



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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August 24, 2025 † St. Bartholomew, Ap

Sunday, Aug. 24, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Pro Populo

Mon., Aug. 25, No Mass in Springs – St. Louis, KC

RIP Cheng, Shiv-Tseng

Tues., Aug. 26, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Feria (St. Zephyrinus, PM)

A Mass to St. Anthony (Trujillo)

Wed., Aug. 27, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Joseph Calesanctius, C

Alexander Meyer (L Meyer)

Thurs., Aug. 28, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Augustine, BCD

Private Intention

Fri., Aug. 29, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Kathleen Van Wyk (L Meyer)

Sat., Aug. 30, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Rose of Lima, V

My Intentions for My Son Jay (Hai Tseng)

Sunday, Aug. 31, HIGH MASS 9:00 am – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sun., Aug. 24th: Anthony & Alexander Vigil

Wed., Aug. 27th: Alexander Vigil, Joseph Fries

Fri., Aug. 29th: Tobias & Hugo Vigil

Sun., Aug. 31st: Andrew Fries, Tobias Vigil

Sun., Sept. 7th: Anthony Kosovich, Alexander Vigil

Tues., Aug. 26th: Andrew Fries, Jude Vigil

Thurs., Aug. 28th: Anthony Vigil, John Fries

Sat., Aug. 30th: Dominic Pulliam

“Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever, take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow.” - St. Augustine

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass

Tues. & Wed: 7:45am

Wed: 2:00p

Ending Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers Pg: 78 #93

Catechism Classes: today, August 24th, from 8:15 – 8:45am

Blessing of Religious Articles: Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

PRAY FOR: Anna Ahern, Gerard Crochet, Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Gabriel Trujillo, RIP Mary Watson, RIP Timothy Pogar, RIP Don Hopkins, RIP Roger McCarville, RIP Joe Vogel, RIP Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich, RIP Edward Ponder and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this list.)

VOLUNTEERS: needed to pick a week to bring doughnuts! There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

BLESSED FEAST DAY: Father Augustine, and thank you for your great care of the parish!

The Beheading of St. John Baptist

by Father Francis Xavier Weninger, 1876

When St. John, the Baptist and Precursor of Jesus Christ, of whose miraculous birth we have spoken elsewhere, by divine admonition left the desert, he repaired to the river Jordan, to preach repentance, thus to prepare men for the recognition of the Messiah. The abuses and vices which had crept in among the Jews, and had become habitual with them, were rebuked by him without respect to persons. At that period there reigned in Judaea, King Herod, surnamed Antipas, a son of the Herod who murdered the Holy Innocents, and the Herod who clothed Christ with a white garment and derided Him. This King had forcibly carried off Herodias, the wife of his still living brother, Philip, and had married her. The whole country was scandalized at this criminal deed, but nobody dared to reproach the King for his unlawful conduct. St. John alone would not be silent. The Gospel says, that Herod was much pleased with St. John's preaching, and followed many of his instructions. Hence the Saint fearlessly approached the King and said to him: "It is not lawful for thee to take thy brother's wife." What more he may have said is not mentioned in the Gospel, but these few bold words were enough to provoke the King to such a degree, and awaken in him such hatred, that he resolved to rid himself of the severe preacher. Fearing, however, a revolt among the people, who greatly esteemed the Saint, he dared not immediately lay hands on him. The godless Herodias, who felt herself also offended by the reproaches of John, incited the King more and more against the holy man, until she had succeeded in raising him to such wrath, that he ordered him to be imprisoned. The disciples of the Saint, however, went to him in the prison, and listened with avidity to his holy instructions. We know that he sent some of them to Christ, to ask Him: "Art thou he that is to come, or do we look for another?" It is the opinion of the holy Fathers that St. John did not send this message to Christ because he doubted that He was the true Messiah, but that his disciples, by hearing Him preach, and by witnessing the miracles He performed, might more readily believe what he had told them of the Saviour. It is believed that the imprisonment of John took place in December and lasted until the month of August. Herod's birthday was celebrated in this month, and among other festivities, he gave a splendid banquet, at which all the princes of Galilee were present. At the close of it, Salome, the daughter of Herodias, entered the banquet hall to entertain the guests by dancing. The King was so much pleased with her that he told her that she might ask him a favor, and promised to grant it, even if it should cost him the half of his kingdom. This inconsiderate promise he confirmed by an oath. The frivolous dancer, not knowing what to request, asked the advice of her mother. The latter, who had long wished St. John out of her way, in order that nothing might disturb her in her criminal lust, said quickly: "Go and ask the head of John the Baptist." The wicked daughter, returning to the King, said boldly: "Give me here in a dish, the head of John the Baptist." The King was struck with horror at her unexpected demand; but not wishing to grieve her and being unwilling to break his rash oath, he sent a soldier of his body-guard into the prison to behead the Saint and bring his head in a dish. The cruel and unjust order was forthwith executed, and the holy head was brought in a dish to Salome, who handed it to her wicked mother. St. Jerome relates that Herodias, to gratify her rage against the holy man, pricked his tongue with a bodkin, in revenge for the fearless reproofs it had given to the vices of the King. The disciples of St. John buried the holy body of their beloved master between the two prophets Eliseus and Abdias. The sacred head was buried by the unchaste Herodias in her palace, where it remained concealed many years, when it was discovered by an apparition of the Saint himself, and has ever since been greatly venerated by the Christians. At the present day it is kept at Rome, in the Church of St. Sylvester. The justice of God did not leave the cruelty and tyranny of Herod unpunished. The Jewish historian, Josephus, relates that he lost honor and crown: for the King of Arabia, whose daughter, the lawful wife of Herod, had been repudiated, invaded his domains with his armies, and defeated him. The emperor Caligula afterwards banished him to Lyons in France. From that city he fled with Herodias into Spain, where both, in punishment for their crimes, died in misery. The frivolous and wicked daughter of Herodias also received her deserts. Whilst she was walking over a frozen river, the ice broke, and she sank to her neck in the water, and the ice, rushing again together, severed her head entirely from her body. Thus ended this audacious and shameless dancer.