

September Reflection: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

If nothing else our progress through the Liturgical year has shown us the inextricable connection that exists between Our Lord and His Mother.

For in the month of September, traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we find the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated the day before the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sept. 15).

Through Christ's suffering and death, the Cross, once an implement of shame, becomes a source of glory and triumph for him and for all Christians. It is the price of our redemption and salvation; the cause of our resurrection. (*Cathedral Daily Missal, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)

In Our Lady's seven sorrows, we see that four are directly connected to Christ's passion and death. Standing at the foot of the Cross, she too, completes the work of our redemption she promised at the Presentation as she offers her Son for our salvation. It is at the foot of the Cross that Christ entrusts us as individuals and the Church as a whole to her maternal love and care.

*For the sins of His own nation/Saw Him hang in desolation/Till His spirit forth He sent.
By the cross with thee to stay/There with thee to weep and pray/Is all I ask of thee to give.*
—from the Stabat Mater

*We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee,
Because by Thy holy cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.*
—from The Way of the Cross (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



WELCOME

Our Lady of Fatima Church welcomes our visitors! New to Tradition or not, please stay after Mass for coffee and socializing!

Becoming a member is easy! Please fill out a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.

September 2023

Our Lady of Fatima
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Vancouver, WA 98682



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- Fr. Rami Madanat
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Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

- Sundays: 8 am Low & 10:30 Sung High
- Saturdays: 9 am
- 1st Fridays: Holy Hour 6pm, Mass 7pm

Confessions:

- 30-45 minutes before all Masses
- **Rosary 30 min before all Masses**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1st Friday at 6pm
- 1st Saturday after Mass

Baptisms, Extreme Unction & Sick Calls:

- Arrange with the Coordinators

Holy Matrimony:

- Arrange with Pastor 6 months prior

Coordinators:

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Announcements at a Glance



Visiting Priest: Fr. McDonald continues to fill in for Fr. Madanat through Sunday, Sept 3. Fr. Madanat is scheduled to return from his vacation on Sept. 5.

Catechism Classes: Classes for Pre-K through high school begin Sunday, September 10 from 9:15-10am. The “Focus on Groups” highlights the information about the classes. See opposite page for details. (Adults start Sept 17)

Catechism Correspondence Course: The SSPX Sisters in Browerville, MN offer what is described as a highly successful international Catechism Correspondence school for students K-8 (and above). In it, parents are expected to teach the lessons and submit their child’s weekly homework to a Sister once a month, who will review their work and write a personalized note to each child when they mail back their corrected work. More information may be found on enrollment forms on the piano, or at the website:

<https://ssp.org/en/ssp-sisters-catechism-our-lady-fatima-correspondence-catechism>

Annual OLF Picnic/HNS BBQ: Sunday, September 10 plan to stay after the 10:30 Mass for food, fun, and frivolity as OLF’s St. Martha’s Guild and the men of the Holy Name Society join forces for the OLF Annual Community Picnic. See the flyers in the church hall or talk with Lynne Pearson or Zach Brehm.

Fr. Kimball: Father’s visit will be Sept. 16-17.

HNS Car Wash: Saturday, Sept.16. Volunteers are needed for the last car wash of the summer to raise funds for completion of a safe playground space for OLF.

Homeschooler’s Bake Sale: Sat-Sun Sept. 16-17. Help the OLF Homeschool Group raise funds for outings and activities. Your own contributions of baked items or other goodies are much appreciated. See Melissa Wisniewski for more information on the bake sale or our chapel’s homeschool activities.

New Vestments: Thanks to the success of Altar Society’s annual Christmas bake sales, proceeds have been “resting & proofing” so Father has been able to purchase much needed nicer vestments for our chapel. \$5,230 has been spent for new violet and white Mass vestments. Thank you to our Third Order Carmelites for stepping up to help with care of the linens and to Altar Society President Susie Marvin, who has been selflessly covering this work for more than 10 years.

