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*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Wednesday, August 15th



# The Mass

## ✚ ***"Do This in Remembrance of Me"*** ✚ **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

### Part 10: Penitential Absolution

Having spent a brief moment calling to mind our sins and acclaiming together God's mercy, the priest then says words that the Roman Missal calls "the absolution." Is this a "real" absolution, another version of the absolution we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? The short answer is no, it is not the same. Let's look at it a bit more closely.

#### **Not a Sacramental Confession**

In the words of Charles Belmonte: "At the end of [the Penitential Act], the priest takes refuge with his brethren in the mercy of God: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life" (Understanding the Mass, p. 56). In the past, some people (including priests) were incorrectly told that this prayer was the equivalent of the absolution prayer the priest says in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is certainly not the case! To make this clear, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal directly says that this prayer "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (GIRM, no. 51). Elaborating, Belmonte comments, "The Penitential [Act] of the Mass is not a sacramental confession; therefore, it does not bring immediate remission of mortal sins. Forgiveness of mortal sins has to be obtained in the Sacrament of Penance. It is also important to remember that a person who has committed a mortal sin cannot go to Communion unless he goes to Confession beforehand" (Understanding the Mass, p. 57).

If we think about the actual words of the prayer, this explanation makes sense. The priest here simply asks the Lord to have mercy on us, forgive us, and bring us to heaven. This is clearly different from the words of sacramental absolution where the priest, in the person of Christ, says the words, "God, the Father of

mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as the Sacrament of Penance or Confession), we openly confess our sins and speak them to the priest, whereas in the Mass we review them interiorly. In the Mass, we certainly are acknowledging that we have sins and that we need the Lord’s mercy, but we are not directly bringing those sins to God for forgiveness as we do in Reconciliation.

### **Obtaining Pardon**

Even though the words the priest says at Mass are not a sacramental absolution, that does not mean they are not important. As Belmonte says, “the Penitential [Act], if it is said with true contrition, helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins, as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way, it helps us to purify ourselves and so to take better part in the Holy Mass” (Understanding the Mass, p. 57). As we have reviewed previously, the Sacrifice of the Mass is our participation in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins. It is a fitting place for us to recall what a wonderful Savior we have and how powerful the gift of his forgiveness truly is in our hearts. Hopefully, it also helps us resolve to seek out the sacramental grace of Reconciliation whenever we need it!

### **A Necessary Pause**

I don’t know about all of you, but sometimes I find that when my days are full, I am often going from one thing to the next without time for reflection. I find that brief moments of quiet in my day are needed so that I can thoroughly review what I have said and done. It is in those moments that I realize times when I have gotten off track and need a reset. Similarly, the Penitential Act of the Mass certainly can be an important opportunity to review how we have lived since our last time at Mass. It is also a great moment to realize that there might be sins that need sacramental forgiveness before we receive Communion. As I continue to grow in my life as a priest, I am finding the Penitential Act to be one of my favorite parts of the Mass. It is such a great gift to recall where I need God’s mercy and to acclaim his great mercy together with God’s people. To add to our joy, next in the Mass we sing of God’s glory!

### **For Reflection:**

1. The Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79) reflects Zechariah’s confidence in God’s loving mercy after his period of nine months of silence before the birth of John the Baptist. Take some time for silent reflection on God’s mercy in your life. Conclude by praying this canticle, which is part of the Church’s daily Morning Prayer.
2. Fr. Luke acknowledges the importance of brief moments of quiet in our day to reflect on our thoughts, words, and actions. Where can you build in or embrace a few moments of quiet in your daily schedule? The next time you wonder, “What’s next?”, allow yourself a few moments of quiet prayer before moving on to your next task.



