

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 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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Rev. Anthony Brankin

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Rev. Msgr. Richard Saudis

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Mr. William Donegan

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Mrs. Idalia Gonzalez

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Mr. Paul Rau

**Business Manager:**

Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler

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Mrs. Gail Kunce

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Mrs. Ruby Martinez

**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

Queenship Mary 2017

Last week we celebrated the Queenship of Mary. This was celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the Feast of the Assumption.

The Assumption of course is when the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven—body and soul—as the first fruits of redemption—as the model and example of what will happen to us at the End of the World—on our own personal Easter.

And now she reigns as the Queen of Heaven—with Jesus the King—and she is the Queen—because she lives in her Sons Kingdom and has given to us the key to living good and successful and happy lives. And the key is this: when Mary said to the Angel Gabriel: “Let it be done to me according to thy word.”

The sad tragic history of the human race is turned around with these words. We understand that the key to successful human life is doing God’s will. Why? Because God loves us and to do His will is good for us—and will even bring us to heaven.

Mary is Queen because she recognized that Jesus is King—and that only His will counts. And when we learn that—and live that—we reign with Jesus as well.

Basically—when we do the will of God—when we do what God wants us to do—generally and particularly—we are living where He wants us to live—in His Kingdom—with Him and in Him and by means of Him.

Now this obedience is not like that of a slave and a master—but more like that of a Father and a child. God is our Father who wants us to do this or that—not because He is the Boss and He says so—but because it will be good for us—it will help us be fulfilled as God has always intended for us.

When we live lives in consonance with God’s will, we thrive, we flourish, we live well. Because that which God wants for us is in perfect sync with Him.

To follow God’s will does not promise us that we will be rich. It does not mean we will never get sick or suffer (look at Jesus on the Cross if you want to know what is in store for believers) but it does mean that no matter what happens to us—even if it is awful—we will be able to deal with it with strength and grace and serenity. Knowing—confidently—that somehow our suffering is part of Gods will for us and that somehow it will all work to our good.

Actually we fulfill our destiny when we do Gods will—because that is how He made us. He made everything in the Universe—including us—to be like Him—good in itself and ordered to fulfillment in Him.

When we say that this is right and that is wrong—or this is good and that is evil—we know that it is so—not because of a simple decree—but because those things are *in themselves* like God and therefore good—or not like God and therefore evil.

In fact one thing God cannot do is be bad. He cannot desire evil. He cannot create evil or will evil. Yes He is all-powerful and He can do anything He wants—but He cannot go against His Nature—which is All-Good. God cannot contradict Himself.

Now the Muslims, on the other hand believe in Allah who is pure will. Whatever Allah wants Allah decrees. Allah’s will is so powerful that it is not bound or restricted by anything—even goodness.

If Allah decrees that stealing is good, then stealing is good. If Allah declares that murder is virtuous, then to kill an innocent person is virtuous.

That's how you can have a religion that believes you can strap dynamite on yourself, go into a crowded square, blow yourself up and kill forty innocent people in the bargain. That's the kind of deity that says you can take a van and run over hundreds of people, boys, girls, shoppers and tourists, kill dozens of them, and injure scores more, and praise Allah in the bargain.

The Christians asks: How can they do that? They can do that because they believe that if Allah says you can kill innocent people—well then that is a good thing. Because Allah has said so. Allah can do what he wants and command anything because Allah's will supreme.

We Christians, on the other hand, believe that that which is good or evil—moral or immoral—is dependent upon the Being of God. Therefore as God cannot change—neither can the good or bad change.

Therefore what we do in this world is either like God and is moral or is not like Him and is immoral.

Our understanding of moral living can be refined and that means things get more strict—but morality cannot change.

Once we learn that something is evil and not allowed—like slavery or child sacrifice—our moral sense is thereby has been refined and we are more completely brought into the will of God.

There are a lot of modernists in the Church today who think we can change the Church teaching about things like birth control and abortion euthanasia and even marriage. But that would be impossible—because those teachings come from God—and like Him—those teachings cannot change.

Rules and regulations can change, but we should never confuse some policy about how to run the Church more efficiently—with what is good or bad—moral or immoral.

