

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015

Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm: Marie E. Mooney+
7:30 am: The People of the Shrine
9:00 am: The People of the Shrine
11:30 am: Martina Coll+



Weekday

12 Noon Mass Intentions

6/29- The People of the Shrine
6/30- The People of the Shrine
7/1- The People of the Shrine
7/2- The People of the Shrine
7/3- The People of the Shrine



We Pray for the Sick

Carole Ripken, Joseph Debes, Stella Vincent, Joyce Novak, Ronald Gutberlet, Jr., Milson Silab, child named Luke, David Downey, Nancy Leonard, Geraldine McDonald, Debby Gerber, Beverly Frick, Joan Reed, Penelope Cogle, Lex Bishop, Bernard Zuchowski, Arnold Gerber, Theron Chauvin, Jean Dugan, Robert Dugan, Richard Bratman, Joseph Michael Kelley, Christine Brooks, Angela Morton, Mary Carol Forbus, Anne Head, Dorothy Burnham, Jane Simpson, Anthony Tackett, Odell Scott, Bill Wurst, and Annabelle Penyak.



Readings for the Week:

Monday-Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-9 (591)
Tuesday-Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27 (378)
Wednesday- Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:2-34 (379)
Thursday-Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8 (380)
Friday-Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593)

DAILY MASS OPPORTUNITY: Please... join us for Daily Mass Monday through Friday at 12 Noon.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will be open Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Closed Friday, July 3rd



In Observance of the July 4th holiday there will be no 12 Noon Mass and the Parish Office will be closed.



Summer Film Series

Please join us for episodes from Father Robert Barron's *Catholicism* film series this Summer at the Shrine. Come to one, two, or all three sessions on the following Sundays at 10 AM in the Undercroft: July 19- *The Mystery of God Become Man*; Aug. 2- *The Teachings of Jesus*; Aug. 16- *The Trinity*. Contact Steve Cox in the parish office for additional information.

June is Casserole Month!!

Please return casseroles to the freezer in the undercroft on this weekend of June 27-28. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



Many Thanks!!!



Thanks to the Filipino community for providing flowers on the first and third weekend of each month.

Altar Servers Wanted!!

If you are interested in being an Altar Server, please see a Sacristan following any of our masses!

Ministry Opportunity

Volunteers from the Shrine regularly take the Eucharist to patients at Sinai Hospital and other local healthcare facilities. We are looking for people who feel called to help in this ministry. Please contact Stephen Cox in the parish office if you are interested.

Hospitality Ministers Needed!

If you are interested in being a hospitality minister at one of our masses, please contact the parish office, 410-466-6884.

"Mothers' Prayer Group"

The group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the undercroft. All mothers are welcome, regardless of how old your children are - they still need your prayers! For information contact Steve Cox at (410)466-6884, ext. 11.



FINANCIAL CORNER

Did you know that the Shrine of the Sacred Heart has an endowment fund? This fund is managed by investment professionals and generates over \$9,000 per fiscal year in income to support the Shrines' day to day operations. If you would like to donate to the Endowment Fund please call the Parish office or go online to theshrine.org and click donate and look for the Shrine Endowment Fund.

Poor Box Recipients

April 1 through June 30th, please consider when donating to the poor box during this period, the recipient is the *Helping Up Mission*. They provide shelter for the poor and homeless, both as an overnight shelter and long term addiction recovery source.

Safe House of Hope Donations

From mid-May through mid-June, the SJO will be accepting donations on behalf of the Safe House of Hope, a shelter for women and girls in Baltimore who have been rescued from sex trafficking; their home base is in Curtis Bay. Please contribute the following items and leave them in the box in front of the elevator in the undercroft: Canned Soda, bottled water, juice packs, and assorted snack foods for distribution at their weekly workshops and group presentations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

RCIA

Christian Formation Process

- Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
- Do you know someone who is?
- Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed?

Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or have questions about it.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism; registering at this parish is not required. A new group is forming for the fall, so contact Stephen Cox in the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

This memorial is in honor of the nameless followers of Christ brutally killed by the mad Emperor Nero as scapegoats for the fire in Rome. The pagan historian Tacitus and St. Clement of Rome tell of a night of horror (August 15, 64 A.D.) when in the imperial parks Christians were put into animal skins and hunted, were brutally attacked, and were made into living torches to light the road for Nero's chariot. From 64 to 314 "Christian" was synonymous with "execution victim."

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the commemoration of St. Paul. The Church emphasizes St. Peter's prerogatives on yesterday's feast and

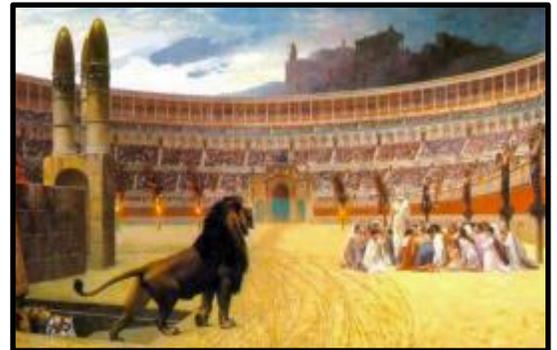
today recalls the special mission of Paul as Apostle of the Gentiles.

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (see Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in A.D. 57-58.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in A.D. 49-50. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius's death in A.D. 54. Paul's letter was addressed to a church with members from Jewish and gentile backgrounds.

In July of A.D. 64, more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, a "great multitude" of Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.



Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in A.D. 68 at the age of thirty-one.

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.