

SUMMERTIME FEAST DAYS

DURING THE DAYS OF SUMMER 2019
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.

Monday, June 24: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

In the liturgy of the Church a "Nativity" feast is NOT a birthday....it is the birth itself! This day is not John's birthday. On this feast "John is born!" The feast comes after the Summer solstice as a reminder that John the Baptist must "decrease" (as the days begin to grow shorter), and Jesus must "increase," as his nativity is after December 21 when the days begin to grow longer.

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

Monday July 22: St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord

Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross; she came to his tomb to anoint his body; she was the first to witness the resurrection. She was this first to announce that Jesus Christ had risen. This is why Mary Magdalene is called the “apostle to the apostles.”

MASS at 12:10

Tuesday, 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

Thursday, 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.

Thursday, August 29: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

We began our “Summertime feast days” with **The Nativity of John the Baptist**. We conclude with his passion and death. John’s mission from the time he was born had been to prepare the way for the Lord. He had done so all his life. His martyrdom shows what lay ahead for Jesus. No wonder Jesus praised John as “a burning and shining lamp!”

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.*