So how do we know the will of God? How do we learn how God wants us to act?

First of all we know what God wants of us at a basic level *instinctively*. This is called Natural Law.

Natural Law is the code of law—moral law—written into everyone's heart.

There are certain things that all humans know are right or wrong. They know it from the inside out interiorly—without need of books or Bibles or priests or witchdoctors or even a pope. Natural law is given to us by God along with our humanity to tell us that certain behaviors are good and will help us—and certain things are evil and will hurt us. It is the small voice of conscience that we hear often enough and ever-so faintly.

So even the cave man knew the basics of right and wrong. At least he knew that he had to do good and avoid evil.

But Natural Law is only a beginning.

Life, after Adam and Eve, grew more complicated and came more under the influence of Satan. Things became cloudy and humans grew more ignorant about right and wrong the further they got from the True God.

It was not so clear from Natural Law alone whether this or that was good or bad. People knew they should do good things—but they weren't quite sure what these good things were.

So after Natural Law—we learn what Gods will is from the Bible and from the Church who teaches us what the Bible means. This is how we form our consciences when Natural Law is just not enough.

Where do we find what the Church teaches? We find it in the Bible as explained by the Church. We also find Church teaching in good catechisms and in good texts from the documents of the church. That actually is one of the reasons God gave us the Church that we might have an authority that—over the years—will be able to explain to us the will of God with certainty and authority.

This is what is called Tradition. The Bible came from Tradition and the bible is explained by Tradition. Tradition is Gods gift to the Church to help us learn His word and His will.

When we read that which the bishops—the successors of the Apostles—in union with the Pope—the successor of Saint Peter—teach as a matter of faith about what we must believe or do in order to be saved—that is where we find the will of God. Listening to the Church is how our consciences are formed properly.

(And remember—whatever any Bishop teaches—it must be in conformity with what the Church has always and everywhere taught—or it is false.)

Also—a lot of modernists these days are trying to peddle the understanding that if you really really think that something is really really ok for you to do—then that is your conscience speaking and you do no evil if you follow your conscience. Even if the Catholic Church is against whatever you really really think you can do—you cannot violate your conscience. Well you cannot violate a well-formed conscience—but once a person hears what the Catholic Church officially teaches about this or that moral question—then their conscience is therefore by definition well-formed by what they now know is the authentic teaching of the Church of Christ. They have no choice but to accept this refinement of their conscience and accept this teaching as coming from Christ. A well-formed conscience cannot go against firm Church teaching.

Maybe it is hard to accept that teaching—maybe it is not to everyone’s liking. Maybe there might be a momentary uncomfortableness—a natural resistance of the old Adam but to accept and believe what the Church traditionally teaches and then be willing to change our opinions and properly form our conscience is what is meant when we submit to the will of God.

When we are accepting Gods will and doing what He wants of us—we are fulfilling His desires for us and for our salvation—and that will make for serenity and happiness and holiness and heaven for us

The Virgin Mary—Queen of Heaven gives us the key: “Let it be done unto me according to thy word.”

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### HURRICANE HARVEY COMMUNICATION RELEASE

- It is very early yet to ascertain the volunteer needs and disaster recovery efforts that will be needed from Hurricane Harvey.
- We are working closely with Catholic Charities USA to determine the needs and what assistance we can provide.
- Right now, the most urgent need is financial assistance to support the disaster relief recovery efforts.
- Donations can be made online at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) or by texting CCUSADISASTER to 71777.
- Funds raised are to support Catholic Charities’ efforts to assist families and individuals with shelter, food, and other immediate and long-term recovery needs

From CCUSA:

Alexandria, Va. — With Hurricane Harvey reaching landfall, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church, has launched a text-to-give option that allows individuals to donate from virtually anywhere to support the organization’s disaster operations efforts.

“Hurricane Harvey will have a devastating effect on communities in its path,” said Sister Donna Markham, President and CEO of CCUSA. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors we are able to provide the compassionate care and support to anyone - regardless of background or religious beliefs—to help them rebuild their lives.”

