



Dear Friends,

This week I continue comments on the Mass derived from reading the General Instruction on the Roman Missal. When the priest, deacon, servers, and lector come to the altar, they are to genuflect to the tabernacle and make a profound bow to the altar. The genuflection is a reminder to all of the importance of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Next the priest is to greet the altar by kissing it. The altar signifies Jesus Christ. On the altar the sacrifice of the cross is made present under sacramental signs. It is the table of the Lord to which the People of God are called together, as well as the center of thanksgiving which is accomplished through the Eucharist. The altar is a symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of people. Accordingly, it is greeted by the priest and deacon with a kiss. In this brief action the gathered community of faith acknowledges that it is in presence of Christ. The kiss of the altar by the priest indicates the intention to enter into an intimate moment of our relationship with Christ. Next all make the sign of the cross. This sign indicates unity of faith and baptism. As the child is signed by parents and godparents at baptism to indicate membership in the church, the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass is a testimony of our renewed acceptance of membership in the church and a desire to mold our lives in the sacrifice of Christ for us. Two small gestures have much meaning.

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#### Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<b>August 9</b>	4:00 PM	Esther Lowder, by Carol & Bob Cain
<b>August 10</b>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>August 11</b>	7:30 AM	Herman Becker Fluegel, by John & Judith Goodrich
<b>August 13</b>	7:30 AM	Mary Riley Donovan, by Ellen Honan
<b>August 14-Holy Day</b>	5:30 PM	Mary McDonough Gross, by Marie Towle Wimert
<b>August 15-Holy Day</b>	7:30 AM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Your contributions for August 2 & 3, 2008 amounted to **\$5,161.50**. **\$3,890.50** was in 125 envelopes and **\$1,271.00** was loose. The second collection for the Holy Father totaled **\$2,027.50**. Thank you for your gifts

**Saint Patrick Fathers Mission** – This year, the Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has assigned the SAINT PATRICK FATHERS to speak at our parish. We will have a second collection next **weekend** to support their work.

**The Parish Council will NOT meet in August.**

#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

##### Mass Schedule at St. Gregory's

Thursday, August 14	7:00 PM
Friday, August 15	9:00 AM

##### Mass Schedule at Sacred Heart & St. Jude

Thursday at St. Jude	6:30 PM
Friday at Sacred Heart	8:15 AM

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear God's voice and discern what the Lord is calling us to do.

(From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

If a person who lived a hundred years ago suddenly appeared on earth, one of the first things she might notice is how full of sound our world is. Radios, earphones, TVs, CDs and DVDs, the Internet, plus traffic, construction, airplanes, appliances, power tools. "Where is the quiet?" our time traveler might ask. Stewardship of time means devoting time to prayer, and prayer is usually better in the quiet. Try making an activity that is usually accompanied by sound - a drive to work, say - a quiet time to listen for God's voice. Don't be surprised if you hear a soft, "I am here."

**The Parish Golf Tournament will not take place this September.**

#### Religious Education

**Your help is needed to assist us plan for the Fall:** This weekend please take the time to register your child/children for Fall Religious Education sessions. Remember: sessions for Pre-k 3,4 & 5yr olds during the 8:30 A.M. Mass ( if the numbers warrant it); grades 1-5 will be Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:30A.M. or Monday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 P.M.; Jr. High and Youth Ministry Sunday evenings for one hour following the 5:30 P.M. Mass. This year's fee is \$50 for the first child, \$50 for the second child and \$25 for each child after that. This fee was instituted to offset a portion of the expense for books and materials as well as administration fees that account for almost a quarter of our annual parish budget. If you prefer a payment plan, please let Deacon Dennis or Father Ford know, and we will arrange it with you. Please note that no child will be excluded from attending class because of these costs. A \$10 discount per family will be given if a parent signs up to be an aide, catechist, or co-catechist.

**This weekend** there will be printouts with names of all the children of the parish for you to verify the information and update our data base. Or you can call the Faith Formation office at 781-2847. Thank you for helping us to plan for the upcoming year to effectively assist our children in their faith development.

**Music Notes** - We are looking for adult cantors who would like to help us celebrate at the weekend Masses. Please contact the new organist Diane Beaton by phone at 781-9869 or via email at [sbeaton@maine.rr.com](mailto:sbeaton@maine.rr.com) if you are interested in helping in the music ministry.

**Offertory Envelopes** – The remaining offertory envelopes for the new fiscal year can be found in the Narthex. If your name isn't there and you would like envelopes, please sign-up on the sheet provided at the table. New envelopes will be available next weekend.

**For Our Deaf Community Members:** The Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute would like to make parishioners aware that Interpreters are available at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Anthony of Padua in Westbrook.

**Johnson Road Reconstruction Update** – Weather permitting; the current date to begin construction is August 25. The contractor has 120 days to complete their portion of the project but is hoping to have it ready for base pavement in 90 days. The goal for the department at this juncture is to have the base pavement and sidewalk completed by this fall with the finish pavement and loaming completed in the spring.

**Cluster Raffle** – We are pleased to report that we have received over 1,000 surveys. Listed below are the remaining winning raffle numbers to be claimed for the \$50.00 Irving gas card. If you have a winning ticket, please call Holy Martyrs at 781-4573 to arrange a time to pick up your gas card.

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### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>Sunday August 10</b>	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM Readings Begin at #1002 <i>115: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33</i>
<b>Monday August 11</b>	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>413: Ez 1::2-5,24-28c; Ps 148; Mt 17:22-27 see 619: Phil 3:8-14; Mt 19:27-29</i>
<b>Tuesday August 12</b>	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>414: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14</i>
<b>Wednesday August 13</b>	Mass at 7:30 AM Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00 PM <i>415: Ez 9:1-7;10:18-22; Ps 113; Mt 18L15-20</i>
<b>Thursday August 14</b>	Holy Day Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM <i>416: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78; Mt 18:21-19:1 see 713-718 or 719-724</i>
<b>Friday August 15</b>	Holy Day Mass at 7:30 AM <i>622: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56</i>
<b>Saturday August 16</b>	Mass at 4:00 PM St. Patrick Fathers Mission <i>418: Ez 18:1-10,13b30-32; Ps 51; Mt 19:13-15</i>
<b>Sunday August 17</b>	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM St. Patrick Fathers Mission <i>118: Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28</i>

**Office Hours for August 11 – August 22, 2008**

Monday & Friday 10:30-5:00  
 Tuesday – Thursday 9:30-4:00

**MASSES:**

*Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM*  
*Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM*  
*Daily Mass: Mon & Wed at 7:30 AM*  
*Communion Service: Thurs. at 7:30 AM*  
*Confession: Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment*

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**PARISH STAFF:**

Christian Initiation: Judy Dominick  
 Youth Ministry: Scott Ross  
 Music Ministry: Diane Beaton  
 Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Notices for the bulletin must be at the rectory office by 12:30 PM on Tuesdays.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We invite you to join in our parish community. Please register by contacting the rectory office.

**DEPARTING PARISHIONERS:** Please inform the rectory office when you move from the parish.

**HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED:** Please contact the rectory office to arrange for a visit.

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment – please contact the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.