



THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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August 20,
2023:

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Mon.—Thurs. 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))

Sunday 5 PM Mass will resume next Sunday, AUG 27.

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu (Saturday Confession will re-

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUG 20 10 AM Mass—Pamela Nomessi (in thanksgiving) Req. by Adelaide Nomessi

SUNDAY, AUG 27 10 AM Mass— Patricia Walsh (Birthday)

Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Complete the form [here](#) or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.
- **NEXT WEEK** we will have a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions. This appeal strengthens the dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. More info found [here](#).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

WELCOME PICNIC The Welcome Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd, after the 5:00pm Mass. Sign up sheets are posted in the hallway of the C+CC for set up, clean up, cooks, and food contributions. Please use the sign up sheet for food contributions so we have a variety of offerings. If you have any ideas or questions regarding the event, please contact Traci Griffin at griffin.traci.a@gmail.com. If you have always wanted to volunteer and didn't know what to do, this event is for you. It takes all of us to welcome the students of RPI back for the semester and it is also a great time for all of us to get to know each other and help grow our church community.

COFFEE HOUR During the summer months we will have a coffee hour after the 10 am Mass on the second Sunday of the month only. Help is always needed especially as we resume weekly coffee hours after both the 10 AM and 5 PM Masses in September. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Drive through food distribution: Tuesday, AUG. 29 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. More information can be found [here](#) or for a ride please email Fran at lighthouse1@aol.com

NOTES

BULLETIN Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up [here](#). At the bottom of the page, check “Weekly Bulletin”.

PRAYER REQUESTS If you would like to add a friend, loved one, or yourself to the Prayer of the Faithful intentions for the sick, please complete the form [here](#), or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

PARISH MAILING We will be mailing out Parish Registration forms in the next week. We request that *all Mass attendees* (students and non-students) complete the form and return. This is the time to ensure the parish has your correct contact information as well as a way to meet our newcomers! If you do not receive one, please let us know!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The mother in today’s gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

C+CC NEWS

BARBARA RICE EXHIBIT — showing through September. More info found [here](#).

SAVE BURDETT BIRTH CENTER— Community Forum, AUG. 23 6:30-8:30 PM. More info found [here](#).

ICA BBQ—International Crossroads Albany & Rensselaer Christian Association on Friday, SEPT. 1 5:45 PM. More info found [here](#).

ARTIST RECEPTION—Barbara Rice on Saturday, SEPT. 2 3 PM. More info found [here](#). To purchase a painting please contact Kevin Krolik at (518) 274-7793 or krolik2@rpi.edu

THE MAGIC OF GIANCARLO BERNINI—Magic show on Friday, SEPT. 8 7 PM. More info found [here](#).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day’s readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

Aug 20 Sun: Is 56: 1, 6-7; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matt 4: 23; Matt 15: 21-28

Aug 21 Mon: Jdg 2: 11-19; Ps 106: 34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Matt 5: 3; Matt 19: 16-22

Aug 22 Tue: Jdg 6: 11-24a; Ps 85: 9, 11-12, 13-14; 2Corinthians 8: 9; Matt 19: 23-30

Aug 23 Wed: Jdg 9: 6-15; Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Heb 4: 12; Matt 20: 1-16

Aug 24 Thurs: Rev 21: 9b-14; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1: 49b; Jn 1: 45-51

Aug 25 Fri: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146: 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Ps 25: 4b, 5a; Matt 22: 34-40

Aug 26 Sat: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Ps 128: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Matt 23: 9b, 10b; Matt 23: 1-12

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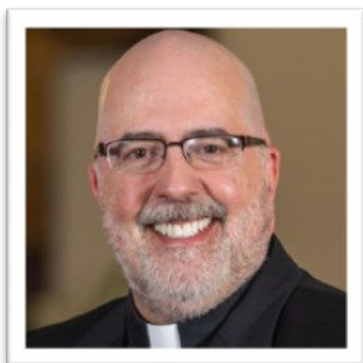
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~Campus Connection~



FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

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It happens every year at this time. I'll be at a wedding on a Saturday, and someone will ask, "Father, does this count for Sunday?" Or someone will say, "Father, I missed mass last week because we were driving in from Detroit—is that a sin?" Or in the winter, an elderly person will say, "Father, I need to go to confession because I missed mass last week, because of the snowstorm."

Our Sunday mass obligation is something we Catholics take very seriously. In some ways, it sets us apart from other Christian denominations, where weekly church attendance is seen as the ideal, rather than as part of our minimal obligation to the faith.

Our Sunday mass obligation has its roots in one of the most ancient codes of religious behavior, the ten commandments. God commanded the people of ancient Israel to "keep holy the Lord's Day." This meant both refraining from work, and participation in the community's worship. The 1983 code of Canon Law put it this way: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to refrain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God." This is a positive obligation for us, but the obligation is only binding when it's both possible and prudent.

So, if you're an elderly person who shouldn't be out when the sidewalks are icy, the obligation is lifted. If you're traveling, and there's no Catholic church available to you, there's no obligation. And if you're sick, please stay home and get better before you return to church.

Is missing mass a sin? Clearly, that depends on one's motivation and intention. If you stay away with the intention to defy God and break a commandment, that's obviously sinful. Simple laziness is a sin but isn't as serious as outright defiance. And to miss mass because you're needed to care for someone who is ill isn't a sin, it's a work of mercy.



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Summer Series Part 4: Mentored in the Faith

**Who have been your mentors in the faith? How might Jesus be calling you to mentor others along their faith journey? I'd love to hear about it!

CTU Instructor Kevin P. Considine writes, "This gift of being mentored in the faith is similar to the practice of discipleship. It is learning how to exist consciously in God's presence on a daily basis, which also means learning to become more human. It is not about right belief as much as it is about healthy life orientation in God's presence. To paraphrase theologian Karl Rahner, the more deeply we encounter the mystery of God, the more authentically we embody the mystery of being human. And the more authentically we embody the mystery of being human, the more deeply we encounter the mystery of God." [<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202305/mentorship-is-key-to-passing-on-a-living-faith/>]

Have a good week! ~Tracy

Got a suggestion? A question?

Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson, MDiv, (spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com or watsot4@rpi.edu) or Newman student leaders Cameron Yergeau (yergec@rpi.edu), Toby McDonald (mcdont7@rpi.edu), and Knights of Columbus student leader Joey Trosa (trosaj@rpi.edu)