Funds raised will go towards Catholic Charities agencies’ efforts to assist families and individuals with shelter, food, and other immediate and long-term recovery needs.

Beginning with Hurricane Katrina, CCUSA has helped tens of thousands of individuals and families recover from disasters. To donate, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777 or visit [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

**Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P. will be the featured speaker at the Catholic Citizens Luncheon on Friday, September 8, 2017.**

Father Brian Thomas Becket Mullady O.P. is the son of an Air Force officer and was raised through out the United States. He entered the Dominican Order in 1966 and was Ordained in Oakland, California in 1972. He has been a parish priest, high school teacher, retreat master, mission preacher and university professor. He has taught at several colleges, universities and seminaries in the United States. He is. He is adjunct professor at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell CT and preaches parish missions and retreats around the country. Father Mullady has several series on Mother Angelica's EWTN television network. He is the author of several books and numerous articles. He is the author of the Question and Answer column in Homiletic and Pastoral Review. He is the Theological Consultant to the Institute on Religious Life. Pilate asked Jesus, "What is Truth?" Some people say we are entitled to our own "Truth." Can the Truth be relative? **The Subject: "The Relativism of Truth"**

**Luncheons are at 11:45 a.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Tickets \$35.00. Business Attire. Reservations required – Call Maureen at 708-352-5834.**

**Saint Patrick High school Open House**

Saint Patrick High School located at 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL., would like to invite all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their families to our Open House on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. Join us for a tour of our facility, meet our dynamic students, dedicated faculty and discover THE SAINT PATRICK EXPERIENCE. Eighth graders can become a Shamrock-for-a-Day by signing up for a shadow day. For 157 years Saint Patrick High School, Chicago's Oldest Catholic High School for Boys, has been preparing the young men of Chicago for college and for life.

**Nazareth Academy hosts Coffee & Conversation dates**

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 10 a.m. Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 13

Wednesday, October 4

Wednesday, November 15

Registration is required. Please visit [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com) and click "Admissions" or contact Kristen Stojetz at [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com) or 708.387.8505.



**ESL**

English as a second language.  
Registration after 12:30 Mass today.  
Space is limited.

Call Ms. Aydee for more information:  
708-287-7347

**ESL**

Ingles como segundo idioma.  
Registaciones después de la Misa de 12:30pm.  
Espacio es limitado.

Para mas información, llame a Aydee  
al 708-287-7347.

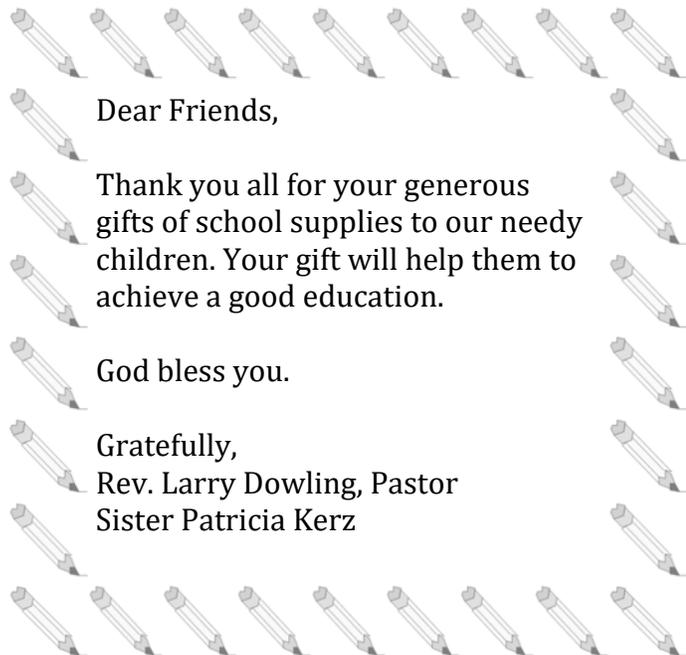
## **Archbishop's Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence**

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

## **El Arzobispo Celebrará una Misa Enfocada en la Violencia Doméstica**

El Arzobispo Blase J. Cupich celebrará una misa para terminar violencia doméstica el sábado, 30 de septiembre a las 5:15 pm en la Catedral del Santo Nombre. Todos están invitados. El predicará sobre nuestra necesidad de ayudar a las víctimas de violencia doméstica y sus hijos y trabajar como Iglesia para construir relaciones saludables en nuestras familias. Una recepción en el salon parroquial seguirá la misa.

