

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Worship Sites
Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue
Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM
Saturday Vigil
Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM
Sunday Morning
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM
Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Confessions:

Church (Sacred Heart)
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Chapel (St. John)
Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

August 1 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Alphonus Liguori</i> Frank Mihelcic (Req. Edna Mae Cook) - Church
August 2 8:00 AM	<i>St. Eusebius</i> Margaret Maey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church
August 3 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Dorthea Cordts (Req. Gigi & Sophie Gromack) - Church
August 4 8:00 AM	<i>Saint John Vianney</i> Nicklous Seibel, 6 Month Remembrance (Req. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Delach) - Church
August 5 8:00 AM	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family.) - Church
August 6 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Anne Orban (Req. Gigi Gromack) – Church
August 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> John Walent (Req. Shade Class of 1965) – Church For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

ON THE DEATH OF FR. JACQUES HAMEL – This past week the news reported the tragic death of Fr. Jacques Hamel, an elderly priest in France who was killed by Islamic terrorists while celebrating daily Mass. While well past retirement age, Fr. Jacques, age 87, kept in shape and kept on going — baptizing infants, celebrating Mass and tending to parishioners in St.-Étienne-du-Rouvray, a working-class town in Normandy where he had spent much of his life. The death of a priest who was a model of dedication, humility, and faith has left many wondering how to respond. In light of this, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, O.P. offered the following homily at a Mass for Fr. Jacques this past week. Part of the Archbishop’s homily is found below. – Love, and faith, and hope will not be cowed by such barbarism. This very morning, a woman in St-Etienne-du-Rouvray rode by the church on her bicycle and shouted out, “We will

not be afraid!” This very morning, Mohammed Karabila, President of the Regional Council of Muslims and a friend of Fr Jacques, joined the Catholic community in prayers for his soul. This very morning, the French National Council of Muslims condemned this “terrible and horrifying act” and stated their solidarity with all Catholics in France. The Representative Council of Jewish Institutions called the attack an “odious murder”. Such solidarity gives us hope for the future. But in calling the murder ‘odious’, our brothers and sisters in monotheism identify another aspect of this evil incident: that Fr Jacques Hamel died *in odium fidei*, that is, in hatred of the Faith. This is a term Catholics use to describe the characteristic death of a martyr, as one who dies *for* his or her faith, and *because* of that faith. Though we welcome the solidarity of those of other faiths, and while we recognize that this is very much an attack on France and on civilization more generally, we cannot ignore the fact that it was also a targeted attack on our Christian faith. The two terrorists meant to go into a Catholic church; they meant to kill a priest of Jesus Christ; they meant to take nuns and faithful laity as hostages; they were not just looking for any old building with any old people inside. The terrorists underlined the meaning of their act by engaging in a ritual sacrifice of the priest before the altar and a mock homily. So their act was not just murder but also sacrilege, desecration, blasphemy; their motive, not just revenge for the policies of the secular French government but hatred for the Church and its priests and religious even when they are demonstrably friends of Muslims. St Stephen died with Christ’s own words on his lips, forgiving his persecutors and commending his soul to our merciful Father; the Curé of St Stephen’s likely died in a similar way. All the martyrs are in a sense icons of the passion of Christ. Paradoxically, then, out of an act of hatred comes a demonstration of great love: in dying *in odium fidei* Fr Hamel has borne witness to the love of God, who suffered evil rather than perpetrate it, who loved us so much He gave His only Son (*Jn 3:16*). So today we stand with Fr Jacques and with all those who have given the witness of their lives and deaths, not for a hateful ideology but for faith and hope and love. Together we mourn the senselessness of this violence, we pray for the repose of the souls of all victims of terrorist acts this month past around the world, we intercede for safety and peace in our world. And we do all this, not with heads bowed in fear, but with eyes raised in hope to heaven, towards the promise of eternal life.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT – On Wednesday of last week Fr. Aron received a letter from Bishop Barchak stating that he was named pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels effective immediately. Please pray for him as he transitions from parish administrator to pastor.

