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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

June—July—August

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English

10:30AM – Polish

12:30PM – Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings



Saturday – August 1... St. Alphonsus Liguori
5:00PM...+ Adele DeLeeuw, req. Johanna Merkle

Sunday – August 2...18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello
10:30AM... Błogosławieństwa Boże dla Monika i David,
dla rodziny
12:30PM...+ Rigoberto Cuartas Duque,
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas
+ Manuel Manotoa and Marieta Pillajo
req. Nelson

Monday – August 3... Weekday
9:00AM...+ Frank Apisa, req. Caterina Diana

Tuesday – August 4... St. John Vianney
9:00AM...+ Pat Rushforth, req. Johanna Merkle

**Wednesday – August 5...Dedication of the Basilica
of St. Mary Major**
9:00AM...+ Mario and Angela Negri,
req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

Thursday – August 6... Transfiguration of the Lord
9:00AM... Carolota Rincon, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Friday – August 7...St. Sixtus II and St. Cajetan
9:00AM...+ Domenico Rotondo,
req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

Saturday – August 8... St. Dominic
5:00PM...+ Bob Chanda, req. Wife Mary Ellen

Sunday – August 9...19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM...+ Ragozzino Family, req. Antonia Riello
10:30AM...+ 11 rocznica Julia Panasik, od Syn i Rodziną
12:30PM...+ Yoland and Bernadine Coletta,
req. Angela Negri
+ Manuel Manotoa and Marieta Pillajo
req. Nelson

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week
for the health of **James Rushforth** at the request of
the Family.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST
is in memory of **Karol Wojewodka**.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For those whose health is challenged in any way
especially for **Jim Rushforth, Marian Parcinski,**
Mike Parise, Giovani Todaro, Pat Cook,
Margaret Honora, George Gray, Thomas
O'Rorke, Olga Skolka and Zena Kazmierski.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed especially **Patricia Frank.**

STEWARDSHIP

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

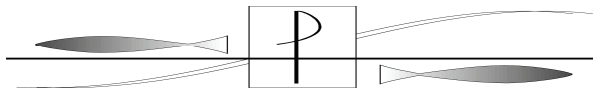
"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." - MATTHEW 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

18^o domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Jesús les dijo: 'No hay necesidad de que se vayan; denles algo de comer'." - MATEO 14:16

Esto es lo que Jesús dijo justo antes de alimentar a los cinco mil hombres. ¿Con qué frecuencia confiamos realmente en Jesús cuando la situación parece sombría? Con Jesús, ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño o insignificante cuando se ofrece con amor. Pero, tenemos que hacer nuestra parte. Debemos confiar en que Jesús proporcionará todo lo que necesitamos. Necesitamos creer que Jesús tiene un mejor plan reservado para nosotros.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ--neither trial--nor persecution--nor death.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people numbered about five thousand, there was still food remaining.

Religious Education Registration

2026-2027



Online Registration:

Now through September 1st

www.bestchurch.net

In-person Registration:

August 31st & September 8th
from 9am-3pm.

Parish office- 1232 George St.

**Registrations received after September 8th
will incur a late fee of \$50.**

Classes begin Wednesday, September 30th

Registration Fees:

One Child: \$90.00

Two Children: \$150.00

Three Children: \$190.00

Sacramental Fees:

First Communion: \$35.00

Confirmation: \$45.00

Online payment:



Saturdays:

5:00PM English

Sundays:

9:00 AM English

10:30 AM Polish

12:30 PM Spanish

Monday - Friday:

9:00 AM English

Summer Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

After hours by appointment

Calling All Women of Faith!

We are excited to announce the re-launch of the **Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group** ! This revitalized ministry invites women of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful connections with one another, and live out their faith through prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship.

Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student, professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We welcome women wherever they are on their faith journey and believe that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life of the Church.

Why Are Women's Faith Groups So Important? Women's faith groups provide sacred spaces where women can grow spiritually, share their joys and challenges, and find strength in community. In today's busy and often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are as beloved daughters of God. Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen understanding of our Catholic faith, and foster lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They help women discover new ways to pray, serve, and lead within their families, parish, and community. Together, we learn that we are not alone and that God works powerfully through the support, wisdom, and witness of others. Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we listen to God and to one another as we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and serve.

Join Us!

