

# ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Holy Mass

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am

MONDAY-SATURDAY

Communion Service/Mass

8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

before Mass and by appt.

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 26 2018



## Catholic Questions by Fr. Halladay

Why should we confess sins to a priest? Since *Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and us* (1 Tim. 2:5) shouldn't Christians confess their sins directly to

Jesus? Just as God empowered his priests to be instruments of forgiveness in the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:20-22), Christ delegated authority to his New Testament ministers to act as mediators of reconciliation as well. Catholics do confess their sins directly to God both within and outside the confessional because Jesus advocated praying directly to the Father and to ask forgiveness for our sins (Matt. 6:12), and Catholics do this communally at every Mass and in prayer groups, and individually during private prayers. But Catholics also believe that Jesus gave the Church a unique role in his ministry of reconciliation by entrusting it with his power to forgive and retain sins. By administering the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), the priest perpetuates this ministry by acting *in persona Christi*, "in the person of Christ." In other words, when Catholics receive absolution from the priest for sins confessed, it is Jesus' forgiveness that is granted, not the priest's. Jesus made this clear in John 20:21-23: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Here Jesus emphasizes this essential part of the priestly ministry of the apostles—to forgive men's sins in the person of Christ. Hence Catholic Church teaches that Jesus, who alone has the power to forgive or retain sins (Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24), transmitted that power to the apostles and the apostles to their successors. How can a priest forgive sins in the name Jesus using the authority given by the Church unless people confess their sins? That is why confessing sins to a priest has been practiced in the Catholic Church from the early Christian period. In the fourth century, St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan (IV century), wrote: *Sins are forgiven through the Holy Ghost. Certainly, but men lend him their ministry. . . . They forgive sin, not in their own name, but in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.*" (*De Spiritu Sancto* iii, 137).

**St. Pius will be hosting the Bible study, Follow Me. Follow Me** invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. **You will:** Learn what it takes to follow Christ-Discover the joy of divine friendship-See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart. We will meet on Monday nights from 6:00 - 7:15 in the St. Pius cafeteria. The first session will be on Oct. 22. We will meet for 8 sessions and will finish on Dec. 17. The cost will be \$20.00 for the workbook. If you are interested in joining the Bible study, please let Cindy Catignani know by Oct 5th. [teachercatignani@yahoo.com](mailto:teachercatignani@yahoo.com) 615-210-8351 We will meet on Monday nights from 6:00 - 7:15 in the St. Pius cafeteria. The first session will be on Oct. 22. We will meet for 8 sessions and will finish on Dec. 17. The cost will be \$20.00 for the workbook. If you are interested in joining the Bible study, please let Cindy Catignani know by Oct 5th. [teachercatignani@yahoo.com](mailto:teachercatignani@yahoo.com) 615-210-8351

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: St. Pius X is OH SO CLOSE! We are at 86% of our \$9,170 Goal. Won't you please consider donating to this vital ministry of the Diocese of Nashville? We need \$1293 to make it happen!**

**Book Club Series from the Office of Adult Formation (August 29),** 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pk., Nashville. Fiction: Stealth Evangelization. Storytelling is a powerful force in shaping lives, community and culture. Dr. Barbara Golder will explore the potential of fiction to provide a gentle and irresistible invitation to faith. Barbara is physician, attorney, bioethicist, and award-winning author of the Lady Doc Murders series. Info/Rsvp: [joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com](mailto:joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com) or 615-783-0263.

**Mothers and daughters are invited to Fidelis' Welcome + Interest Mixer on Wednesday September 5th.** Feel free to stop by St. Cecilia's Academy any time between 6:30pm - 8:30pm to get to know the mentors and sisters, ask questions, and register your daughter for the 2018-2019 year. Fidelis' mission is to nurture the formation of girls - heart, mind, body and soul - into a sisterhood of mature, virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. If you have any questions or are interested in mentoring, please reach out to Melissa Looby at [melissavlooby@gmail.com](mailto:melissavlooby@gmail.com)

**Holy Name International Festival.** Holy Name Parish invites you to our first International Festival. Ethnic food, music, fun, and games for all ages. Sunday, September 9, from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. 521 Woodland Street, East Nashville 37206. Admission will be \$10 per person or \$30 per family up to five members. Children age five and under are free. Please join us!

**Father Ryan Distance Running Classic (September 5),** 4 p.m., 700 Norwood Dr., Nashville. Free event, open to Parochial League runners in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Info: [kentr@fatherryan.org](mailto:kentr@fatherryan.org).

**Endowment for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (EACS) Reception (September 18),** 6 p.m., Cathedral of the Incarnation, Fleming Center, 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. Proceeds help provide tuition assistance at the diocese's schools. The night will honor Dr. Therese Williams and welcome new Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Hammel. Info: [bettylou.burnett@holymfamilycc.com](mailto:bettylou.burnett@holymfamilycc.com).

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 8/25	People of St. Pius X
SUNDAY 8/26	+Joe and Margaret Catignani
TUESDAY 8/28	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY 8/29	Alice Palazzini and Michael King
THURSDAY 8/30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY 8/31	Intentions of the Celebrant

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

SAT 8/25	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm	Mass
SUN 8/26	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass
MON 8/27	St. Monica
8:00am	Communion Service
TUE 8/28	St. Augustine Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am	Mass
WED 8/29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:00am	Mass
THU 8/30	Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass (Fr William Fitzgerald O.Praem)
FRI 8/31	Twenty-Frist Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass (Fr. William Fitzgerald O.Praem)

Last Week's Collections:

Regular Collection: \$2688

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