# **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** MT 14:26



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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2023

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SATURDAY,	AUGUST 12
The Mass of	Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM	Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial
SUNDAY, AL	JGUST 13
The 19th Sur	nday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Josephine Raimondo—Memorial
9:00AM	-
10:30AM	Albert Burnside—Memorial
MONDAY, A	AUGUST 14—VJ HOLIDAY
St. Maximilio	an Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8:30AM	Cecile Corretta—Memorial
Vigil Mass fo	or the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
<u>TUESDAY, A</u>	UGUST 15
The Assump	tion of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM	Henry, Rose & Bill Berek—Memorial
7:00PM	Robert R. Mackenzie—Memorial
WEDNESDA	Y, AUGUST 16
Weekday: St	t. Stephen of Hungary
7:30AM	Vito, Marie & Thomas Brescia-Memorial
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	AUGUST 17
Weekday	
7:30AM	Dolores Vespia—Memorial
FRIDAY, AU	GUST 18
Weekday	
7:30AM	Thomas Sheerin—2nd Anniversary
SATURDAY,	AUGUST 19
Weekday; St	t. John Eudes, Priest; BVM
8:30AM	Connor Bruno—3rd Anniversary
The Mass of	Anticipation for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM	Mary Miller—Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, AL	JGUST 20
The Twentie	th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Catherine Colligan—1st Anniversary
9:00AM	Jeanne Toole—1st Anniversary
10:30AM	Irene Sullivan—Memorial
	Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The new movie, "Oppenheimer," has sparked greater interest in a moral examination of U.S. nuclear weapons policies, especially the suffering and death the August 1945 atomic bombs caused in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

danger of modern A warfare is that it allows those who possess modern scientific weapons—especially nuclear. atomic, biological, or chemical weapons-to commit war crimes. We have seen this happen in Syria. Both North Korea and Russia have threatened nuclear to use weapons.

Under the Catholic understanding of just war, not only must the cause of war be just, but the acts of war used in combat must also be just. Using weapons to destroy civilian populations, such as the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is an unjust act of war.

Terrorizing the civilian populations to force surrender was part of the U.S. strategy in dropping the atomic bomb in Japan. It is considered an unjust act of war. It is very problematic for Catholics to try to justify the U.S. decision.

In dropping the atomic bombs on Japan, the second atomic attack was a near-direct hit on Asia's largest cathedral in Japan's renowned Catholic settlement, Urakami. It was a residential district of Nagasaki located significantly north of the city's commercial center and shipyard.

Nagasaki and the Catholic Church have deep historical roots. St. Francis Xavier arrived in the West of Japan in the 1540s and traveled through Nagasaki. A Japanese lord donated land in the area to Jesuit missionaries from Portugal in 1580.

The Catholic Faith spread so quickly that it was outlawed as a threat to local rulers. Twenty -six martyrs were crucified in the city's hills in 1597. Nagasaki, the only port continuously open to foreign trade, was a stronghold of secret faith during Japan's two -hundred-fifty-year suppression of the faith.

The atomic bomb, "Fat Man," detonated over Urakami, killing 40,000 people instantly and another 40,000 by the end of the year. It decimated 70 percent of the Catholic community, many descendants of the Kakure Kirishitans, the "Hidden Christians," who concealed their Catholic faith in fear of persecution.

Dr. Takashi Nagai, a Catholic lay leader in Nagasaki known as "the Saint of Urakami," wrote "The Bells of Nagasaki."" It vividly describes his experiences as a survivor of the bombing. The title refers to the bells of Urakami Cathedral.

At the destroyed Cathedral, Dr. Nagai called the bombing an act of divine providence: the sacrifice of innocent blood atoned for the sins of a world at war. This reassured Christian survivors of the bombing but also had a silencing effect—reinforcing the self-suppression of the faith they practiced for 250 years.

Tomorrow is V.J. Day which commemorates the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War. My late Father was a World War II combat veteran who served in Italy and always observed this holiday. He told me that as the Second World War in Europe ended, he believed that he and his comrades in arms would have to invade Japan. Such an invasion never happened because President Truman decided to drop the atomic bombs, which led to the Japanese surrender.

Tomorrow is also the Feast of St. Maximillian Kolbe, "the as Saint known of Auschwitz." He was a Polish Franciscan Friar who the Nazis took prisoner. He was killed in Auschwitz after volunteering to replace another man, one of ten condemned to die in the starvation bunker as punishment for a presumed escape.

In the 1930s, St. Maximilian Kolbe lived and worked as a missionary in Japan and founded a monastery on the outskirts of Nagasaki. Four years after his martyrdom, on August 9, 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, but the monastery the saint founded miraculously survived.

Pope St. John Paul II declared him "a martyr of charity" who represents light in the darkness of the evil of World War II and hope amidst the despair of the Holocaust and other unjust war crimes.

Come to Mass on VJ Day and pray for the intercession of St. Maximillian Kolbe. May he inspire world leaders to work to end all wars, reduce nuclear weapons and strive to establish a just and lasting peace among all nations and peoples.

Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox????

Father Healey





## August 6, 2023

\$11,237.00
<u>\$3,718.00</u>
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\$2,495.00

## August 3, 2022

Weekly	513,223.00
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# **Second Collections** This Week: Peter's Pence

*Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next* Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



# Deceased

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the soul of the faithful departed, most Mary Lou Tucker especially whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation Schedule Monday, August 14, 2023 Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Confessions at 6:00 pm Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Holy Day Masses at 7:30 am & 7:00 pm





•<u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food</u> <u>items should be unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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L he bodily assumption of Mary into the kingdom of God was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Not scripturally based, the concept of Mary's assumption developed as part of the tradition of the early church.

First thought of as her "dormition" or "falling asleep," this feast is still celebrated under the title "Dormition" in the Eastern church.

By the eighth century, Rome had changed the title of the feast to "Assumption" and had conferred upon it the more active idea of Mary's actually having been taken up into heaven in both soul and body.

Mary is not the only figure in our Judeo-Christian understanding to be taken bodily into heaven. In 2 Kings, we read of Elijah the prophet who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind.



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hen Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, a humanitarian crisis began for Ukrainians, whose lives were shattered by the violence of war. Many left their homes in eastern cities in Ukraine for cities in the west, such as Lviv, farther from the most intense fighting. From the beginning of the war, the Holy Father pleaded for an end to the violence and expressed his love and concern for the Ukrainian people who were its victims. In solidarity with the victims of war, the papal almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, made two visits to Ukraine in March 2022. He first visited the cities of Rivne and Zhovka and other regions directly affected by the early conflict. He returned to Ukraine to celebrate Mass in the cathedral in Lviv and to deliver an ambulance donated by the Holy Father to the Center for Mother and Child Health to assist children displaced by the war.

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See's dicasteries that assist his ministry.

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#### PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

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#### GIVE

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