

Welcome to  
**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



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**Baptisms**-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony\*

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**Visits to the Sick and Homebound** (*Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick*)-Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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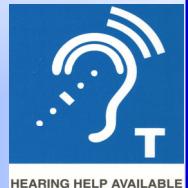
**RCIA**—(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

**New Parishioners**-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

**\*Registered parishioners only**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

- ◆ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ◆ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ◆ **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May**  
8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August**  
9:30 am
- ◆ **Spanish Mass**  
5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ◆ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted
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- ◆ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ◆ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ◆ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ◆ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration
- ◆ **Prayer & Scripture Group** Meets in the Religious Ed Building the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month



**AUGUST 4, 2019—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Mon. Aug 5** +George Charpentier  
8:30 am Requested by Vin & Joan Bresnahan
- Tues. Aug 6** Ashley Irick  
8:30 am Requested by Pete & Bonnie LaVigne
- Weds. Aug 7** Members of the Parish  
8:30 am
- Thrs. Aug 8** +Brian Larson  
8:30 am Requested by Donna Saxtan
- Fri. Aug 9** Ed & Rose Reuther & Family  
8:30 am Requested by John Honc
- Sat. Aug 10** +Jack O'Neill  
4:30 pm Requested by Pam & Buster Stark
- Sun. Aug 11** +Mike Johnson  
9:30 am Requested by Kathleen Hecksher & Tom Christiansen

## This Week

Monday, Aug 5, 2019

- The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Tuesday, Aug 6, 2019

- Transfiguration of the Lord

• Prayer & Scripture Group—6 pm

Wednesday, Aug 7, 2019

- St. Sixtus II & Companions
- St. Cajetan

Thursday, Aug 8, 2019

- St. Dominic

Friday, Aug 9, 2019

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saturday, Aug 10, 2019

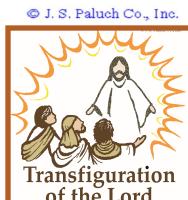
- St. Lawrence

• Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, Aug 11, 2019

- Masses at 9:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday, Aug 12, 2019



## PARISH CALENDAR

August 6-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting  
August 15-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation

August 20-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

September 2-Labor Day

September 3-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

**September 6-Adoration 9 am-Noon**

September 8-Return to Regular Mass Schedule  
-Grandparents' Day

-First Day of Religious Education

September 15-First Coffee Social of the season

September 17-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

October 1-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

**October 4-Adoration 9 am-Noon**

## Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF JULY 20-21, 2019

ATTENDANCE -313

OFFERTORY-\$3,070.50

SECOND COLLECTION-\$ N/A

POOR BOX-\$149.25

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## ???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?



**OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS**  
**Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00**  
**Pledged \$ 79 194.95**  
**Total Paid \$ 69 937.41**  
**Balance Due \$ 15 062.59**  
**a/o 07/19/19**

Thank you for your generosity.

## †SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

**Aug 5-The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**-The Santa Maria Maggiore or Saint Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring the Virgin Mary and was erected in the immediate aftermath of the Council of Ephesus of 431, which proclaimed Mary Mother of God. It is said that the Mother of God chose this location for a church dedicated in her honor by a miraculous snow that fell upon this spot in summer. Our Lady has been venerated in Italy as "Our Lady of the Snow." The basilica is also home to a few remnants of the humble crib in which Christ was laid at His birth. These pieces of the manger were carried to Rome by Christians fleeing the Muslim conquest of the Holy Land in the 7th century. They are preserved in a silver reliquary resembling an ordinary manger, upon which lies an image of the Infant Jesus. -[www.americaneedsfatima.org](http://www.americaneedsfatima.org)

**Aug 6-Transfiguration of the Lord**-High up on the mountain with Peter, James and John, Jesus was transformed before them. It was a unique display of His divine character and a glimpse of the glory He had before he took human form on earth.

**Aug 7-St. Sixtus II & Companions**-A Franciscan priest and Pope in the third century, St. Sixtus II was Pope during the Valerian Persecution. Sixtus and six deacons were seized while addressing a congregation and executed.

**-St. Cajetan**-Patron saint of the unemployed, St. Cajetan dedicated himself entirely to the service of the Lord. He founded a bank, which later became the Bank of Naples, to help the poor.

**Aug 8-St. Dominic**-Born of Spanish nobility, St. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers, scientists and the Dominican Republic and is the founder of the Dominican Order.

**Aug 9-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**-A German Jewish philosopher, St. Teresa converted to Catholicism, eventually becoming a Carmelite nun.

**Aug 10-St. Lawrence**-A Roman deacon, St. Lawrence was martyred four days after Pope St. Sixtus II was executed. To this day it is still said that St. Lawrence is responsible for the conversion of "all of Rome" to Christianity.



