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August 18th, 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon, Aug 19th @ 8:15 am
+Lydia Fermill

Tues, Aug 20th
Funeral Mass for Nicole Cote
@ 11:00 am

Wed, Aug 21st @ 7:00 pm
+Shirley Marogna

Thurs, Aug 22nd @ 9:00 am
+Frank Visentin

Fri, Aug 23rd @ 9:05 am
+Betty Chavez

Sat, Aug 24th @ 5:00 pm
+Seamus Rodgers

Sun, Aug 25th @ 10:00 am
Our Parishioners



Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia.** (*John 10.27*)

Parish Activities

Exposition & International Rosary: First Friday of the month @ 7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Rosary.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm before Mass.

Knights of Columbus:

Catholic Women's League: Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 29th, 2019 @ 11:15 am. Please check out our national website: cwl.ca and provincial: bcyukoncwl.com.

Confessions: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Mass. Saturday at 4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Call the office for appt. with Fr. Terry.

Mass Collection August 11th, 2019

Envelopes
\$1,786.90

Loose
\$409.35

Building Fund
\$95.00



Eucharistic Schedule: August 24th & 25th

Mass	Lectors	Chalice	Ciborium	Ushers	Altar Servers
Sat, Aug 24th @5:00 pm	Yvonne T Noreen	Irene Z	Danny T Christine K	Christine K	
Sun Aug 25th @10:00 am	Anna N Anne F	Lynne L Minh T	Thuy N Bert D	Susan Jovita	Kenji, Avery, Maddy
Volunteer Church Cleaners: Marija Muhic, Paddy Jones					

ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ 'WHITE AMERICA' IS A MYTH: The Archbishop of Los Angeles wrote this week that the white nationalism that motivated a mass shooting in El Paso, Texas is a sign that the U.S. has lost touch with the Christian ideals of the nation's founding. He called Christians to give witness to the common humanity of all people.

"In the 22 dead in El Paso, and the two dozen more wounded, in the children left with no parents, in the shattered security of a peaceful border town, we are left with some hard questions about what our nation is becoming," Archbishop Jose Gomez wrote in his Aug. 13 column.

The perpetrator of the Aug. 3 mass shooting in El Paso, in which 22 people were killed at a Walmart, is reported to have posted online a white nationalist manifesto shortly before his attack. His post lamented a "Hispanic invasion" in the U.S., decried intermarriage between Hispanics and white Americans, and criticized Democratic and Republican politicians, while noting that some Republican policies might reduce "mass immigration."

"If 'white nationalism' is on the rise, it is a sign of how far we have fallen from the Christian universalism of our nation's founding ideals," Gomez wrote. The archbishop, who is an immigrant to the United States from Mexico, added that "El Paso hit me in a personal way. My family is Mexican and American, and we trace our roots back to the early 1800s in what is now Texas; I lived much of my adult life there, including my five years as Archbishop of San Antonio," he added.

"But El Paso is more than personal. With El Paso a line has been crossed in our nation."

"In recent years, we have seen the evil of African Americans being targeted in racist terror attacks, notably with the church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015. With El Paso, for the first time, a massacre has been carried out in the name of stopping Mexican migration," Gomez noted.

"In Jesus Christ, there is no Mexican or black, no Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean or Filipino, no Russian or Italian, African or Salvadoran, no migrant or native-born," the archbishop wrote, adding that human dignity must always be respected.

"The humanity of others is never negotiable. Men and women do not become less than human, less a child of God, because they are 'undocumented.' Yet, in our nation, it has become common to hear migrants talked about and treated as if they are somehow beneath caring about." Gomez noted other instances of "white nationalism and domestic terrorism," including the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, church bombings during the Jim Crow era, and the lynching of Mexicans in Texas in the 1920s.

"The myth that America was founded by and for white people is just that — a myth," he wrote. "This land was born as an encounter of cultures, first with Native Americans. Hispanics arrived in Texas in 1519. Asians started arriving in California about 50 years before the pilgrims made it to Plymouth Rock."

Noting that Spanish was spoken in North America well before English was, Gomez added that "this country has always been renewed, again and again, by successive waves of immigrants from every nation on earth."

In response to racism, the archbishop said, Catholics "need to help our society to see our common humanity — that we are all children of God, meant to live together as brothers and sisters, no matter the color of our skin, the language we speak, or the place we were born." "The way we honor the lives taken at El Paso is to live with true Christian love — and to live for the vision of America that their killer denied," Gomez concluded. "And let us implore our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, that we may build an America that is still a beacon of hope for peoples of every country, who look to this nation for refuge, for freedom and equality under God."

VOCATION DIRECTOR TRAVEL: Many parishioners around the diocese have contributed air miles to the account of the Vocation's Director. These miles are used for transporting students studying at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, the vocation director traveling to the seminary or for other related travel; and to send prospective seminarians to the Seminary Live-ins. If you have Aeroplan or Airmiles to donate for Seminary travel, please contact Fr. Terry.

UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE: During my time away, I was able to watch the movie about Abby Johnson, former executive of planned parenthood turned pro-life. The film is riveting and very emotional. I found myself wiping my eyes several times. Bishop Barron writes the following: "In 1850, lots of good and thoughtful people defended the institution of slavery. Now, only insane people would. In 2019, lots of decent and thoughtful people defend the pro-choice position. One can only hope that these recent laws, and this viscerally disturbing film, will hasten the day when only insane people would."