



NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

Very Reverend John De La Riva, O.F.M. Cap., Rector

MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.

ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO

July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“No one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

— Mt 11:27



CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Also by appointment

NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS—FOR INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

*VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE FACE COVERING AND DISTANCING PRACTICES

HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY

10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY

OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS

SUSPENDED FOR PANDEMIC MITIGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**
- **PORZIUNCOLA NUOVA CHAPEL VISITOR HOURS**
- **SATURDAY ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Marriages at the Shrine • By special permission • All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector's initial assessment • Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance

Baptism • Contact the Shrine office for details

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (*Zechariah 9:9-10*).

Psalms — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (*Psalms 145*).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (*Romans 8:9, 11-13*).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (*Matthew 11:25-30*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *St. Maria Goretti*

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: *St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions*

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: *St. Benedict of Nursia*

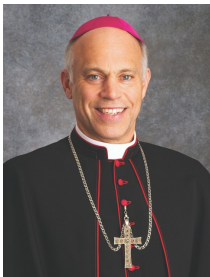
Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASS DISPENSATION

"The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc. Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website.

God is our shelter, and God delivers from distress all those who remain true to Him. Let us therefore persevere in faith, hope and charity, trusting that in God's time and in God's way, God will surround us with joyful shouts of deliverance."

Excerpted from His Excellency's communication dated May 12, 2020



The Porziuncola Nuova chapel remains closed as part of a planned phase of later re-opening during mitigation of the pandemic. Please check ShrineSF.org as developments occur.



Mass Intentions — JULY 5 to 11

Sunday † Alyssa Rae Snow

Monday Sarah Konecni (*Intention*)

Tuesday † Garrett De Belle

Wednesday Lily Lee (*Birthday*)

Thursday Aracely Iñiguez (*Birthday*)

Friday † Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Collins, Jr.

Saturday † Pat Barringer

These intentions are still being honored even as Mass is closed to public attendance.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

July 2020—Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



Health & Safety in the Pandemic

Everyone must wear a face covering...

Covering your face is now mandatory and helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

...and stay 6 feet apart

distance if not from the same household

Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi

"God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you."

SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Feast: Monday, July 6



I am now almost 80 years old. I am close to the end of my days.

Looking back at my past, I recognize that in my early youth I followed a false road—an evil path that led to my ruin.

Through the content of printed magazines, immoral shows, and bad examples in the media, I saw the majority of the young people of my day following evil without even thinking twice. Unworried, I did the same thing.

There were faithful and practicing Christian believers around me, but I paid no attention to them. I was blinded by a brute impulse that pushed me down the wrong way of living.

At the age of 20, I committed a crime of passion, the memory of which still horrifies me today. **Maria Goretti**, now a saint, was my good angel whom God placed in my path to save me. Her words both of rebuke and forgiveness are still imprinted in my heart. She prayed for me, interceding for her killer. Thirty years in prison followed.



If I had not been a minor in Italian law I would have been sentenced to life in prison. Nevertheless, I accepted the sentence I received as something I deserved.

Resigned, I atoned for my sin. Little Maria was truly my light, my protectress. With her help, I served those 27 years in prison well. When society accepted me back among its members, I tried to live honestly. With angelic charity, the sons of St. Francis, the **minor Capuchins of the Marches**, welcomed me among them not as a servant, but as a brother. I have lived with them for 24 years. Now I look serenely to the time in which I will be admitted to the vision of God, to embrace my dear ones once again, and to be close to my guardian angel, Maria Goretti, and her dear mother, Assunta.

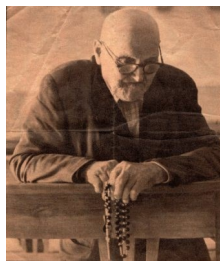
May all who read this letter of mine desire to follow the blessed teaching of avoiding evil and following the good. May all believe with the faith of little children that religion with its precepts is not something one can do without. Rather, it is true comfort, and the only sure way in all of life's circumstances—even in the most painful.

Peace and all good.

Alessandro Serenelli

Macerata, Italy

5 May 1961



Alessandro Serenelli murdered 11-year old Maria Goretti for refusing his lustful advances. She asked God's mercy on her attacker as she lay dying, and appeared to Alessandro in visions during his imprisonment, indicating her forgiveness of him. Following his death, the Capuchin friars with whom he lived found a sealed envelope among his personal effects. It was his spiritual testament, written in the form of an open letter to the world. It contains an appeal that all follow the way of Christ. It also paints a dramatic and touching picture of a man who was able to regain his dignity through the generous mercy that those he wounded extended to him.

(MariaGoretti.com)

ST. VERONICA GIULIANI

Capuchin Poor Clare nun

Feast: July 9

Capuchin mystic who had many spiritual gifts. A native of Binasco, near Milan, Italy (born in 1660) she entered the Capuchin Poor Clares at Cittidi Castello, Umbria, in 1677. She remained there for the rest of her life and served as novice mistress for thirty-four years. She was the recipient of stigmata in 1697 and visions, the accounts of which are quite detailed. She impressed her fellow nuns by remaining remarkably practical despite her numerous ecstatic experiences. Veronica was named abbess of the convent in 1716, remaining in that role until her death (1727). She was canonized by Pope Gregory XVI in 1839, and is considered one of the most extraordinary mystics of her era.



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July 1 Feast day Mass
St. Junipero Serra, OFM
"Apostle of California"

Saint Serra,
Pray for us!

It is an ardent goal of the National Shrine to add a devotional statue of St. Junipero in the historic church as part of a collection of canonized Franciscans. We ask for your prayers and financial support in this effort. We also pray for the enlightenment of those who do not understand, or intentionally misrepresent, the life and work of this holy missionary friar.



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Want to talk about your vocation questions?

Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace

Pope Francis praying for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his time of loss

Pope Francis writes a letter to his predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, following the death of his brother Georg Ratzinger, assuring him of his spiritual closeness and of his prayers.

Pope Francis on Thursday sent a letter conveying his condolences to Pope emeritus Benedict XVI on the death of his older brother, Georg.

Monsignor Ratzinger, 96, a renowned kapellmeister of a famous choir, died on Wednesday morning (July 1) after being hospitalized in Regensburg, the city where he lived the greater part of his life.



Pope Francis's letter

To his Holiness, Benedict XVI Pope emeritus,

You had the sensitivity to be the first to inform me of the news of the death of your beloved brother, Monsignor Georg. I wish to renew my deepest sympathy and spiritual closeness to you in this moment of sorrow.

I assure you of my prayers of suffrage for the late and lamented, that the Lord of life, in His merciful goodness, may welcome him into heaven and grant him the reward prepared for faithful servants of the Gospel.

I pray also for you, Your Holiness, invoking the Father, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the support of Christian hope and tender divine consolation.

Always united in faith in the Risen Christ, the source of hope and peace,
Filially and fraternally,
Francis
From the Vatican, 2 July 2020

By Vatican News

MARTYR SAINTS OF CHINA

Fr. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, July 9

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.



The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging in age from nine years to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Society of Jesus, Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized together in Rome on October 1, 2000. (*FranciscanMedia.org*)

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