*The fresh flowers decorating our altar this weekend were donated by Rolando & Lisa Rodriguez in celebration of their 38th Wedding Anniversary*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August**  
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Birmingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, William Porthouse, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski

*"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."*

## Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,  
hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order  
and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger  
over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,  
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep  
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,  
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You,  
O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still  
so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal  
with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,  
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so  
that spared from the calamities common to this area  
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,  
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son  
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless  
eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

*[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]*

## A Women's Day of Reflection

The Sacred Heart Parish Guild of Our Lady presents Johnnette Benkovic Williams for "A Women's Day of Reflection" on Sat., October 19, at 211 W. Charlotte Ave. Punta Gorda. You are invited to spend the day hearing from Johnnette, who hosts daily TV and radio shows on EWTN as well as being a prolific author and national speaker. The day will explore the powerful influence God calls us to be in our homes, in the Church, and in the world... the feminine genius of women. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Seating is limited. For more information and to reserve your place call Dee Blayne at 317 496-6381.



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ROSARY  
DAILY**



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You set the bar pretty high with that "love your neighbor as yourself" commandment, Jesus.



I did indeed, Lisa.  
But it's doable.



How?  
It's just not in our nature!



Bingo, Lisa.  
It's in MY nature.

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**OLMM  
PRAYER & SCRIP-  
TURE GROUP**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6th** at 6 pm in the Religious Education Building. Our topic will be "Love Your Neighbor." You can attend some or all of the group meetings, so if you couldn't make any of the previous meetings, you are more than welcome to join the group at any time! See you then!



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**SECOND COLLECTION  
WEEKEND OF  
AUGUST 10-11, 2019**

July, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church in Africa faces truly difficult challenges. It is daunting to sustain the growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach in a state of constant conflict. Economic and social hurdles are present of enormous scope. Severe poverty and epidemics exist alongside political unrest throughout the region. In spite of these countless challenges, the Catholic Church in Africa has almost tripled in the past 30 years.

Due to the continued growth of the Church, African dioceses cannot provide for the abundant pastoral needs of those they serve. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa (SFCA) supports our brothers and sisters living in this region. The SFCA provides grants to finance pastoral projects including: outreach programs, evangelization, education of clergy and lay ministers, and schools which provide religious education for the children. Families are deepening their faith and learning practical skills like active listening, nutritional needs and conflict management. As the family becomes stronger, so too does the Church.

The Diocese of Venice will take up the Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the weekend of August 10 and 11, 2019. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in faith. Won't you please be generous to this collection? Your support can make a real difference in the faith lives of the people in Africa. Please also continue to pray for our African sisters and brothers.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers!  
May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida



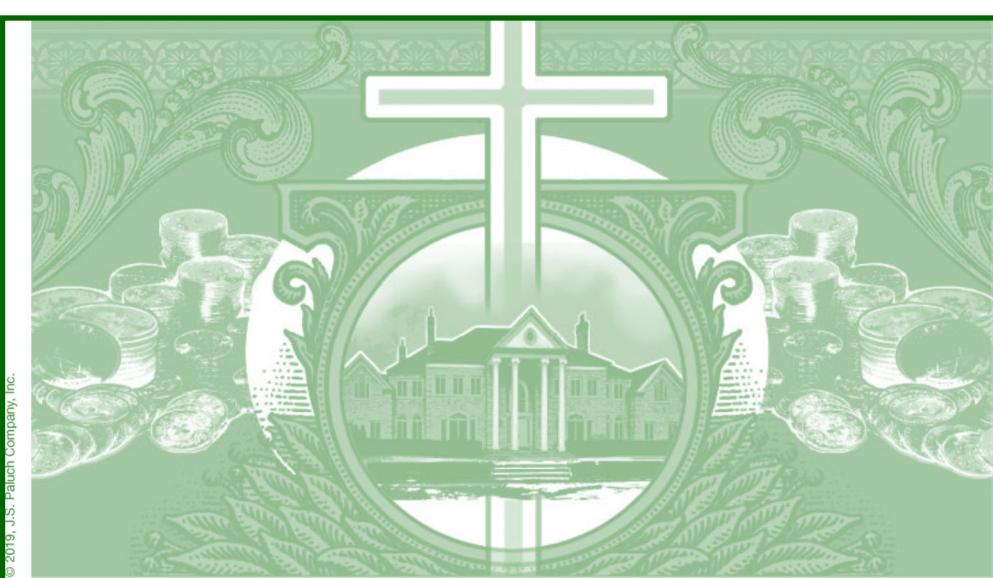
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION**

Registration for 2019/20 Religious Education classes will be held on **Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Life Center. Dinner will be provided. Please bring your child(ren)'s baptism certificate and the registration fee of \$25 per family.

