

AUGUST 25 2024 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 pm St. Mary: Carl Rossmiller

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes

10:00 am St. Maurice: Wayne Grundy

*There are no weekday Masses
while Father is on vacation*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 pm St. Mary: The People of Our Parishes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Joe Mizera

10:00 am St. Maurice: Marge Brockamp

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00-3:30 pm St. Maurice

4:00-4:30 pm St. Mary

SUNDAYS

7:00-7:30 am St. Raymond

There will be no confession at St. Raymond on Sep 1

ADORATION

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK :

August 25: St. Louis, King of France

August 26: St Pope Zephirin

August 27: St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine

August 28: St. Augustine, (St Monica's son)
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

August 29: St. Sabine, Roman Martyr

August 30: Ss. Felix, priest and Adautto, Martyrs

August 31: Ss. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus,
Disciples of the Lord

FATHER'S COLUMN

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

When is a language intolerable for us?

When what is spoken are words that deeply hurt our self-esteem; words that demean someone beloved to us; words that attack our country; words that scandalize us; words that reveal racism, bigotry, narrow-mindedness. Our response may be to try to reconcile with the speaker. If this is not possible, we rightly walk away from the individual.

In the Gospel Jesus says words that his listeners consider intolerable. But can we afford to walk away from him? Jesus' words may be intolerable and hard, but not because they demean or hurt us or someone dear to us. They are hard because they call us to make a choice about what we will believe and how we will live. Ultimately Jesus' words are hard because they call us to focus our lives on him rather than on us, and to recognize that he is the only true nourishment and strength, that he speaks to us the "words of eternal life."

To choose to stay with Jesus means to eat his flesh and drink his blood and let the strength and life we receive from this nourishment help us carry our cross and shape the way we live. Practically speaking, this means that the very action of celebrating the Eucharist is already an expression of belief in Jesus' words and an invitation to experience his presence to us and within us, a call to become like he is and live that way, and a challenge to be open to changing our way of thinking and acting, so that his words are incarnated in us. We ourselves, then, become his flesh and blood for the life of the world. Our very lives begin to speak the truth of his words.

To add a name to the prayer list,
please email Kateri at kmarten@stmrn.org and
specify how many weeks you'd like that name to
appear for (1 week up to a maximum of 12 weeks).

You're always welcome to re-add the name at the
end of this period if the need for prayer is still present,
but this will help keep the list focused and fresh.

If you know of a parishioner that you'd like added to
Father's visitation list, please let him or Kateri know.

Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Aug 24:
 Mary Ann Rimini
 & Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, Aug 31:
 Patty Clarke
 Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, Sep 7:
 Mary Jane Schmidt
 & Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, Aug 24:
 Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, Aug 31:
 Tony Krager

Saturday, Sep 7:
 Dan Martin

Saturday, Sep 14:
 Kathy Rovey

Saturday, Sep 21:
 Carol Hupp

ST. RAYMOND

AUGUST

LECTOR Linda Hocking
 CANTOR Tim Mizera
 HOSPITALITY Dennis Rosenthal
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Larry Weitekamp
 Dianne Hampton

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
 Aug 25 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
 Sun, Aug 25 - Morgan Hampton

SEPTEMBER

LECTOR Doris Morehouse
 CANTOR Deb Held
 HOSPITALITY Phil Brown
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Donna & Jerry Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
 Sep 1 - Hocking/Krager
 Sep 8 - Dick Lyons
 Sep 15 - Carl Marten
 Sep 22 - Noller/Morehouse
 Sep 29 - Dick Lyons

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 John Bergschneider
 Ed Goebel
 Dale Brockamp

USHERS Mark Langen
 Marilyn Boston
 Linda Sheedy

SERVER
 Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Charlie Golitko
 Gerry Goebel
 Larry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen
 Jim Schneider

SERVERS Macie Ferrill,
 Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Catherine O'Connell
 John Bergschneider
 Dale Brockamp

USHERS Mark Langen
 Jim Schneider

SERVER
 Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR AUGUST 14/15 + 17/18

St. Mary: \$1,732

St. Raymond: \$3,114

St. Maurice: \$983

OUR PRAYER LIST

Martha Beeler, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Raymond Coatney, Georgetta Dean,
 Brant Weitekamp, Lenora Brown, Jodi Weitekamp, Raymond O'Brien, Greg Weitekamp, Trent Boston,
 Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, The DeBrun Family, Larry Weber, Jim Weitekamp, Mike Sheedy

Remember to pray for our seminarians and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Pro-Life Prayer Meeting

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond to Celebrate Patron's Feast Day

The feast day of St. Raymond Nonnatus is August 31. Due to Fr. Florent's vacation in early September, our parish will commemorate this on September 15 with a special prayer after mass followed by our monthly Sunday Social at the KC Hall.

New Monthly Service Project at St. Raymond

In September we will launch a new monthly service project in support of our local Food Pantry. On the 1st Sunday of each month totes will be made available after Mass to take home and be filled with food or requested supplies. Filled totes are to be returned the following Sunday.

Fr. Florent will be gone on vacation Aug 26 - Sep 13

Masses for the weekend of Aug 31/Sep 1 will be covered by Fr. Larry Anschutz, there will be no confession at St. Raymond this weekend.

Masses for the weekend of Sep 7/8 will be covered by Fr. John Burnette.

There will be no week day Masses during this time.

Family of Faith 2024-25 Registration

Registration forms for Family of Faith 2024-25 are now available in your parish vestibule.

Please join us for the 'Mass for Families' 10 am on October 6 at St. Maurice.

The first session of FOF will take place on Wednesday, October 16.

For more information contact Fr. Florent.

A "HEY, FATHER!" Q & A FROM THE CATHOLIC TIMES

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest blesses the host that he consumes, but the hosts that are given to the congregation is not taken out of the tabernacle until right before Communion. Since it has not been on the altar during the consecration, how can it be the Body of Christ?

Catholics are a ritualistic people. Everything that we do from the moment we enter into the Church to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass until we exit through those very same doors has deep meaning and significance. For example, when we first walk through the doors of the Church, we dip our fingers into the Holy Water font and make the Sign of the Cross. This ritualistic action reminds us of our Baptism, and therefore reminds us of who we are.

Then, when we arrive at our selected pew, we genuflect toward the tabernacle as a sign of reverence. When we see that little flicker of light from the Sanctuary Lamp which burns near every tabernacle across the globe, we know that the Real Presence of Christ is present in the Holy Eucharist contained within the tabernacle. Referring to the tabernacle, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches:

"The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament" (CCC 1379).

Here, we see that the tabernacle is the place within the Church where the Eucharist is reserved. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer, those very same words uttered by Jesus at the Last Supper, and consecrates the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is then distributed to the faithful present at Mass; however, there are often leftover hosts after everyone present in the Church has received. These remaining hosts are then reserved in the tabernacle to be distributed at future Masses, to the sick and homebound, for silent adoration, etc. This is why we genuflect toward the tabernacle as we arrive to our pews: to show reverence to Jesus truly present in every tabernacle the world over.

So, to the main crux of your question, we know that the hosts present in the tabernacle are the Body of Christ because the priest has consecrated them during a celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While it may be true that the Priest did not consecrate the hosts at the specific Mass that you are present for, the host that you are receiving from the tabernacle is still the Body of Christ—the very same Eucharist made present on the altar.

Answer by Father Zachary D. Samples