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August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."



150th
Anniversary
AS THE Cathedral
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral

A CORNERSTONE TO A WORLD IN COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 8:00am & 12noon*; Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am* & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation:
8:00am to 11:00am

*livestreamed Mass

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

It is hard to believe August is half over and many young people have returned to school. I share three stories with you that will touch your heart. Each speaks a wonderful message and great food for the soul ...

One Honest Decision

I found a wallet in the shopping cart at Aldi today. It was worn leather. Inside: \$400 cash. No credit cards. Just a driver's license and a folded photo of a baby. The address on the license was in the rough part of town. I drove there. The house was run-down. A young guy opened the door, looking defensive. "I found this," I said, handing it over. He checked the cash. He looked at me, stunned. "The rent," he choked out. "I took it out in cash because the landlord doesn't take checks. I thought we were gonna be evicted."

He tried to hand me a \$20. "For gas," he said. I pushed it back. "Buy the baby some diapers."

I walked to my car. As I pulled away, I saw him sit on his front steps and put his head in his hands, shoulders shaking. Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. But sometimes, it's nice that someone is watching.

— #storytime #storytime

And I continue with...

There is a monastery in Portugal that is quite a tourist attraction. The monastery is perched high on a 3,000-foot cliff. Getting to the monastery is a terrifying ride in a swaying basket that is pulled by a couple of monks.

One American tourist became nervous halfway up the cliff when he noticed that the rope was old and frayed. To try to overcome his fears, he asked the monk how often he replaced the rope. Without batting an eye, the monk replied, "Whenever it breaks."

I'm sure it's not what the tourist wanted to hear. And I'm sure God's words to us are often not what we want to hear either.

I conclude with...

My parents were married for 55 years. One morning, my mother went downstairs to make breakfast for my father, just like she had done for most of her life. Before she could reach the kitchen, she had a heart attack and fell.

My father found her on the floor. He tried to lift her, calling her name again and again. With all the strength he had in his body, he carried her to the truck and drove as fast as he could to the hospital. By the time he arrived, she was already gone.

At the funeral, my father barely said a word. His eyes looked far away, as if he was searching for her in every corner of the room. He didn't cry much, which somehow hurt even more.

Later that night, my siblings and I sat with him and shared stories from their long life together. He listened in silence. After a while, he asked us to take him to the cemetery.

It was almost midnight. We told him the cemetery was closed. He looked at us with a tired voice and said, "please do not argue with a man who just lost his wife of 55 years." We went. With only a flashlight to guide us, we walked to her grave. My father sat down slowly, touched the fresh soil, and prayed. Then he looked at us and said something I will never forget.

"It was 55 years, you know. People talk about love all the time, but you do not understand real love until you live your whole life with someone. We were together through every joy and every storm. We survived hard times, sickness, grief, and so many small everyday blessings. We laughed, we argued, we forgave, we prayed. We held each other up when life tried to knock us down."

He wiped his face and took a long breath. Then he said, "Children, tonight I am at peace. Do you know why? Because she left before me. She did not have to feel the pain of burying me or the loneliness that would have followed. I will carry that instead. I love her enough to be grateful for that."

By then, all of us were crying. We held onto him, and yet he was the one comforting us. He stood up slowly and said, "It is all right. Let us go home. It has been a long day."

That night, I learned something I hope everyone learns before it is too late. True love is not grand gestures or perfect moments. It is choosing each other every day. It is staying, forgiving, holding on, and walking through life side by side.

May every heart that reads this find peace, and may those who love someone deeply never take a single day for granted. — *Thanks to Facebook and Weird World.*

Continued summer blessings,
Fr. Greg

A Request & Note of Thanks from Fr. Greg

I am grateful for the support our faith community has shown for the Cornerstone Campaign. We have now reached 89% of our goal, and I thank all who have made a commitment. With one month left, this is a critical time for our campaign. If you have not yet participated, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Nothing would bring me greater joy than to see every member of our faith community take part. While each gift may differ, every commitment is a sign of faith, gratitude, and love for our Cathedral. I have made a sacrificial gift because I truly believe in this vision, and I hope you will be moved to prayerfully consider your own commitment. Together, we can ensure a strong future for generations to come.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 16