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, **Amen.**

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society*



La vida  
del hombre  
no depende  
de la abundancia  
de los bienes  
que posea

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## 4 de agosto de 2019 • Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El autor del libro de Eclesiastés, se llama así mismo *Qohélet* (o maestro), dibuja una imagen alarmante del valor de la vida y esfuerzos humanos. "Todo es vanidad" sugiere que todo lo que hacemos es temporal, frágil y quizás insignificante; *Qohélet* explora las preguntas extensas acerca de la vida con una honestidad contundente y rechaza respuestas superficiales. Así como el libro de los Salmos y en el libro de Job, se hace eco al anhelo universal humano por claridad y confianza. Las reflexiones del libro del Eclesiastés, aunque oscuro e insinuante en la desesperación, nos recuerda que la vida permanece misteriosa y más allá de todo entendimiento.

La respuesta del Salmo de hoy ofrece una respuesta de fe a las luchas presentadas en el libro del Eclesiastés. La desesperación puede poner un velo ante nuestros ojos, ocultándonos el amor de Dios. Dios no nos da todas las respuestas. Pero Dios ofrece un significado, el único significado verdadero y eterno para nuestros trabajos y nuestras vidas. Cuando es necesario, podemos aceptar y vivir en las limitaciones de la vida, en lugar de buscar desafiarlas o escapar de ellas. Nuestras debilidades y fugacidad pueden abrinos hacia una relación amorosa con Dios infinito y eterno.

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**If you have not walked where Jesus walked, now is the time!**

**"For by doing what God demands of us with total surrender of our innermost being, we cause the divine life to become our own inner life. Entering into ourselves, we find God in our own selves."** -St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

### LA RIQUEZA Y LA IDOLATRIA

Hoy en la lectura del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús vívidamente demuestra su preocupación acerca de los peligros de la riqueza en la parábola del rico insensato. El problema no es ahorrar para el futuro. El problema se revela en el lenguaje de ensimismamiento del hombre rico. Él parece creer que puede asegurar su futuro acumulando su riqueza y posesiones. Eso es una forma de idolatría.

Parte de cómo decidimos lo que le da significado a la vida, es decidiendo a quién o a qué servir. ¿Quién o qué reclama nuestra energía principal y mejores esfuerzos? La idolatría coloca nuestra confianza principal en algo imaginado o creado, en lugar de Dios. La idolatría es un tema central de discusión a lo largo de las Escrituras, y la idolatría de la riqueza no es un peligro menor en nuestro tiempo contemporáneo que en los antiguos días.

Lecturas de hoy: Ecl 1:2; 2:21–23; Sal 90 (89):3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17; Col 3:1–5, 9–11; Lc 12:13–21

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### V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m.. La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: [pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org).

## AUGUST 4, 2019 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Teach us to number  
our days aright,  
that we may gain  
wisdom of heart.  
— Psalm 90:12

Enséñanos a contar  
nuestros días correc-  
tamente, para que  
obtengamos sabiduría  
de corazón.—Salmo 90:12

### USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Weds: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-  
2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

### NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.—St. Eusebius of Vercelli

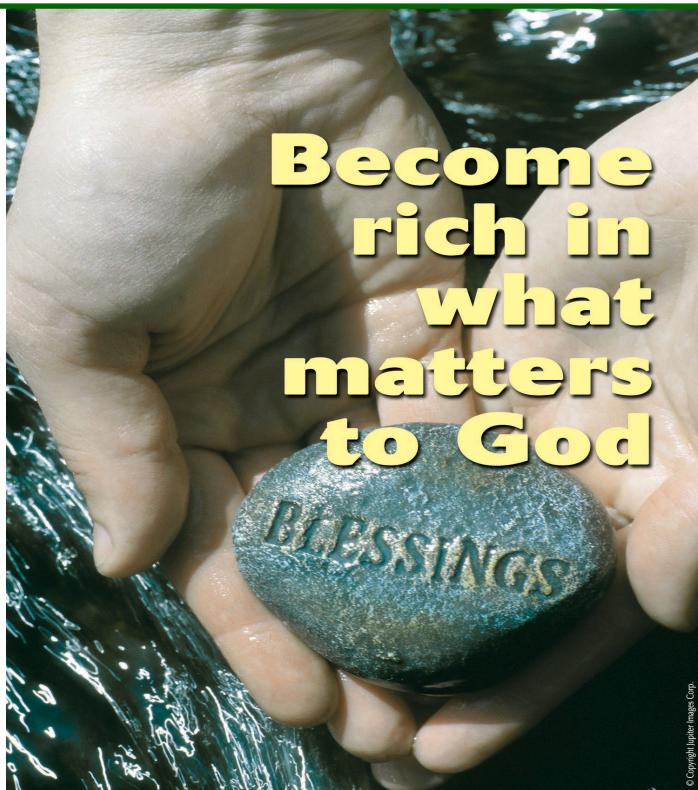
### THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER

Whoever prays much by night, that person's face is fair by day.—Islamic saying

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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