member of a family is experiencing weird things. We won't go into it. I don't want to suggest anything to anyone. But these occurrences are uncomfortable—and scary to the person and to the family. Sometimes it is something that someone sees—or maybe the whole family has heard voices.

And they are afraid. They want it to stop. They ask for the Church's blessing,

Now my job as a priest is to try to determine if this thing that is happening might be coming from someone's overactive imagination—or is an entity (a demon)—if you will—bothering the peace and serenity of this family.

I think of the Gospel where the poor Canaanite woman (she wasn't even Jewish) begs Jesus to help her daughter because some demon is making the poor little girl suffer terribly.

Who knows what that demon was doing—but whatever it was—the whole family was suffering along with her. Of course Jesus will help her—out of love—out of power. He is God—and a demon is just a bothersome, bad angel—whom Jesus can dispel at will.

That is what a house blessing is. We are asking Jesus to help us. Through the prayers of the priest we are asking Jesus to dispel anything in that home that could menace the peace and safety of the family that dwells there. We ask that God turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit—dispel the terror of the poisonous serpent—and make God's grace to dwell in the home and even workplaces where the blessing is given and the water is sprinkled.

To do the blessing—first I exorcise and bless regular table salt. Then I exorcise and bless a bowl of water—eventually mixing the salt into the water in the form of a cross. The family and I then proceed to the doors and rooms of the house.

We start at the front door and I put a cross on it with Holy water and ask that everyone who passes by that cross—all their comings and goings--will be blessed; and then we go to each room. I sprinkle water on each wall and I open up the closets and bless them as well. We also go into the basement. In each room I sign the cross. And then we finish by putting a cross of Holy water on the back door and say a prayer to Mary, "Ave Maria Purissima—sin pecado concebida."

We must close off any entry to the demon. In a certain sense—the doors are symbolic and we seal access to our homes and lives and hearts by sealing up the doors and rooms—cracks and fissures.

You see, the demons use created things. They hide in created things. They use the physical things of this world to harm us spiritually. And we use material things like holy water and holy salt to counteract the demons assaults.

My brother is an exorcist priest in Oklahoma. And he talks of openings in our lives—that also must be closed if we are to be protected from Satan. Holy Water is only the beginning.

First of all—we need to be in the state of grace and married people must be married in Church. Men and women—husbands and wives—boys and girls need the grace of God in their families which comes from the sacrament of matrimony.

Secondly we must be going to Church. We need to be going to confession and receiving Communion as often as possible.

If we are not practicing the faith we are allowing openings to remain unsecured. We are laying open ourselves open to attack—as soon as I walk out the door.

Sure I can bless a house. I can sprinkle Holy water and I can teach a family to do the same. But that is only the very first step. The holy water only goes so far. A good Christian life must be lived by the family.

There are other openings too—and not just in our house—but in our minds and souls as well.

Maybe the opening is drink or drugs and the demon uses those things to make us crazy and bring our family down. Maybe the opening is fascination with the occult and spooky stuff like Ouija boards—or psychics—healers—maybe someone is into cults and goth groups and weird clubs.

Maybe that opening—the crack—the fissure in our homes and lives is the internet. Maybe it is all the evil images and television shows and bad books or bad movies.

These shows feed our fascination with evil things. There is actually a term for that in, moral theology—it is called *Delectatio Morosa*—delight in morose and awful things.

It starts out funny—you know, vampires in love and Zombie apocalypse—but it is all twisted and sick. The more we get into it—the more we find ourselves desiring more; and then we are trapped in the dark world of the Demon, Lucifer.

What I am saying is that there are a million openings Lucifer can use to assault us—and a million openings we need to be wary of.

Anything that is dirty or makes us feel dirty—or that is scary and mean and strange and odd and morally ugly—shun it—run away from it.

This includes—I am sure Super heroes—super monsters—war games—killing games—Game of Thrones and Dark Knights and Zombies—evil cartoons that teach anti-God and anti-life values.

Get away from them. They are all meant to widen the opening—make it easier for the Demon to enter—and all the more difficult for us to get rid of.

It goes without saying that we are in very dangerous times. And the danger is not just coming from the Muslims or white supremacists or leftists or Modernists.

The danger is coming from the demon—who is using everything and everyone possible to find an opening and get in.

The best way we can ward off these attacks is to fill up those cracks and openings—with holy water and blessed salt—yes; but we need also to fill up our souls with things that are beautiful—beautiful images and poetry and lovely music and lofty ideals.

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(There is nothing wrong with movies and dramas as long as God and goodness win in the end.)