A Note About Confession

Fr. Kimball’s visits each month offer us another opportunity for confessions, especially for those who live a distance from OLF. All other weeks, however, if you live nearby please try alternate times (Fri/Sat)

Remember Fr. Alphonsus’ teachings on the **4 C’s of a good Confession:**
Be Clear, Complete, Concise, and Contrite

*Remember to pray a Memorare
after your daily Rosary
for the success of the
Capital Campaign.*

Also consider offering:

- *a 54-Day Rosary Novena
(27 days in petition; 27 days
in thanksgiving)*
- *The Padre Pio Daily Novena
found at*

www.padrepio.org/pray/efficacious-novena/



Use this QR code to make contributions. Please indicate if it’s for Capital Campaign, tithing, bookstore purchase, or a donation for coffee & donuts.

~ Thank You ~

Prayers for Those in Need

In your kindness, please add to your daily prayers those of our chapel who serve our communities and nation, as well as their families. Remember those struggling with chronic illness, family, or financial problems.

Bookstore News

There are some great books ready for a home library in our OLF Bookstore. Just in time for holiday giving, as well! Bookstore Manager Carol Wilber has new and used books available and will be hosting a Book Sale in October. Stay tuned for details!

Traditional Redemptorist Missioners Update

It has been almost a year since Fr. Alphonsus was at OLF to preach a parish mission. While we might easily recall the references to a “yellow Lamborghini” and “Billy’s Tonka truck”, we should also remember that Father and his missioners are in the process of building a monastery in Michigan. Updates with photos of the building process can be found at <https://redemptoris.org>.

Renovation Update

Playground renovation is underway! As of this writing, the pew installation has been moved to Aug. 28. With any luck you will be reading this bulletin from the comfort of said pews. Church doors & trim work are slated for installation Sept. 18. Please continue to pray for the success of the renovations!

Capital Campaign Fund Raisers

Remaining on pledges: \$85,858; Donations: \$640,672*;

(*Donations amount does NOT include the \$200,000 realized from the sale of the Portland property)

August Car Wash sadly canceled because the CC/HNS could not raise enough volunteers

Upcoming Car Wash: Sept. 19, 10 am - 2 pm.

Organic free-range eggs for sale: \$5/dozen with \$2 donated to the CC.

The Websters' chickens are back to work after a long lay-off.

"Our editor cracks me up," the publisher :-)

Church Donations (Excludes Capital Campaign)

2023 Donations

	<u>July</u>	<u>June</u>
First Collections	\$ 12,674	\$ 11,027
Mother of Lu	\$ 951	\$ 745.61
Building Fund	\$ 8,088	\$ 2,806
Priory (STB)	\$ 705	\$ 894
SSPX Education Fund	\$ 624	

Average Sunday attendance for July was 252. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Follow the Money

The weekly 1st collection is earmarked for OLF expenses to do business, like utilities, general upkeep, etc... 2nd collections are earmarked for the following:

- 1st Sunday: Mothers of Lu, to support those in vocation from our chapel that we are praying for each month.
- 2nd Sunday: Special collection.
- 3rd Sunday: HNS collection for the building fund.
- 4th Sunday: St. Thomas Becket Priory collections.

Focus on Groups: OLF Catechism Program

Summer is winding down and that means one thing: the return of the pumpkin-spice lattes. That, and the beginning of a new Catechism year.

The restructured program introduced last year under the direction of Fr. Madanat, Catechism Program Principal Cheryl Mulick, and the dedication of our teacher volunteers opens this year on Sunday, September 10 at 9:15am.

Through the summer, Father, Cheryl, and Aggie assessed the program and have identified ways to improve each class. The seven classes have been fine tuned so that the entire program is more cohesive. Here is an overview:

- Jesus & Me: children age 4-5
- First Communion: sacramental preparation; students age 6-7
- Catechism Chalk Talks: students age 8-9
- Confirmation: sacramental preparation; students age 10-11
- Bible History: students age 12-13
- Fundamentals of our Faith: students age 14-15
- Apologetics: students age 16-19

Parents have the primary responsibility of educating their children in both temporal and spiritual matters. OLF supports these efforts with a practical, thoughtful, and well-designed program for children Pre-K > high school.

- A "Madanatory" Parent Meeting is scheduled between the Masses on September 10. Father & Cheryl will hold a Q&A afterwards if needed.

Fr. Madanat has made it clear that unless there are compelling reasons for not participating, all children age 4-19 need to attend these classes. Parents should speak with Father directly if their child(ren) will not be enrolled.

