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August 23, 2026



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 23, 2026

Altar Servers: Abby, Everett
Greeter: Bob Novak

Lector: Mary-Lou Epner
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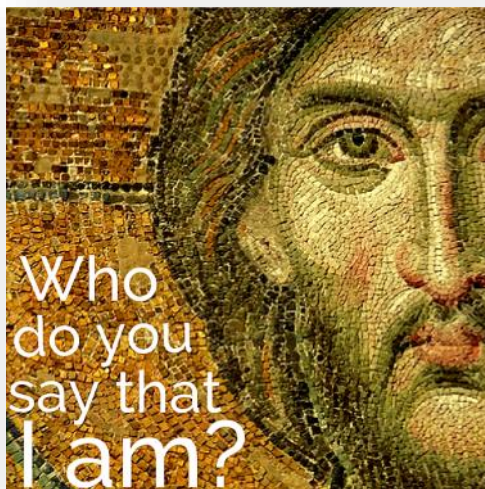
Mass Intentions:

Sat. Aug. 22 - **For the Intentions of Mirek Skorut on his 50-th Birthday.**

Sun. Sept. 13 - **In Memory of †Nancy Sawczak** (req. by Ed Sawczak).

Sun. Sept. 20 - **In Memory of ††Thomas and Mary Krajewski on their Birthdays**
(req. by Mary Ellen & Rich Cadalso).

Sat. Oct. 3 - **In Memory of †Richard Beeble, 1st Anniv.** (req. by Betty Beeble).



Verses 1 & 2

TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING

ICH GLAUB AN GOTT



1. To Je - sus Christ, our Sov - 'reign King, Who is the
 2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
 3. To thee and to thy Church, great King, We pledge our



1. world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
 2. land and na - tion; For in thy king - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
 3. hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore thy throne we sing In



1. thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. lone we find sal - va - tion.
 3. end - less ju - bi - la - tion. } Christ Je - sus, vic - tor!



- 1-3. Christ Je - sus, rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and re - deem - er!

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STAND**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. With sorrow and penitence we acknowledge the times when we have not recognized the Christ in our midst, and failed to reflect Him to others. Please, make the examination of your conscience.

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.

KNEEL or SIT

Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God

**in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

striking the breast three times and continuing

**in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and,
with His authority vested in me,
I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.
C. Christ, have mercy. R/. Christ, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

STAND

All: Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Blessed are You, God our Father,
for You are the Rock of our salvation in which we place our trust.
May this trust never dim so that we may not yield to temptation
or hinder Your holy design.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 22:19–23

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station.
On that day I will summon my servant
Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;
I will clothe him with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and give over to him your authority.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open.
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

L. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.
R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading Rom 11:33–36

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord

or who has been his counselor?

*Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

STAND

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

L. Alleluia, alleluia!

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

L. You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13–20

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and
he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples

to tell no one that he was the Christ.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

SIT

♦ **HOMILY**

C. I believe in One God,
All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

C. Knowing that we all belong to the family of God, we confidently bring before our Lord all our needs, and the needs of the entire Church and world.

1. For the Church: That it may resist the temptation to do and say simply what the world wants to see and hear. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For the leaders of the world: May they act as faithful stewards of all that is entrusted to them. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For Andrew Biernacki, for God's comfort and peace for all who are suffering in mind, body or soul at this time; and for all who give consolation to the dying and to those who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves: That we discover joy in prayer and satisfaction in living out our Christian commitment. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer.

5. For all who have gone before us into eternal life: May they enjoy perfect happiness in heaven. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions [long pause for silence] We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer.

C. God our Father, listen to our prayers and guide us always on the paths that bring us to You. We ask this through Your Son, Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

HERE I AM

Acc #241 / CP4 #302

Refrain

Here I am, stand-ing right be-side you. Here I am;
do not be a - fraid. Here I am, wait-ing like a lov - er.
I am here; here I am. am. I am here; here I am.

