

SUMMERTIME FEAST DAYS

DURING THE DAYS OF SUMMER 2018,
WE WILL CELEBRATE DAILY MASS ON VARIOUS FEAST DAYS.

SUNDAY, the Lord's Day, is always the first and primary feast day of the week. Each Sunday the faithful people of God gather at the Lord's Table and from there are sent forth for Christ's mission in our homes, neighborhoods, city, nation and world. The "commissioning" is familiar: "GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!" Sunday is the beginning and end of our week.

Sunday, the Lord's Day, is also known as "the eighth day" of the week—the day that leaps out from the other days. It is the day of the "new age," the day beyond creation's seven days. The week begins and ends with Sunday—the first day and the last day of the week—the new eighth day.

Throughout the days and weeks of the year the Church remembers and celebrates the Saints whose lives and struggles, faith and hope continue to inspire, motivate and console each of us as we live our lives from day to day. *"The pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God; in the feasts of the apostles, saints and martyrs and in the commemoration of the faithful departed."*

As the days of summertime unfold all are invited to gather on these selected feast days around the table of the Lord to pray, listen, converse, remember, give thanks and share the holy meal: Nourishment for the daily journey and for the ministry of each day.

Friday, June 8: Sacred Heart of Jesus

One of the most beloved aspects of our Catholic tradition is our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honoring the Sacred Heart, we honor the compassion and love of Christ: his human heart and his divine heart.

MASS at 12:10

Monday, June 11: St. Barnabas, Apostle

One of the earliest disciples of the new Christian faith. His name means "son of encouragement." Though he was not an "original" Twelve Apostles, Luke, in the Book of Acts, honors him with the title "apostle" because he brought the message of Christ's Gospel "to the ends of the earth."

MASS at 12:10



Friday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

Peter and Paul came from very different backgrounds and had different gifts, but they had one great bond: Both were called forth by Jesus to love and serve.

MASS at 12:10

Tuesday, July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle

Thomas is among the Apostles who provided a foundation for God's household, the Church. We sometimes sense that he was a man who liked to believe the worst so that he would not be disappointed. But he was also an apostle who wanted to see the "wounds" of faithfulness and genuine service. Known as the "doubter" he looked for proof that what was "said" was true. A good saint to remember as we celebrate freedom and independence.

MASS at 12:10

Wednesday July 25: St. James the Apostle

There were two apostles named James. This feast remember the one called "James the greater" perhaps because more is known about him than about "James the less" (whose feast is May 3). He was a fisherman who earned the trust of Jesus, even though he was thought by the others to be "bull-headed."

MASS at 12:10

Monday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

At just the time of year when the harvest is abundant, we celebrate a feast of God's glory. Ironically it is also the day we remember the unleashing of the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima, a day and time to pray:

"So long as this life lasts, give peace back to us, peace that will never end."

MASS at 12:10

Wednesday, August 15: Assumption of Mary. A Holy Day

Assumption Day, a **Holy Day on which all Catholics gather for Eucharist**, is sometimes thought of as Mary's "harvesting" into heaven. This is a day to thank God for the bounty of growing things. It is a day we remember our deep Catholic belief that after Mary's death God raise her body into heaven. This truth makes every human body sacred and holy.

MASS at 7:00 pm

Ice Cream Social follows the evening Mass.

Friday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Bartholomew is an apostle about whom not much is known. Like so many who live faith and serve lovingly without recognition he is a person worth remembering. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as "waiting" with the other Apostles for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Like so many of us, unknown but still waiting and longing for the fire of hope and love, he proclaimed the Gospel through his life and spirit.

MASS at 12:10



*Through the rhythms of times and seasons,
in the daily movements of living,
the mystery of Christ unfolds,
revealing moment by moment,
day by day and week by week
the mystery of Christ among us.*