**For more information, contact Jan Burdulis 773.841.3956  
or [JMBurdulis@gmail.com](mailto:JMBurdulis@gmail.com)**



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your generous gifts of school supplies to our needy children. Your gift will help them to achieve a good education.

God bless you.

Gratefully,  
Rev. Larry Dowling, Pastor  
Sister Patricia Kerz

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the Blue Army will be bringing the Our Lady of Fatima statue to St. Odilo Church.

She will be here at the 8:10am Mass where there will be a blessing. Eucharistic Holy Hour will begin after Mass and last until noon.



## 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, John Shonder, Peter Rybak.

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family Rose Marie Almanza.

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

August 27, 2017 \$8,777.97  
Last Year \$9,670.07

Thank you!  
Fr. Brankin

## WEDDING BANNS

II-Peter Sanchez & Monica Peinado  
II-Jaime Herrera & Martha Inez Huertero

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY...

6:30PM-Legion of Mary (SR)  
7PM-Spanish Bible Study (PR)  
7PM-Knights of Columbus (PH)

### WEDNESDAY...

9AM-Homeschool Coop (CB)  
6PM-ESL(PH)  
6:30PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)  
7PM-School Board (LB)  
7PM-Spanish Choir (PR)

### THURSDAY..

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

### FRIDAY...

6:30PMe-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  
ESL-708-287-7347 Spred-708-287-7347  
Ushers-708-788-8136

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-LABOR DAY

6:30AM & 8AM - The People

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

6:30AM-Souls In Purgatory  
8AM-Theresa & Dominick Cimaglia  
(Frank & Marie Cimaglia)  
-Linda Sitarz (Noreen & Nancy)  
-Elizabeth Pustawski (Stan Amos)  
-Cindy Kerke & Peter Romano  
(Melissa Romano)  
-Logan Hamman (Maria)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Geraldine Mathews  
8AM-Joseph Stockhausen (Joan Stockhausen)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Blessings on Georgiana Kasper  
(Ron & Roberta Lorenz)  
8AM-Intentions for Hermelinda Mandujano  
(Danny & Lais Nelson)  
-Blessings for Lourdes Mejia & Jose Rendon  
(Rosa Rendon)  
-Stanley & Jean Kizior (Mary Rita Kizior)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30AM-Bultas-Tufo Families (Family)  
8AM-Increase rosary devotion to the Blessed Mother

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9-SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

8AM-Florence M. Holt  
2PM-Quinceanera-Natalie Sanchez  
4PM-Josef & Carolina Siuty (Dan Stalmasek)  
5PM-Quinceanera-Joseline Fausto

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Fred Reyes (Lupita Reyes)  
8AM-Rev. Demetrio Marasco Family (Mario Gaudio)  
9:30AM-Rita Ahern Daluga (John & Mary McLean)  
11AM-Lourdes Massena & Kevin Razon (Family)  
12:30PM-Gloria Abrego (Yolanda Andrade)

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

September 9 & 10	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	E. Hron J. Stockhausen	H. Odum	A. Melendez, L. Arechar R. Arechar
7AM (Esp.)	T. Luna, M. Marin R. Marin	C. Fernandez	S. Garcia, A. Mendoza A. Cruz
8AM	D. Kaminski B. Ouska	J. Gutierrez	A. Canaveral, A. Espinoza Gemma Gleeson, L. Pliego
9:30AM			E. Gonzalez, M. Gonzalez D. Soto, S. Suter, T. Suter
11AM	A. Canaveral, A. Perez P. Tammen	F. Miller	V. Hernandez, C. Hernandez
12:30PM (Esp.)	V. Chavez, E. Marquez E. Coronado A. Mendez	L. Reyes A. Lopez	J. Diaz, J. Diaz G. Rodriguez, A. Duarte, E. Ramos