OPEN CHURCH – Beginning on Monday of NEXT week the Sacred Heart site will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM. All are invited to come and enjoy the peaceful serenity that comes from praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – There will be a meeting in the Activity Center on Monday August 8th at 7:00 PM for all CCD teachers. This is an important meeting as the new school year will be discussed as well as changes to the curriculum. If you are a CCD teacher please make every effort to be in attendance.

MISSION APPEAL – Next weekend Fr. Jean Claude Kobo will be celebrating weekend Masses as our parish’s participation in the annual mission cooperative appeal. Fr. Kobo is a member of the Comboni Missionaries and a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo. An envelope will be attached to next weekend’s bulletin which can be placed in the collection the weekend of August 13th-14th.

FORTY HOURS – In three weeks our parish will host Forty Hours Devotions. While it has been many years since they were last celebrated in Central City, please prayerfully consider attending the devotions this year. Forty Hours will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:30 AM Mass on August 21st and will conclude with closing devotions on Monday August 22nd at 7:00 PM. Forty Hours calls to mind the time that Jesus spent in the tomb and is typically marked with forty continuous hours of quiet prayer before Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament (n.b. since our parish is reintroducing the devotion this year we will have a more modest adoration schedule). Please sign up for a half hour of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (sheets are found on the back tables at each worship site).

UP COMING EVENTS – Please note the following...

August 1 – **Society of Angels Meeting at 7:00 PM – Note Date Change**

August 2 – SHA Meeting at 7:00 PM

August 3 – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:00 PM

August 5 – First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

August 6-7 – Missionary Co-Op, Fr. Aron away during annual visit from missionary

August 14 – Holy Name Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass, Meeting to Follow

August 16 – Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

August 21-22 – Parish Forty Hours Devotions (Closing Devotions, Monday 7:00 PM)

FROM THE SOCIETY OF ANGELS – The Society of Angels is looking for assistance during Heritage Days (most specifically Saturday and Sunday). The group is looking for able bodied people (preferably 6) to assist during 3 hours shifts to transport food from the activity center to the park (and return empty roasters to the hall). Additionally, the group is in need of people to help with clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. If you can assist with this matter, please phone the rectory.

CHOIR PRACTICES – The Women and Girls Choir will be practicing this Thursday beginning at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. The choir is getting ready for the 8:00 AM Mass over the Heritage Day weekend. The St. John the Baptist Schola will be practicing this Tuesday from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM at the St. John the Baptist site. The schola is getting ready for the 10:30 AM Mass on August 21st which will commence our Forty Hours devotions. Please consider joining on of our two choirs.

ARTIFACTS NEEDED – This summer marks the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Pliz and the beginnings of the Catholic faith in Central City (the date is slightly more complex). Fr. Aron would like to decorate a new meeting room in the rectory with pictures and artifacts from our parish history (both Sacred Heart and St. John). If you have some older photos, suitable for framing, or some artifacts that you would be willing to donate to this display please contact Fr. Aron.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

Aug 06 Church 4:00 PM A. Deneen & J. Hammer

Aug 07 Church 8:00 PM A. J. and C. Mauger

Aug 07 Chapel 10:30 AM E. & E. Spinelli

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Kay O'Toole, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek, David G. Bonus, Father James Dugan, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Pat Timulak, Caroline Amato

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 23rd and 24th - Adult Envelopes - \$2,679.25 – Students \$21.25 – Loose Change \$281. – Parish Expense \$265. – Building Fund \$78.30. – Total \$3,324.80. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following:
Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11: 1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: Opening dates for store will be: Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 from 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the donors and contributors of the Father Pilz Memorial Fund. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for Blessings for the Marriage of Shana Topka and Matt Wilson.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Name of Intention and Preferential Date _____

Name of Person making Request _____