Source: [www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog)







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Missionary Program Director Damascus  
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### SCHEDULE

**8:30am**  
**Mass (Optional)**  
**9:00 – 9:30am**  
**Registration & Light Breakfast**  
**9:30 – 9:50am**  
**Welcome: Matt Palmer**  
**9:50 – 10:30am**  
**Father David Sizemore**  
**10:30 – 10:45am**  
**Break**  
**10:45 – 11:20am**  
**Brad Pierron**  
**11:20 – 11:25am**  
**Small Group Formation**  
**11:25 – 12:00pm**  
**Small Group Discussion**  
**12:00 – 12:15pm**  
**Closing: Todd Treon**



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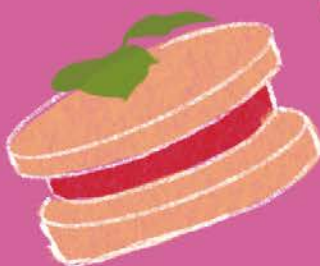
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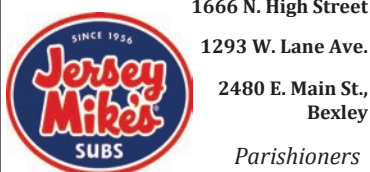
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### Sunday, August 13th

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Holy Mass (Donna Seidel)  
11:00am Holy Mass (The Intentions of Kolbe Roberts)  
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

### Monday, August 14th

*Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

8:00am Holy Mass (John Callahan)  
6:30pm Scouts

### Tuesday, August 15th (Holy Day of Obligation)

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am Holy Mass (Larry Valentine)  
7:00pm Holy Mass (David Miesse)  
8:00pm Confessions

### Wednesday, August 16th

*Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary*

8:00am Holy Mass (Thomas Fredrick Beck)

### Thursday, August 17th

8:00am Holy Mass (Betty Kegelmeyer)  
7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)  
8:00pm Women's Holy After Hour

### Friday, August 18th

8:00am Holy Mass (Dennis McCarthy)

### Saturday, August 19th

*Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest*

8:30am Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)  
9:00am Confessions  
4:00pm Wedding of Emma Mackessy & Max Sauer

#### Offering (Sunday, August 6th)

Total Offering	\$15,390.95
Less 6%	\$923.46
Net	\$14,467.50

#### 2nd Collection for Latin America

Total Offering	\$3,756.00
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#### Securely Give Online

To quickly give online, simply scan this QR Code. This will take you to our secure online giving platform at Our Sunday Visitor. Thank you for your generosity!



## Week of August 20th The Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

### Sunday, August 20th

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Holy Mass (Cary Ryan)  
11:00am Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)  
12:00pm Coffee and Donuts  
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

### Monday, August 21st

*Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope*

8:00am Holy Mass (Cary Ryan)  
6:30pm Scouts

### Tuesday, August 22nd

*Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00pm Holy Mass (Laura Gardner)  
7:30pm Confessions

### Wednesday, August 23rd

*Memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

*First Day of School*

8:00am Holy Mass (Helen Dendiu)

\*\*\*Wednesday Morning Mass will move to 9:00am beginning on Weds, Aug 30th. This will be the new time year-round; whether school is in session or not.\*\*\*

### Thursday, August 24th

*Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:00am Holy Mass (Jim Luchtenberg)  
7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

### Friday, August 25th

8:00am Holy Mass (Mary Isabelle Lyons)

### Saturday, August 26th

8:30am Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky)  
9:00am Confessions  
5p-11p Hot Summer Knights Back to School Party

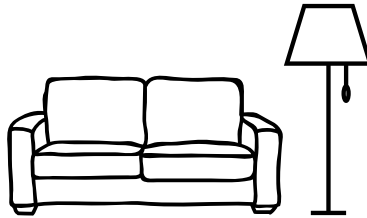
#### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Sunday - Friday	6:00am - 12:00am
Saturday	6:00am - 4:00pm

#### Confession Times

Tuesday	7:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)
Saturday	9:00am





## YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM REVAMP!

Help us create a new Youth Ministry Room in the Lower Level  
of St. Catharine!

*We want to create an environment for the youth that  
cultivates community, discipleship, and encounter.*

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wishlist! If you want to  
donate a similar item from the wishlist that would also be  
amazing--just send us an email!



Items you can donate:

- Couches and comfy chairs
- Neutral colored throw rugs/carpets
- Lamps and throw blankets
- Catholic books for our library



## J O I N   C O R E   T E A M !

Our teens need Jesus! And we need you! We need volunteers in order to run the best youth ministry possible!

**Single, married, with kids, retired-  
you can serve on our Youth Ministry Core Team!**  
We invite you to prayerfully discern helping us run our Youth Ministry program this year!

*"This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis." - Pope St. John Paul II*

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