But the lesson of all of this is that we must find and close all the openings in our houses and in our souls.

No evil spirit can bother a family that is made holy by prayer fasting, sacraments and sacrifice—and the occasional house blessing.

### 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.

Divine Mercy

### School Supply Drive for Saint Agatha / Blessed Sacrament

Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!!

Thank you very much to all of our St. Odilo Parishioners and friends who gave generously to our Sharing Parish, Saint Agatha / Blessed Sacrament. The school supplies will help make those first days of school so much more special for many children. Not only did we receive the basic necessary supplies, we also received many backpacks (filled!!), which I am sure will brighten many kids day! The generosity of our Parishioners shows everyone that we understand God's messages of loving our neighbors.

Thank you too, for the monetary gifts. Sister Patricia will be able to help many families get the kids off to a great school year because of all of you!

Thank you to Danijela, Aleksandra and Maksim Bastaic for helping to pack up and sort the supplies.

Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Jenny Uyeda

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These are the raffle winners of the  
Guadalupano Society Raffle.

Estos son los Ganadores de la frifa.



1.) Elena Perez - #638934  
Jaron con el plato

2.) Abdulia Camarena - #594931  
Virgen de la Dolores

3.) Rose Gonzalez - #594848  
Virgen de Guadalupe

Thank you everyone!  
Gracias a todos!

## 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, 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, Judy Biagi.

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family Paul Knop.

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

August 20, 2017	\$10,297.31
Last Year	\$ 8,200.51

Thank you!  
Fr. Brankin

## WEDDING BANNs

III-Jorge Jimenez & Ileana Zarco  
III-Cesar Morales & Rudith Franco  
I-Peter Sanchez & Monica Peinado  
I-Jaime Herrera & Martha Inez Huertero

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MONDAY...

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

### TUESDAY...

7PM-Spanish Bible Study (PR)

### WEDNESDAY...

9AM-Homeschool coop (CB)  
6:30-Arts & Crafts (SR)

### THURSDAY..

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

### FRIDAY...

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

**Group Contact Information**  
**Armory of Christ**-708-681-6879  
**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  
**Little Flowers**-469-487-9506  
 or limpauline6@gmail.com  
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**Ushers**-708-788-8136

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28-SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Richard Conley  
8:10AM-Francesco & Josephine Gaudio (Gaudio)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29-THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:30AM-Blessings for Brian & Bernadette Perez (Barbara Thill)  
8:10AM-Albert Trotta Sr. (Albert Trotta)  
-J. Gonzalo Zermeno (Children)  
-Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
-Isabell Chapello (Rose Mary Schmitt)  
-Linda Sitarz (Len Tufo)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Blessings for Brian & Bernadette Perez (Barbara Thill)  
8:10AM-Stephen Kutz (Mary Helen)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Ned R. Nichols Jr. & Betty N. Nichols (Margie West)  
8:10AM-Rose Sostarich (Aida Abad)  
-Divine Providence  
-Isabell Chapello (Rose Mary Schmitt)  
-Thomas Simon (Wife & Family)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Charles, Joe, Jim Burda  
8:10AM-Carol Cody Newcomb (St. Sabina 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Club)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2-WEEKDAY

8AM-Edward & Emily Olewinski (Family)  
12PM-Wedding of Jorge Jimenez & Ileana Zarco  
2PM-Wedding of Cesar Morales & Rudith Franco  
4PM-Trotta Family (Al Trotta)  
5PM-Quinceanera-Leslie Delgado

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3-TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Blessings for Aurelia Bucio (Family)  
8AM-Intentions for Hermelinda Mandujano (Maria Nelson)  
9:30AM-Priscilla & Philp Stebbins (Thill Family)  
11AM-Maxima & Silvestre Pallada (Family)  
12:30PM-Cipriano & Anita Espinosa (Espinosa Family)



## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

September 2 & 3	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	E. Hron B. Ouska	C. Ocampo	M. Herrera, S. Herrera N. Blitts
7AM (Esp.)	E. Mendoza A. Salgado, A. Sambolin	J. Soto	L. Arechar R. Arechar
8AM	N. Kmet J. Stockhausen	L. Tufo	J. Navar
9:30AM			S. Suter, T. Suter A. Pesek, E. Pesek
11AM	Armory of Christ	Armory of Christ	J. Rau, Gregory Gleeson S. Rau, R. Johnson
12:30PM (Esp.)	E. Coronado, M. Salgado M. Garcia, V. Chavez	E. Lopez L. Centeno	G. Rodriguez, J. Diaz J. Diaz, A. Duarte E. Ramos