Annual School Supplies Drive	ALL MASSES
15-minute Cathedral Tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
Friends of Fr. Augustus Tolton Meeting	12:00 PM
Full Cathedral Tour — 1 hour	1:30 PM

Monday, August 17

Stewardship Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 PM
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Tuesday, August 18

Canasta Club	1:45 PM
Classical Music Chicago Rush Hour Concert	5:15 PM

Wednesday, August 19

Eucharistic Adoration in Cathedral	12:30 PM
Canasta Club	4:00 PM
Young Adults Adoration	6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Rectory	6:30 PM

Thursday, August 20

Thursday Morning Scripture Study Ministry	10:00 AM
Adult Evangelization sessions	6:00 PM

Saturday, August 22

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Garden Ministry Orientation	9:00 AM

Sunday, August 23

15-minute Cathedral Tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
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Mass Intentions

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the priest's vestment color

● Monday, August 17 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

7 AM	+ Jon Mark Stanford
8 AM	+ Richard & Arlene Small
12 PM	+ Lorna R. De La Cruz

● Tuesday, August 18 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

7 AM	+ Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly
8 AM	+ Jane M Zakevicius
12 PM	+ Ed Gorecki

○ Wednesday, August 19 (Saint John Eudes, Priest)

7AM	+ Joseph Tassone
8 AM	+ Juliana Natanavan
12 PM	+ Jochem Hinz, + Poor Souls In Purgatory + Christine J. Nisiewicz, + Cannie Shafer + Lucy Cuasay, + Richard & Arlene Small + Arky J. Aliano, + Jesus Sario Sr. & Andy Lorico Jr. Mercedita Gaanan, Rose Di Santo & Family
5:15PM	+ Olga Angela Grason (Grayson)

○ Thursday, August 20 (Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church)

7AM	Peter M. Besser
8AM	+ Daniel H. Dailey III
12 PM	+ Felisa Bernadas

○ Friday, August 21 (Saint Pius X. Pope)

7 AM	+ J.B. & Angie Heaton
8 AM	+ Richard & Arlene Small, + Michael Bridge + Christopher Dale, + DeWana Dorsey + Betty Hodge Berry, + Souls In Purgatory Sebastian Gutierrez
12 PM	+ Caitlyn Schaffer

○ Saturday, August 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8 AM	+ Jon Mark Stanford
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Wedding Banns



- I Nicolas Gomez & Daniela Maldondo
Andrew Roote & Carolina Whitaker
Michael Nguyen & Jessica Platko
Eric Wojciechowski & Melanie McCutcheon
- II Lukas Mickevicius & Marzena Sypos
Jose Villanueva & Nelissa Carrillo
Grant Snow & Emily Birakdar
- III Joshua Christensen & Lauren Adduci
Connor Riddell & Indre Vysniauskaite
Luke Vest & Tara Tabibi
Conor Williams & Julia Weigand

On the Cover

In honor of the Feast of the Assumption, which was Saturday, Aug. 15, a look at the statue of the Blessed Mother, surrounded by flowers, in the Courtyard of Holy Name Cathedral. Please come to her with your grateful hearts and prayers.



Capital Campaign Update: Aug. 16

Campaign goal:
\$12 Million

Raised:
\$10,729,241
(89%)

Left to be raised:
\$1,270,759

Visitor Envelopes in Pews – Be Part of Something Lasting

We're glad you're here! If you're visiting today, you'll find **green visitor envelopes** in the pews to make it easy to take part in our Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign. Every gift — large or small — will help preserve our Cathedral's beauty and mission for years to come.

Envelopes can be dropped in the Collection baskets or any of the five wooden collection boxes in the Cathedral. We're grateful for your presence and generosity! Learn more at tinyurl.com/hncornerstone.



If you have not already done so, please consider a donation or five-year pledge to help preserve the Cathedral for another 150 years. Visit tinyurl.com/HNcornerstone or scan the QR code.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Six-week Support Group Starts Wed., Sept. 23

You do not have to walk the journey of grief alone. Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join our six-week support group, held Wednesdays from Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, 6:30–8:00pm in the Rectory.

Rooted in our Catholic tradition, the program offers God's consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and the sharing of faith within a supportive community. There is no cost to participate. Each participant will receive a journal to accompany them throughout this journey. Scan the QR code at left to register.