Fall 2026 Meeting Dates

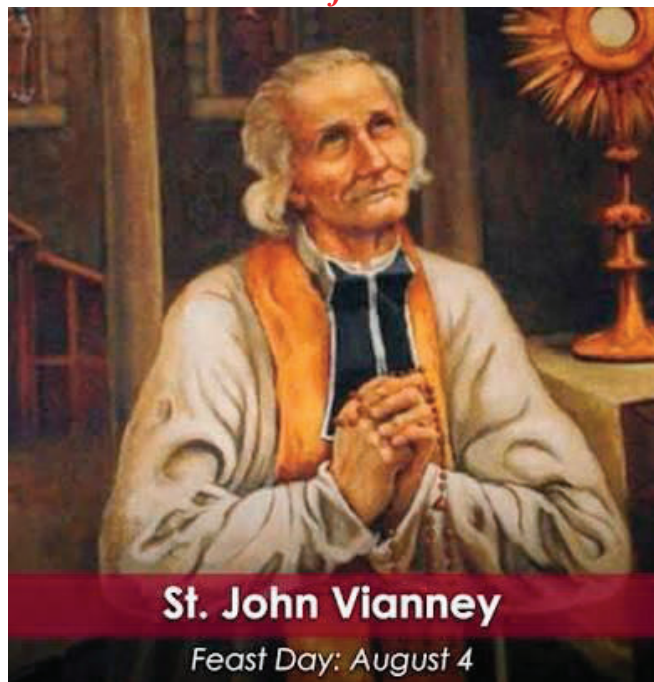
Tuesdays, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Parish Center

September 29, 2026

Bring a friend and join us for an evening of prayer, conversation, encouragement, and fellowship. For more information or to become involved in planning, please contact:

Mary Landriau at mlandriau703@verizon.net.

The Saint of the Week:

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney.

John was raised in a Catholic home that often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes.

He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution.

When he was 20 years old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin.

As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France, and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met.

John lived with them for one year and two months until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his seminary studies. He was eventually ordained as a priest on August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day, and he was appointed assistant to Abbe Balley in Écully.

Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced and drank on Sundays or worked in their fields.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution.

He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk, but decided after the final time that it was not to be.

Six years later, he passed away on August 4th and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all the engaged couples who are planning to get married or those who are married civilly and would like to receive the sacrament of matrimony, we will offer a course of Pre-Cana on Friday nights.

Starting: **September 4th**, Fridays at 8:00PM

Place: Office building

*If you are interested, please talk to
Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.*

August 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sierpina 2026

18 Niedziela Zwykła ciągu roku

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$26,030.00!** Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:

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Collection for July 26

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ROOF DONATION

This August we will fix the roof of the school building. The cost of the roof repair is \$73,000.00 plus additional cost to remove the gravel and old roof. If you are able to help, you can write on your roof donation check's memo line: **Restricted – Roof**. Thank you for your generosity!!!

From Fr. Marcin

This Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Jesus performed it along the Lake of Galilee, in a deserted place where He had withdrawn with His disciples after learning of the death of John the Baptist. Many people followed them and joined them there; and upon seeing them, Jesus felt compassion and healed their sick until the evening. Seeing the late hour, the disciples became concerned and suggested that Jesus send the crowd away so they could go into the villages and buy food to eat, but Jesus calmly replied: "You give them something to eat." He asked the disciples to bring five loaves and two fish which He blessed and broke into pieces. Then He gave them to the disciples, who distributed them to the people. The crowd all ate and were satisfied, and there were even leftovers!

We can understand three messages from this event. The first is compassion. In facing the crowd who follows Him and — so to speak — "won't leave Him alone," Jesus reacts with a feeling of compassion, because He knows they are not seeking Him out of curiosity but out of need. The compassion — which Jesus feels — is not simply feeling pity. It means to suffer with, to empathize with the suffering of another, to the point of taking it upon oneself. Jesus is like this: He suffers together with us and suffers for us. The sign of this compassion is the healing He performed for countless people.

The second message is sharing. The disciples think it would be better to send the crowd away so they can go and buy food. Jesus instead says, "You give them something to eat." Two different reactions, which reflect two contrasting outlooks: the disciples reason with worldly logic while Jesus reasons with God's logic, which is that of sharing.

The third message: the miracle of the loaves foreshadows the Eucharist. It is seen in the gesture of Jesus who, before breaking and distributing the loaves, "blessed" them. It is the same gesture that Jesus was to make at the Last Supper, when He established the perpetual memorial of His Redeeming Sacrifice. In the Eucharist Jesus does not give just any bread, but the bread of eternal life. He gives Himself, offering Himself to the Father out of love for us. Therefore we must go to the Eucharist with those sentiments of Jesus, which are compassion and the will to share. One who goes to the Eucharist without having compassion for the needy and without sharing, is not at ease with Jesus.

Fr. Marcin

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