- Families *new* to OLF can find registrations forms on the piano or online https://www.sspxolf.org/files/ugd/c3ad8c_eff05260e2a34e9c86a18efa5a168a9a.pdf

The Chapel also offers weekly adult classes for those who need and want to deepen their understanding of our Faith. Fr. Madanat will start off the year by teaching the first class on Sept 17 at 9:15am in the hall. He'll give an overview of the program, explain teacher rotations for this year, make book recommendations, and introduce the other teachers.



Archconfraternity St. Stephen's Schedule

Contact Nicholas Williams ASAP if you need to switch your duty

Masses	Fri/Extra	Sat 9am	Sun 8am	Sun 10:30 am
Sept 1-3	Websons OPEN	Nathan W Pearson Max B	Cohen M Miles M	Open, Andrew G, Nathan, James M, OPEN, Bryton, Oliver, Henry G, James G
Sept 9-10		Webster OPEN	Jonathan D Henry D	James M, Theo W, Henry W, Tommy P, Connor D, Oliver, George, Sully, Max B
Sept 16-17	9/16 @ 8 am Websons/Open	Websons OPEN	Cohen M Miles M	James M, Nathan, Andrew G, Sully, OPEN, Bryton, Henry D, Edward D, William D
Sept 23-24		Webster OPEN	Nathan Edward D	Nicholas, Henry W, Theo, Tommy P, Andrew G, Johnny P, Max B, Connor D, Jameson

On Saturday, Sept 16 the Holy Name Society will host the final Car Wash Event at OLF from 10am -2pm. Let's have this fundraiser go out with a "Big Splash" by donating a few hours to raise funds for a real playground. *We need 30 teens/adults to direct traffic, wash/dry cars, and cashier.

*Children 8-11 can help too! We need you to make signs, dance on the sidewalks, wear costumes and other antics to draw attention to our event.

*Homeschool group also plans to sell baked goods.

*Sign up in the Hall or <https://signup.com/go/abiJHHc>



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest". (Matt. 9:37)

All mothers at OLF are invited to come together to pray after Masses on the first Sunday of the month for vocations to come from their families.

"Man proposes and God disposes" the adage goes, and it seems as if God is disposed to call three of our parishioners to the religious life.

In your charity, please keep in your prayers Jonathan Mendez and David Pearson as they follow a call to the seminary; and Molly Pearson who has been with the SSPX Sisters in Browerville, MN and will be taking her next steps in formation in September and then in June of next year.

As always, the OLF first Sunday second collection is earmarked to help offset expenses for their education and training. Your generosity is much appreciated!

A Word About Stipends

As a matter of justice, our priests should be compensated for activities performed outside of bringing the Mass to us. Here are recommendations.

- ❖ Mass offering: \$20 or Sick Calls: \$25
- ❖ Baptisms: \$25-\$50; server stipend optional
- ❖ Funerals and Weddings: \$100; \$10-\$20 to each server
- ❖ Organist: \$50. Choir: No stipend recommendation

To reiterate, these are *recommendations only and not required, but appreciated.*

Certainly be as generous as you are able to our priests and their helpers!

While we are on the subject stipends: Our priests and all SSPX priests are happy to say Masses for the faithful's intentions. They want you to know the stipends are appreciated, but *please send the Mass intention with your offering.* They have received cash stipends for Masses without the intention, and in some instances they do not know who is requesting the Mass to be offered.

On a side note, there has been an increase in mail theft, resulting in some stipends being lost/stolen. This is not only a mail theft issue but possibly an identity theft issue as well. Whenever possible, please give your stipends to the priest, ushers or servers directly or they can be left in a secure place in Father's office (even if the Mass stipend is for one of the other priests at our Priory).

Recommended Reading for September from

OLF's Librarian Tim Cleary

F. A. Forbes. **Pope St. Pius X** (Sept 3) Published in 1918

Mariana Monteiro. **The Life of St. Jerome** (Sept 30). From the original Spanish of the Rev. Fr. Fray Jose De Sigueriza published in 1595. This book was published in 1907. Fragile. Please handle with care!