Donate This Weekend to Our School Supplies Drive

Before and after all Masses on Aug. 15 and 16

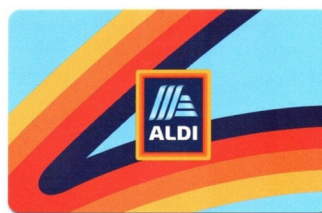
Our Annual School Supplies drive takes place at all Masses the weekend of Aug. 15-16. We are collecting the following new school supplies at our donation station in the Cathedral vestibule during all Masses: notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue, Clorox spray and wipes, tissue boxes, and backpacks.

Take advantage of the state sales-tax holiday! Illinois is holding a back-to-school sales tax rate reduction Aug. 7-16. During this period, the state sales tax drops from 6.25% to 1.25% on qualifying items. Local sales taxes still apply.

This year, our drive will benefit the children of The Academy of St Benedict the African (6020 S Laflin Ave), preschool-8th grade students in West Englewood. Teachers work hard to create a warm and inviting environment to their students. Let's help give our underprivileged children better opportunities to be a vibrant force of love and hope in the community!

Donate here!

If you're unable to attend one of the Masses on the weekend of Aug. 16, or if you'd rather make a monetary donation, you can give onsite or through this QR code.



Gift Cards Needed for Families in Need

Cabrini Ministries is collecting Aldi gift cards and CTA bus passes (Ventra) to assist migrant families with children who are experiencing food insecurity and need help with transportation. Please bring cards to "Holy Name Cathedral Rectory Office, Attention: Sister Katie Mitchell"

Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Your kindness is making a meaningful difference in the lives of families as they work to build a new life with hope and dignity. May God bless you for your generosity!

Catholic Illuminations

On Friday, Thank God for a Simple Servant, Pope St. Pius X

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Since I shared my personal heavenly friendship with St. Rita in an article in May for her feast day, many have asked me, “Father, who else is your friend in heaven that you feel chose you for them to be your patron saint?”

Two weeks ago, I talked about St. John Vianney, and this weekend I want to talk about another, whose feast day we celebrate on Friday, Aug. 21.

Pope St. Pius X was the pope from 1903 to 1914. Pius succeeded Leo XIII and was Patriarch of Venice at his election. In his pontificate, Pius was known for his writings and the attention he gave to various issues. Some of the issues he dealt with were the reform of Liturgical Music, the movement of Modernism, Canon Law, the heresy of Jansenism, and the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

While I was attending Loyola University for my undergrad studies (Go Ramblers!), I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. For my thesis, I wrote a paper entitled “Pius X, Liberal Reformer.” Any Catholic historian or website would note that Pius was the defender against modernism and fought for Tradition.

My argument for calling him a liberal reformer was simple. Before Pius was elected pope, the Church did not have the practice of frequent reception of Holy Communion, and the age of First Communion was around 14 years old. Pius X, seeking to instill a sense of participation among the faithful before that term was used popularly by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), sought to change that. Pius lowered



the age of First Communion from 14 to 7, the typical age of reason of knowing right from wrong and being able to understand a Sacrament.

He also encouraged frequent reception of the Eucharist. The practice was to receive once a year, typically around Easter, and to go to confession as close to that reception as possible (commonly known as the Easter duty).

This practice of once-a-year reception of Holy Communion was somewhat encouraged by the Jansenist heresy, the false belief that the Sacraments were only for the perfect and the worthy. Pius X sought to end that false belief by encouraging frequent, or even daily reception of the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith (*Lumen Gentium*) and a way to draw closer to God's love and grace for us. It is seen as medicine for the sick, food for the journey, an encounter with Christ, risen from the dead.

And with this in mind, my personal friendship with Pius X was strengthened because for me, I received the call to priesthood when I was eight years old, at my First Communion. With Pius' return to the roots of tradition, and his vision of allowing children to come to the Lord, I was able to hear and respond to His call to be a priest. When I was in Rome last November, I stopped by his tomb in St. Peter's and had a moment with him, thanking him, praying through him, and asking for his help in my priestly ministry.

