

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Mass



Christ's Charge to Peter
Raphael (1483-1520)

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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F: 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days:

As noted in the Mass Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

AUGUST 22-30, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday	August 22	4:00 p.m.	Conversion of Family
Sunday	August 23	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Sunday	August 23	10:00 a.m.	†Maria Penalbert and †Efrain Barrios
Domingo	23 de Agosto	11:45 a.m.	†Ramón María Hernández
			†Gregorio Santos
Sunday	August 23	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Monday	August 24	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Tuesday	August 25	12:10 p.m.	A Special Intention
Wednesday	August 26	12:10 p.m.	†Dora María Corzo
Thursday	August 27	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Friday	August 28	12:10 p.m.	A Special Intention
Saturday	August 29	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Sunday	August 30	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	August 30	10:00 a.m.	†Christopher Sullivan
Domingo	30 de Agosto	11:45 a.m.	†Sonia del Valle
Sunday	August 30	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work
of your hands.**

Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to
Matthew, **Matthew 16:13-20**, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082326.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 15-16, 2026, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$3,735.00); Fuel (\$243.00)

Mission Statement / Misión

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

This coming Thursday, August 27 we celebrate the feast of St. Monica. She represents the power of persistent prayer and unwavering faith, making her the perfect inspiration for Millions of Monicas. Her story resonates with all those who fervently pray for loved ones who have strayed from their faith. Just as she never gave up on Augustine, we, too, trust in the transformative power of prayer and God's divine timing. St. Monica, the devoted mother of St. Augustine, is one of the most revered saints in the Catholic Church, especially as a model of perseverance in prayer. Born in 331 AD in Thagaste (modern-day Algeria), she was a Christian woman who faced many challenges, including a difficult marriage and a wayward son. However, through unwavering faith and persistent prayer, she ultimately saw the conversion of her son, who would go on to become one of the greatest theologians and leaders of the Church. Monica was married to Patricius, a pagan man known for his violent temper and unfaithfulness. Though her marriage was marked by trials, she remained steadfast in her faith, praying for her husband's conversion. Her patience and kindness eventually led him to be baptized shortly before his death. However, Monica's greatest challenge was yet to come—her son Augustine. From an early age, Monica saw Augustine's brilliance but also his inclination toward worldly pleasures. As a young man, he pursued a life of indulgence, rejecting Christian teachings in favor of the Manichaean philosophy, which denied many core Christian beliefs. Monica was deeply troubled by this and dedicated herself to fervent prayer and fasting, pleading with God for her son's conversion. For years, Monica followed Augustine, hoping to lead him back to the faith. She wept, prayed, and sought the counsel of clergy, never giving up hope that her son would one day return to God. Her prayers were constant, her faith unshaken. During one of her desperate attempts to bring Augustine back to Christianity, Monica approached St. Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, asking him to reason with her son. She believed that with enough argumentation, Augustine could be persuaded to abandon his false beliefs and return to Christ. Recognizing her deep distress and unwavering devotion, Ambrose offered her a different approach. He famously told her, "Speak less to Augustine about God and more to God about Augustine." This simple yet profound advice transformed Monica's prayers. Instead of trying to convince Augustine through discussion, she surrendered him entirely to God, intensifying her prayers and placing complete trust in divine intervention. Monica's prayers were eventually answered when Augustine underwent a powerful conversion. Inspired by the teachings of St. Ambrose and a divine moment of clarity, Augustine embraced Christianity. He was baptized in 387 AD by Ambrose himself, marking the fulfillment of Monica's lifelong prayers. Shortly after this joyful event, Monica expressed to Augustine that her earthly mission was complete. Not long afterward, in Ostia, Italy, she passed away peacefully at the age of 56, knowing her son had returned to the faith. St. Monica is venerated as the patron saint of mothers, especially those who pray for children who have strayed from their faith. Her life is a testament to the power of steadfast prayer, unwavering faith, and trusting in God's perfect timing. Monica's story continues to inspire parents and believers worldwide, reminding them that no soul is beyond the reach of God's grace. I invite all parents to place their wayward children's lives in the hands of God and persevere in prayer and be patient.

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS:

Just a reminder, once again, that because of the strict rules of the HIPAA law, hospitals and nursing home facilities are not allowed to tell us who is in their care unless the patient or family member requests a visit from a priest. So, if you have someone that would like a visit to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Holy Communion, please call the rectory. Oftentimes we are not aware of when someone is in the hospital or placed in nursing care.

EVENING OF REFLECTION: CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

On Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm at Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke, Fr. James McCurry, OFM. Conv. will be giving a reflection entitled: "The Example of St. Francis for our Christian Life." All are welcome to attend.

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FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Cathedral Finance Council are asked to meet this Monday, August 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Rectory Library.

Religious Education Classes at the Cathedral (Academic Year 2026-2027)

Religious Education Classes for grades pre-k through high school (grade 12) for the 2026-2027 academic year will resume on Sunday, September 13th.

All students must be registered before SEPTEMBER 13th.

Please visit the Bishop Marshall Center after the 10:00 a.m.

Mass and after the 11:45 a.m. Mass on the following registration dates listed below. Please register in advance on any of the Registration Sundays. Classes begin immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

REGISTRATION DATES:

August 30th and September 6th



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL PARISH FOOD PANTRY:

Please review the list of non-perishable food items that we could use in our Cathedral Parish Food Pantry. If you prefer to make a monetary donation you may place it in the Food Pantry Box that is attached to the wall on the Tabernacle side of the Cathedral. Thank you.

- Boxed Cereals (all varieties)
- Chef-Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Condiments and Seasoning
- Cookies and Candy Bars
- Elbow Pasta
- Goya Pigeon Peas
- Goya Pink Beans
- Granola Bars and Protein Bars
- Health Drinks
- Mixed Fruit (cans)
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Quaker Oatmeal
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Ritz Crackers
- Saltines Premium Crackers
- Sazón Goya
- Soups (canned – all flavors)
- Spaghetti
- Spam (canned ham)
- Tomato Sauce (canned)
- Townhouse Crackers
- Tuna Fish (Albacore)
- Vienna Sausages (in can)
- Water



Our Catholic Faith: Test Your Knowledge

What is the central act of worship in the Catholic Church? _____

What do Catholics receive during the Sacrament of the Eucharist? _____

How many sacraments are there in the Catholic Church? _____

What prayer is said on each bead of a rosary's decade? _____

Who is considered the first pope of the Catholic Church? _____

What is the term for the belief that Mary was taken into heaven body and soul?

What color is typically worn by priests during Ordinary Time? _____