St. Bonaventure. **The Life of St. Francis Assisi** (Stigmata of St. Francis Sept 17) Published circa 1867

Francis Talbot, SJ. **Saint Among Savages** The Life of St. Isaac Jogues (Sept 26) Published in 1935



OLF Hospitality Committee

Contact Fatima Vianney at fatimarosevianney@yahoo.com to volunteer

Sundays	Set Up	Clean Up
1st	Marion Wheeler	Theresa Greninger
2nd	Anna Dunphy	Monique Dodge
3rd	Kateri Wisniewski	Susie Marvin
4th	Krissy Alonzo	Valerie Weinhart
5th	Pauline Meyerhofer	Sherry O'Neil

Before Mass Rosary Leaders

Contact Jay Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com

Sundays	8am Mass	10:30am Mass
1st	David Mullen	Michael Wisniewski
2nd	Michael McBee	Jay Marvin
3rd (HNS Sun)	Tim Cleary	Zach Brehm
4th	Aaron Meyerhofer	Shane Meyerhofer
5th	Joe Wisniewski	Joe Haslebacher

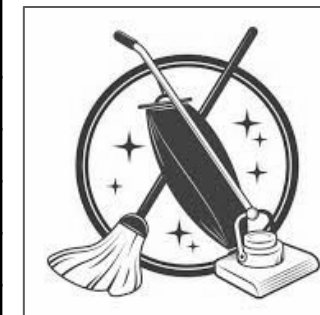


Church Cleaning Schedule

We NEED more volunteers even if it's just 1-2 times/year


Please contact Monique Dodge at monique.dodge06@gmail.com

Aug 28-Sept 2	Roesler/Smith
Sept 4-9	Mulick/Diaz
Sept 11-16	Wolfe/Lee
Sept 18-23	Wheeler/Rose
Sept 25-30	VonWalthers/Mendez



Priest's Pantry

Contact Susie Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com

Week	Sunday Brunch	Sat before the Sun 2 meals: Brunch & Supper
1st	Justina Causseaux	Sally Webster
2nd	Luciann Meyerhofer	Baby Wolfe
3rd	Fatima Vianney	Kristi Hamilton
4th	Kate Brehm	Kristi Hamilton
5th	Susie Marvin	Baby Wolfe
	Back-up Susie Schenauer	1st Friday's Supper Lynne Pearson



Eucharistic Crusaders

Contact Catherine Haslebacher at cathasle09@gmail.com

Crusaders offered their work in August in "Thanksgiving for all the graces received."

Tallies for July 2023: Treasure Sheets turned: 12

Masses: 41	Holy Communion: 29	Visits to Our Lord: 20
Sacrifices: 208	Spiritual Communions: 39	Good Examples: 79
Daily Offerings: 206	Decades of Rosary: 946	15 Mins of Silence: 33

September Dedication is for All Traditional Schools



Our Lady of Fatima Masses and Activities for September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Confessions 45 min & Rosary 30 min before all Masses					1st Friday Holy Hour 6-7pm Exposition & Confessions Mass 7pm 1	1st Saturday Mass 9am & Benediction HNS Meeting 10:30-12pm Caremlite Meeting 4:30-6pm 2
<i>14th Sun after Pentecost</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am 1st Sun Blessing of Articles Mother of Lu Prayers & 2nd Collection Feast St. Pius X Visiting Priest -> Fr. S. McDonald 3	Labor Day 4	5	6	PCP 6:30-7:30pm 7	Nativity of the BVM 8	Mass 9am 9
<i>15th Sun after Pentecost</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection for District (Training of Priests to Tradition) Catechism Resumes 9:15-10am Parish PICNIC 12:30 > tired 10	11	12	13	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14	Seven Sorrows of the BVM 15	Mass 8am & 9am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat Car Wash 10am-2pm Home School Bake Sale (during car wash) 16
16th Sun after Pentecost Mass 8am & 10:30am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat HNS Sunday & 2nd Collection Catechism 9:15-10am Home School Bake Sale 17	18	19	Ember Day 20	21	Ember Day 22	Ember Day Mass 9am 23
<i>17th Sun after Pentecost</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am Catechism 9:15-10am 2nd Collection for Priory EC Meeting 12:30 24	25	26	27	28	29	Mass 9am 30