

Dear Padre,

Recently a visiting priest went completely off script during the eucharistic prayer at Mass. Is this allowed?

The eucharistic prayer is the summit of the entire Mass, culminating in what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. *The Roman Missal* offers ten options in English: Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4; two for reconciliation; and four for various needs. Also, an additional three are available for Masses with children. Not all of these options appear regularly in missalettes.

In exercising his office of celebrant, the priest is allowed to offer brief explanations, such as before the preface to the eucharistic prayer, but never during the prayer itself (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 31). In general, “the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass” (*GIRM* 24). The mystery of the Mass “is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whim, so that its sacredness and its universal ordering would be obscured” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 11).

Overall, presiders desire a meaningful ritual experience for those hungering and thirsting for holiness to encounter the living presence of Christ. If some actions and proclamations by presiders appear misguided, they’re seldom due to a lack of genuine pastoral care.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/GREGORY A. SHEWITZ

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday
AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday
AUGUST 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday
AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday
AUGUST 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday
AUGUST 8
St. Dominic,
Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday
AUGUST 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21



A Free Meal, but with Demands

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle.

This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: “Come to me...that you may have life” (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42–44). It’s natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, “He said the blessing, broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples” (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable.

Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: “You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of the good things in your life that have been given to you free of charge. How grateful are you?
- ★ Think of the times God has used you to bless others. How grateful are you for this?



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Obedient to Jesus’ commands, the Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2018



St. Joseph Neier
Father Tom Wissler, Pastor

August 1 & 2, 2020

Saturday: 5:00pm

Office: 636.583.2806

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Website: stjosephneier.com

Confessions – Saturday

Email: parishoffice@stjosephneier.com

4:00pm – 4:40pm

Sarah's Cell: 314.808.0337



From Fr. Tom,

My mom was a pretty good cook and I'm grateful that I lived as a child in those days when it was the norm to sit down and have supper as a family. I cook a little bit now and then, but I have trouble having everything get done and hot at the same time; I don't know how mom did that! We had no microwave back then. God feeds us every day with delicious hot meals of grace and blessings. Are we aware of that? The worst starvation is spiritual starvation. The feeling of having nothing to believe in or not having a solid foundation of faith to give meaning to earthly existence is debilitating. Many of the folks we see in recent news who are destroying property, damaging public buildings, and threatening others fall into this category. Take some time this week to pray for "wandering souls" that God feed them and that they accept it.



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish:

- Anna Marie Brueggemann
- Olivia Jasper
- Zachery Goosage
- Henry Tobben
- Christine Grus
- Bill Greife
- Brandon Huels
- Betty Bean
- Marisa Shollenberger
- Ryan Elbert
- Cynthia Faust
- Sheri Zambruski
- Emma Kissinger
- Jean Oldani
- Shirley Beckman
- Karen Waters
- Jacob McMullin
- Bill Feth
- Andrew Hellebusch
- Ashley Shelton
- KJ Frost
- Eugene Salvino
- Kelly Arrington
- Special Intension
- Joyce Stuesse
- Theresa Briggs

Please also pray for those Serving our Country:

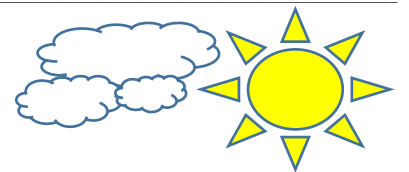
- Matthew Blankenship
- Taylor Donner
- Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
- Luke Stuesse
- Michael Murphy
- Andy Davis
- Sam Smith

Thank you for your generosity!

Archdiocese Collections for July 26, 2020

Cardinal Glennon Hospital: \$10.00

Please review the Parish Prayer lists above and call or email the office for any changes. Thank you!!



Have an awesome weekend!

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Collection for July 26, 2020

Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$3,675.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 3.00
Homecoming:	\$ 420.00
Partners in Child Development (PCD):	\$ 50.00
Online Giving:	\$ 280.00
Total:	\$4,428.00

PARISHIONER DONATIONS TOWARDS HOMECOMING 2020

\$645.⁰⁰

TOTAL DONATIONS AS OF JULY 26th

THANK YOU!!

Congratulations to the following family



Sunday, July 19, 2020

*Olivia LeeAnn Homer,
daughter of Mike & Dawn Homer
was baptized!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1	5:00pm	Joseph & Mathilda Feth
Sunday, August 2	8:00am	Chris Jacquin
	10:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Monday, August 3	6:30am	No Mass
Tuesday, August 4	6:30am	Alfons & Edith Banken
Wednesday, August 5	6:30am	Eugene Brueggemann
Thursday, August 6	6:30am	Frank & Emma Schmuke
Friday, August 7	6:30am	Francis Brueggemann
Saturday, August 8	5:00pm	Frank & Elizabeth Kloeppel
Sunday, August 9	8:00am	Dorothy Doerr
	10:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph

†Eucharistic Adoration†

Thursday, August 6th – beginning at 7am and ending with Benediction at 5:50pm.
Please contact Betty Fink @ 636.583.5510 to sign up!
Thank you!!



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

HEBREWS 13:1-2



Commentators and Lectors:		August 1 & 2	August 8 & 9
Saturday	5:00pm	Karen Gerlemann	Theresa Straatmann
Sunday	8:00am	Chris & Jim Block	Amie Kohlbusch
	10:00am	Patti Greife	Lisa Bocklage
Servers:		August 1 & 2	August 8 & 9
Saturday	5:00pm	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Sunday	8:00am	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	10:00am	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER

Eucharistic Ministers are not needed at this time.