1-3 to Vss. Final

Verse 1

1. Do not fear when the tempt - er calls you. Do not
1. fear e - ven though you fall. Do not fear, I have con - quered
to Refrain
1. e - vil. Do not fear, nev - er be a - fraid.

Verse 3

3. I am here in the midst of ev - 'ry tri-al. I am
3. here in the face of de-spair. I am here when
to Refrain
3. par-don-ing your broth-er. Here I am, I am here.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.

Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.
Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R/. **May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

C. Heavenly Father,
we have heard Your word of promise and in return we offer You this sacrifice.
Bless us now with the gift of Your Son that we may live
amid the tension and doubt of this life in peace, faith, and hope.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

PREFACE OF SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.
C. Lift up your hearts.
R/. We lift them up to the Lord.
C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You gave Your Son power
to heal and perform signs and miracles to reveal Your glory.
Recognizing Jesus as the Lord of all creation,
may we rejoice in Him as we obey His Word.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

**R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed + is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

- C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.
There He dwelt and was made flesh.
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

- C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.
WHENEVER YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.
So may we praise and glorify You
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

C. Let us pray together:

KNEEL

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

KNEEL or SIT

COMMUNION HYMN

COME TO ME

Acc #149 / CP4 #244

Refrain

Weston Priory

Come to me, all who la - bor and are heav - y bur - dened, and
I shall give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from
me, for I am meek and hum - ble of heart,
and you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is eas - y and my bur - den is

Verses

light.

1. You, God, are my shep-herd
5. Pur - sue me, O God, —

1. I shall nev - er be in need. Fresh and green are the
5. with your fath - om - less love. In your tent let me

1. mead - ows where you give me — rest.
5. dwell — all the days of my life.

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POST COMMUNION HYMN

THIS ALONE

Acc #563 / CP4 #506

Tim Manion

Refrain

One thing I ask, this a-lone I seek, to
dwell in the house of the Lord all my days. For one
day with-in your tem-ple heals ev - 'ry day a - lone. O
Lord, bring me to your dwell - ing.

Verse 1,

1. Hear, — O — Lord, — the sound of my call - ing.
1. Hear, — O Lord, and show me your way.

to Refrain

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C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
may we who have received the Body and Blood of Your Son,
together with the Apostles and all the Church,
ever proclaim the greatness of Jesus Christ.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Acc #493 / CP4 #456

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the

to Verses Last time



earth re - joice. Let all the earth re - joice.

Verse 1



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my

to Refrain



1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Verse 2



2. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re-joice

to Refrain



2. He has turned our death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

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Announcements

Requests must be received by noon Wednesday.

Please contact Justine Fazziola: jfazziola@gmail.com

- **Our "Lutnia" choir is on summer recess.** While they take a well-deserved break, we invite the entire congregation to lift their voices and **join in singing the Opening and Recessional hymns!**
- **Charity for the Hungry:** We are mindful of those families struggling to put food on their tables. We ask that you consider dropping a non-perishable item in the food pantry baskets in the vestibule. May we share our blessings with those in need.
- **Parish Stewardship:** We remain deeply grateful for your ongoing support of BVMC Parish. Donations may be sent via mail to our parish office or made securely online at www.bvmc.org/giving. For questions regarding your contributions, please reach out to our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski, at bvmc.church@gmail.com May God bless you for your goodness.

August Birthdays

August 26 - George Urciuoli

August 31 - Diane Brennan

Anniversaries

August 22 - Jeanne & Tony Stendardo

August 25 - Helen & John Anderson

August 28 - George & Marilyn Clark

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Kindness & Support*

Pray
for your
Prayer Partner

Happening at BVMC



Saturday, August 29
5:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, August 30

9:00am Holy Mass (also livestream)

Altar Servers: Everett, Parker

Lector: Donald Greeter: Nancy

Trustees: Joanne, Diane



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 — Goodbye Summer: Polish Style (Noon–5pm)

September 20 — 25th Annual Chopin Winners Concert

September 28–30 — XXVII General Synod, Manchester NH



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