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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 1, 2012

# dear Padre How can I feel God at Mass?

July 1, 2012

*Our new pastor sings the whole Mass. Lately when I hear a Mass I can't feel the presence of God. When I'm praying, my heart is spiritually empty. Please help me feel the love of God at Mass again.*

Alex

Dear Alex,

I am impressed by your pastor. It's not easy to learn to sing the priest's parts of the Mass and to sing them well. Many parishes would love a singing pastor, but you have your inclinations and preferences.

Two thoughts may help. One, the Mass is public worship, and assisting at Mass is joining oneself to a crowd or community. And this is God's commandment—that a people will worship him. The command of God is directed to individuals only as they make up the group or community. This is why God had Moses lead his people into the desert: to worship him.

Two, there are all sorts of folks at Sunday Mass. It takes a lot of learning to appreciate all of them. This is why love of other people is a keeping of all the commandments. This crowd is the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church in this particular place. And Jesus Christ loves this crowd as his own body; indeed it is his Mystical Body. You have a place in it. And you have the challenge of loving it as Jesus does his own flesh and blood.

But who doesn't also love a quiet Mass, where the only music is silence and soft speech? Weekday Masses are often like this. They are there for you.

John Hamroque, CSSR  
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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

## VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 30 – July 1, 2012**

**USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Raymond Lemaire  
request of The Knights of Columbus

**SUNDAY, JULY 1**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Agnes & +George  
Murphy request of Mary Anne  
Murphy

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**10:00 A.M.** – Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan  
request of the Armstrong &  
Zabielski Families

**5:30 P.M.** *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

**MONDAY, July 2 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Martha Marshall  
request of Ernest & Louise Stokes &  
Helena Skaggs

10:00 A.M. – Funeral Mass for Robert Rose

**5:00 P.M.** Parish **BINGO** – Food available  
from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30  
P.M.

**TUESDAY, JULY 3 – No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 – HAPPY**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James Marvin  
request of Kurt O'Brien

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is no longer  
scheduled for the summer months. We will place  
a notice in the bulletin when it resumes.*

**THURSDAY, JULY 5 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, JULY 6 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

**NEXT WEEK**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 7 – July 8, 2012**

**USHERS GROUP IV**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Roland Mishio (2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Aniv.) request of Solange Fournier  
*Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers*  
*Lector: Georgette Pelletier*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley*

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Mary K. Radion (3<sup>rd</sup>  
Aniv.) request of the Radion Family

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*  
*Lector: Judy Knox*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**10:00 A.M.** – Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino  
request of Samuel Guglielmino

*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine*  
*Lector: Paul Brown*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso*

**5:30 P.M.** *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

**MONDAY, JULY 9 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino  
request of Samuel Guglielmino

**5:00 P.M.** Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5  
P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

**TUESDAY, JULY 10 – No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond  
request of Elaine Gaumond

**9:00 A.M. to Noon** – Christmas Fair Workshop

**THURSDAY, JULY 12 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, JULY 13 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

**Last week's Offertory June 24, \$2,517**  
**Last year's Offertory June 26 \$2,779**

*"Do not forget the Lord your God... who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna." Deuteronomy 8:4-16*

It takes great trust to follow the Lord in a life of stewardship. Yet just as He provided for the Israelites, God will provide us with all that we need. We in turn must be willing to hold our many gifts—not with a clenched fist—but rather with an open hand, ready and willing to share.

**Readings for the Week of July 1, 2012**

**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
**Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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**IMMACULATA INFORMATION**

**CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT**  
**With Fr. Bill Sheehan, O.M.I.**

This Retreat led by Fr. Bill is for those interested in entering into more profound levels of spiritual practice in an atmosphere of silence, solitude and community. Experience with Centering Prayer or attendance at a Centering Prayer retreat is recommended. Arrival is August 23 at 3 pm and departure is August 29 at 1 PM. Cost \$450. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. For information about centering prayer visit - [www.contemplativeourreach.org](http://www.contemplativeourreach.org).

**NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM DEBUTS**

**"A Day Away On Your Own"**  
 On the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month Immaculata Retreat House, "the house on the hill", will open its doors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm for anyone looking for a place to "get away from it all". Make use of our chapel for quiet prayer, walk our well marked trails or just sit with a good book under the pines or in several of our public areas. Donation: \$15, includes lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on the first Monday – call 860-423-8484.

**EXCITING NEWS!!!**

*We have a new addition to our parish Prayer Line Ministry.*

- *WHAT?*  
*A beautiful handmade wooden box*
- *WHERE?*  
*It can be found on the wooden table near the confessional in the rear of the church*
- *WHY?*  
*The purpose of this "box" is to have a "new" way to submit our personal prayer requests to the St. Maurice Prayer Line*
- *WHEN?*  
*Use it anytime you are in Church*
- *HOW?*  
*Paper & Pencil are available inside of the box – just slip your prayer request into the slot.*

*Please encourage children to utilize the prayer box*

*All requests will be included in the prayers offered by our Prayer Line volunteers. You may of course still call the Prayer Line phone numbers that are listed on the Bulletin Cover. If you have any questions please call 860-643-2837 or 860-649-5449.*

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

As our observance of **Fortnight for Freedom** comes to a close on July 4<sup>th</sup>, I'd like to thank you and your parish for your concerted prayers and actions during this special time to help protect our sacred right of freedom of religion. Defending religious freedom will not be easy, but equipped with the truth and love of Christ, we will not fail.

If you haven't already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: [www.ctcatholic.org](http://www.ctcatholic.org) or [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org).



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