As we celebrate the memorial of Pope St. Pius X on Friday, let us pause and thank God for this simple servant. As we approach the Altar every time, aware of that gift given to us, let us renew our commitment to be a Eucharistic people, and deepen our communion with God and with each other, even those saints who become our patrons from above.

Ministry of Care Gathering at Mother Cabrini Shrine



In late July, several members of the Cathedral's Ministry of Care gathered for a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship at the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Lincoln Park.

Members of the Ministry of Care come from the laity of the parish. Individuals who serve in the ministry have been trained and commissioned to visit with, pray with, and bring communion to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend Mass. The ministry serves those who are homebound, in a local hospital or nursing home.



Honoring 25 Years of Devotion of our Oblate Sisters

Sunday, Aug. 23 at 8:30am Mass Followed by Reception in the Courtyard

You are warmly invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at Holy Name Cathedral. Join us for the Eucharistic celebration in gratitude for the Lord's blessings to the Oblate community at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Aug. 23, during which the Sisters will be recognized and receive a special blessing. Following Mass, join us for a reception in the Courtyard. Take this opportunity to meet and greet with the Sisters, offer your congratulations, and learn more about their religious community and mission.

Registration is Open for Children's Faith Formation!

This year, Holy Name Cathedral is thrilled to introduce our Preschool Faith Formation Program for 4-year-olds! Join our Sunday Faith Formation experience on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 AM. We have available Preschool Faith Formation for age 4 and kindergarten through Grade 8. Our program includes: Family Faith Formation, prayer & scripture experiences, sacramental preparation, service opportunities and community building. Families are encouraged to continue each formation day by celebrating the 10:30am Mass together.

Become Part of the Mission! As our Children's Faith Formation Ministry continues to grow, we invite you to help shape the faith of the next generation. We need catechists, who will share their faith and accompany children as they discover God's love. Also we need teen classroom aides. High school students can earn service hours while helping younger children grow in their faith.



Scan the QR code to register your child. If you would like to volunteer, contact Peggy O'Brien, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation pobrien@holynamecathedral.org.

Lift Your Voice! Join our Cathedral Music Ministry

Auditions on Sept 20 or Sept. 22

We are looking for new members to lift their voices in song to join our Cathedral Music Ministry! The new season will begin on Sept. 27, and we want you to be a part of our worship.



There are several different choral options: The Cathedral Singers, who participate in 10:30 a.m. Masses; the Women's Schola and the Cathedral Filipino Singers, who participate in various 5:15 p.m. Masses on Saturday; the Young Adult Music Ministry, who participates in the 5:15 p.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

We are holding two open meetings: one on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and one on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Choose which date works for you and drop by the Music Office (small brick building in the Courtyard) to meet the Music staff, sing a little and be advised which ensemble will work best for your time and talents. Any questions? Please contact Liz Vasiljevic, Associate Director of Music, at music@holynamecathedral.org.

Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Monday, Aug. 31, 7:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview

All are invited as the Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities of the Chicago area join together for an ecumenical service to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to recognize the conservation efforts of His disciples.

The 12th annual event will take place on Monday, Aug. 31 at 7:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview (1401 Wagner Road).

The Vespers will be followed by a reception and a lecture by James F. Puglisi, SA on "Creation and Ecumenism: Toward a Shared Christian Witness in an Ecological Age."

A Little Humor from the Rector



**"I got this doggy for my sister.
I think it was a fair trade!"**

In Your 20s or 30s? Join our Young Adults Ministry

For young adults in their 20s and 30s - whether you have been with us for years or are joining for the first time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 19** — Adoration 6:00pm, Fellowship 7:00pm
Aug. 30 — Young Adult Meet-Up after the 5:15pm Mass
Sept. 1 — Rosary Making, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 201
Sept 13 — Walking with Pope Leo after the 5:15pm Mass
Sept 15 — Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm
Sept 16 — Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm

SERVE WITH US

- ✠ **Catholic Charities Dinner Ministry** — Thursdays and Fridays (721 N. LaSalle). Arrive 3:30 pm; dinner served at 5:00 pm.
✠ **Young Adult Choir** — Sing at the First Sunday 5:15 pm Mass; rehearsal at 4:30 pm. All voices welcome.



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Final Summer Rush Hour Concert This Tuesday!

