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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16-17, 2025

Go forth and set
the world on fire.

Ignatius of Loyola

Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.

Devotions

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Hour

Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday 7:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16:

†**Edward Danet** Rb. Alicia Vante and Family

Sunday, August 17:

†**Cecilia Quetel** Rb. Betty Quetel

Tuesday, August 19

†**Mary Jo and Joseph Graham** Rb. Mary Angela Myer

Wednesday, August 20

†**Joseph C. Aubain** Rb. Betty Quetel

Thursday, August 21

Father Ronan Sarmiento Rb. A Parishioner

Friday, August 22

For the Brunt Family Rb. Pia Brunt

Saturday, August 23

†**Mr. and Mrs. Sebastien Greaux** Rb. Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, August 24

†**Ralph and Ruth Danet** Rb. Alicia Vante and Family

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For your Mass intention and the Sanctuary Lamp, please call Becky Ledee ((340)-513-8007 or (340)-774 9266), **Monday through Friday** or anytime via church email.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

These are hard words: "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" The division Jesus speaks of is not an end in itself, but a result of the challenge his message brings. When the gospel takes root, it can disrupt the status quo. Those who embrace Christ's call may find themselves misunderstood or opposed by those closest to them. Even households may be divided, as Jesus boldly states: "from now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his influential work "The Cost of Discipleship," writes that "when Christ calls a person, he bids them come and die." The gospel is not an invitation to an easy life, but to a costly allegiance to God's kingdom. Christianity, when truly lived, demands our whole selves—not just our Sunday mornings or our spare hours, but our deepest loyalties. This may mean standing apart from the crowd, risking misunderstanding, or even enduring rejection for the sake of Christ. There is a fire in discipleship—a burning away of the old, a forging of the new. The peace Jesus brings is not superficial or sentimental, but hard-won and world-changing.

Luke 12:49-53 challenges us to move beyond a comfortable, cultural Christianity into the blazing center of God's purpose. Jesus calls us to a faith that is real, refined, and resolute—a faith willing to endure the fire for the sake of new life. May we be people who welcome Christ's refining fire, who bear the cost of discipleship, and who become, by grace, living witnesses to the hope that endures beyond every division. Let us pray for the courage to be faithful, the humility to be transformed, and the wisdom to remember that, after the fire, God brings forth something new—pure, bright, and beautiful, for the sake of the world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 17: Twentieth Sunday in OT

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53

Monday, August 18:
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19:
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 20:
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21:
Jgs 11:29-39a
Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 22: The Queenship of Mary
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 23:
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

HURRICANE PRAYER

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image. Close to the world, Your love brings us to life. Save us from all harm. Draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Angela Quetel, Michael & Marie Greaux, Jessica T. Magras, Annette Magras, Marie Magras, Florie Magras, Florence (Nini) Quetel, Edwin Olive (Pinky), Betty Quetel, Reynaldo and Gloria Turbe, Carol Cerge
Please call to add or remove names to or from this list.

MASS ATTENDANCE August 9-10, 2025
Saturday 5:00pm 28/ Sunday 8:00am 46/ Total 74

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

First Collection:	\$ 905.00
Second Collection:	\$ 420.00
Candles:	\$ 50.00

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

August 3 Health Insurance
August 10 Priest's Salary
August 17 VIYA bill
August 24 Organist's Fee
August 31 Maintenance Fund

Announcements



Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion
The Sanctuary Lamp is a reminder of our Lord's presence. For the week of August 17-23, the sanctuary lamp is burning for Fr. Ronan Sarmiento for God's guidance and blessings, as requested by a parishioner.

Volunteer for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to help with meal preparation at our Bethlehem House Shelter and our Soup Kitchen locations. Interested parties should please contact the main office at 340-777-8518, option 1, option 1. *Thank you in advance for your support!*

Cassi Hill Mission and Pilgrimage

Holy Family Church invites ALL parish ministries and groups to participate in the 78th Annual Cassi Hill Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, August 17, 2025, starting at 2:00pm from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine. Thereafter, a Mass will be celebrated at the church.

Parish Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of every other month. Please register your children. Present a copy of the child birth certificate. A minimum of 4 classes is required.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes will be held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance at Holy Mass and instructions thereafter.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the Office at (340) 714-1101.

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy. **Confession is available by appointment and every Saturday at 4:00pm – 4:50pm.**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 714-1101 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with Fr. Ronan Sarmiento 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date-listing of all Saint-Anne-parishioners.- Registration-also- helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

**MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP
DEVOTION AVAILABLE DATES**

**Please note that the 2025 Mass intention book is
open for request.**

Please contact Becky Ledee for reservation.



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