

SS John and James Parish

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BAPTISM

Parents must be participating members of the parish for at least three months. Godparents must be participating members of their parish. **For more information and registration please contact our Baptismal Coordinator, Jeanne Gereau at 828-4711.**

PENANCE

Confessions are on Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the priest at least one year in advance to set a date and make arrangements for marriage preparation



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish (821-7661) when you are admitted to the hospital, suffering from a serious illness, home bound or know someone who is and would like to receive Communion on a regular basis.

ADORATION

Won't You Sit With Me For One Hour? To find out how to receive these **BLESSINGS** please contact Jean-Marie Smith at 230-5286 to schedule your hour. Adoration hours are on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to Noon in the daily chapel in the church.

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 12:49-53

August 14, 2016

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Thursday: 7:30 am
First Friday: 8:00 am
Civil Holiday Mass: 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: 11:30 am



*The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the parishioners
& benefactors*

SATURDAY, August 13, Vigil

5:00 PM †NORMAN DEMERS by cousin, Richard & sister, Sylvia

SUNDAY, August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

9:30 AM †FOR THE DECEASED PASTORS OF SS JOHN &
JAMES

11:30 AM SEE SPANISH BULLETIN



MONDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**NOTE: THIS YEAR THE ASSUMPTION IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION—CONSIDER ATTENDING MASS TO CELEBRATE
THIS FEAST DAY FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER!**

(THE MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN CHURCH)

7:30 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

TUESDAY, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30 AM †MR. & MRS. REGNAIRE by family

WEDNESDAY, August 17

7:30 AM †ALFRED LAVALLEE & SONS; MARY LAVALLEE
& DAUGHTERS by Leonard Lavallee

THURSDAY, August 18

7:30 AM IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE by a parishioner
†LIONEL BERARD (1st anniversary remembrance) by
family

SATURDAY, August 20, Vigil

5:00 PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

SUNDAY, August 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM †ANITA LAPLANTE (6th anniversary remembrance) by
family

9:30 AM †PATRICK CHRISTIAN BARBOSA by mom; PHILIP
& PHILIPBERT GOMEZ by Gisele

11:30 AM SEE SPANISH BULLETIN

PARISH SUPPORT/WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 6 & AUGUST 7, 2016

Weekly Collection: \$3896.00

Second Coll. (Holy Father's Peter's Pence): \$1026.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second Collection this week: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Second Collection next week: Utility Fund

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LITURGICAL ROLES

Daily Mass—August 15 thru August 18

LECTOR—Tim Coughlin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—Francis Caplette

Weekend of August 20 and August 21

LECTORS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM L. Hebert

B. & M. Lafleur

7:30 AM T. Coughlin

P. St. Germain, A. Simas

9:30 AM Dan Sylvester

D. Sylvester, J. Gereau

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. *Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.*



BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY!

Congratulations to the proud parents and godparent of **MASON SCOTT SILVA & MILANIA ROSE SILVA** who were recently baptized into God's family. *Your parish family rejoices with you!*



Aug. 20—11:00am mass with healing service followed by lunch
 Aug. 28—Following 9:30 mass 10/10 club meeting in rectory—collection
 Sept. 5—Holiday: Mass will be celebrated in the main church at 9:00am; parish office is closed
 Sept. 7—Bazaar Workshops begin (6:30 pm) in rectory basement—all are welcome
 Sept. 25—Following 9:30 mass 10/10 club meeting in rectory—drawing
 Oct. 16—Following 9:30 mass 10/10 club meeting in rectory—collection
 Oct. 29—Coat & Blanket distribution in cafeteria 9:00am to noon

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 SS JOHN & JAMES**

Adoration is held every Tuesday from 8:00am to noon in our daily mass chapel. *In order to maintain adoration Jesus must be accompanied by a volunteer at all times.* The success of this will be the commitment and desire of volunteers to spend time with Jesus.

We are also looking for substitutes who may not be able to commit on a weekly basis but would be willing to step in for someone that may need a substitute temporarily. If anyone is interested in signing up for adoration (either for a half hour or an hour) please contact Jean Marie Smith at 230-5286.

Remember the words of Jesus: *"Could you not watch with me for one hour?"* Matthew 26-40

**MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE
 AT SS JOHN & JAMES
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 11:00AM**

SS John & James Parish invites all to celebrate a Mass with healing service on Saturday, August 20 at 11:00am. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria following the Mass. Both areas are handicapped accessible. Please RSVP no later than August 13 to Dillia Sylvester at 828-6790 or Normand Plante at 828-0520.

Throughout the year the Diocese of Providence offers several live and online courses covering the major aspects of our Catholic Faith. These courses are for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and can also be used for diocesan Catechist Certification. Below is a list of upcoming courses:

The God of Mercy – A three week online course which begins August 21 – Perfect for the Year of Mercy

Salvation History: Old Testament – A six week live course that will meet on Tuesdays, August 30 through October 4.

For more information or to register, call Ed Trendowski at 401-278-4646 or register online at www.discovercatholicfaith.org.

**25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the seventh annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on *Sunday, September 25, 2016, 1:00 PM, at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, Providence.* The Celebration will include Mass, renewal of the marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant.

SOME IMPORTANT POINTS REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION

- The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversary in 2016.
- One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- The celebration is for couples. If it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be forwarded directly to the couple.
- Reservation forms are available at the rectory office.
- All registration forms must be turned into our parish office no later than *Friday, August 26* in order to have the names prepared for the Mass Booklet.

Please note: The registration form must be submitted through the parish and signed by the pastor.

AUGUST 14, 2016: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife--fathers against sons and mothers against daughters--is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. But as he says today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." **The fact is, and always has been, that not everyone chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict.**

Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In a sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy.

However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, *when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict. So when we see turmoil arise, let's call upon the power of the true Prince of Peace.*


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