Season Finale will be 5:45pm, Aug. 18 at HNC

Make summer nights classic with concerts featuring Chicago's best classical musicians and ensembles. Rush Hour Concerts are the perfect way to relax after a workday and soak up some beautiful music in a short but lovely format.

THIS WEEK: (Aug. 18) of Summer's Rush Hour Concert Series we present our Season Finale: A Night at the Opera.

- ✠ **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Douglas B. Moore** — Overture to Marriage of Figaro
✠ **Richard Wagner** — Feierliches Stucke from Lohengrin
✠ **Gioachino Rossini; arr. Douglas B. Moore** — Overture from Barber of Seville
✠ **Jules Massenet; arr. Aurelien Sabouret** — Meditation from Thais
✠ **Johann Strauss II; arr. Galvin Cello Quartet** — Overture to Die Fledermaus

Performers: Galvin Cello Quartet: James Baik, cello; Haddon Kay, cello; Sydney Lee, cello; Luiz Venturelli, cello

Doors open at 5:00pm, followed by a pre-concert talk at 5:15pm. Concerts take place from 5:45pm-6:30pm. All are invited. Free parking; no advance registration is required.

Save the Date

Opening of Our Cathedral Concert Series

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00pm

Experience an unforgettable evening of music at the opening presentation of our 2026-27 Cathedral Concert Series on Tuesday, Sept. 22! We are thrilled to welcome Jan Bokszczanin, an acclaimed organist, professor and festival artistic director. He will perform a program including J.S. Bach, Palesco, Surzyński and Sawa.

This series provides world-class performers in a full-length concert format multiple times each season and mini concerts about five times a season featuring local artists who are connected to the Cathedral Music Ministry, all at no charge. Whether you are a regular at Mass or visiting the Cathedral, this inspiring concert promises to delight all who attend. No advance registration is required. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

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Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.



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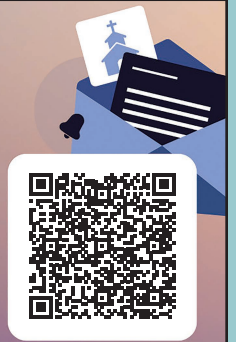
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 me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine
 gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me
 and you, who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this
 short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm
 once more that I never want to be separated from you, no
 matter how great the material desires might be. I want to be
 with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that
 end and submitting to God's
 Holy will, I ask from you... (Mention your Request)
 Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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heart to succor me into my necessity. (Make request)
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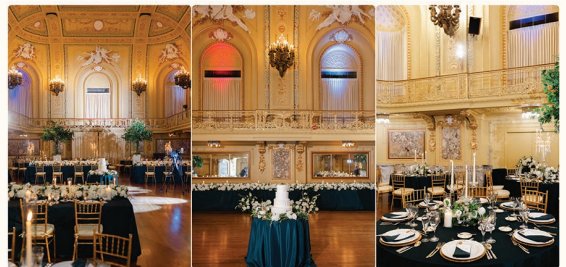
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Order of Worship

Hymns and readings can be found in the Worship Hymnal

Prelude

Andante in F Major Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

Entrance Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown #675

Penitential Rite

Spoken

Gloria

Carillon Mass Richard Proulx



Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

First Reading

#1166

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

O God, O God, let all the nations
praise you!



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Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation

#333

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Offertory Hymn

We Walk by Faith

#674

Holy, Holy

Mass for the People of God

#290

Memorial Acclamation

Mass for the People of God

#291

Amen

Mass for the People of God

#294

Lamb of God

Mass for the People of God

#295

Communion Antiphon

My house will be called a house of prayer, says the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Take and Eat

#940

Recessional Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#645

Postlude

Prelude in A Major

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

Cathedral 150th Anniversary Prayer

God of abundant goodness, compassion and mercy, we give you thanks for the 150 years of Holy Name Cathedral.

May this church be seen as a welcoming Faith Community open to all people, a place of praise, petition, and thanksgiving, a place of comfort, healing, and inspiration for the young and old to live the Gospel and together love this world back into life.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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This Sunday, we have three opportunities for tours of Holy Name. **Every Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**, Docents will give quick 15-minute tours.



Also, Docents will give Cathedral tours after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month, including this Sunday, Aug. 16. These free tours will begin immediately after Mass and will start at the front of the main, center aisle. No reservations needed!