



The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd Aug 2026



“...he saw a man
who had no
wedding
garment.”

- Matt 22/11

On Thursday, 20th we reflected upon the wedding banquet. The wedding robe plays a great role for the invitees. It was in the mercy of the King that the unworthy were invited to the greatest of the celebrations. And the King gave the wedding robe to all so that all their unworthiness is covered. It was part of their identity as an invitee.

The eschatological understanding of this banquet we see in the book of Revelation: “Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” (19/7-8). At baptism we are given the invitation and white robe to wear at the eternal banquet. How have we kept it? Is it stained in sin?

God offers a way to clean it, the Blood of the Lamb: “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” (Rev 7/14) Confession! Let us be keen to keep the robe clean and ready for the banquet with ‘righteous deeds of the saints.’

God bless us all

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

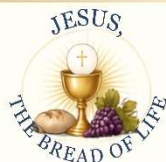
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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A Joyful Step in Faith

**30** AUGUST 2026**11:00 AM****HOLY MASS**

Let us come together in faith and love to celebrate our First Communicants as they receive *Jesus* for the first time and continue their beautiful journey with Him.



PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

MONDAY

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Apocalypse 21:9-14
Psalm 145:10-13a, 17-18
John 1:45-51

TUESDAY

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17
Psalm 96:10-13
Matthew 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18
Psalm 128:1-2,4-5
Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY

Saint Monica

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 145:2-7
Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 33:12-13,18-21
Mark 6:17-29

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle



Feast Day
24 August

Pope Benedict XVI points out to us that, “St. Bartholomew stands before us to tell us that attachment to Jesus can also be lived and witnessed without performing sensational deeds.”

From St. Bartholomew, we also learn not to prejudge other people. Remembering that St. Bartholomew has traditionally been identified with Nathanael, in the Gospel of John, when Philip tells Nathanael of “him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph,” Nathanael responded with “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). We know, of course, that Jesus is goodness Himself and such a judgment was unjust. From this, we learn to always have humble hearts, asking the Lord to help us always see things the way He sees them.

Source: Adapted from EWTN Mission

St. Monica

A Model of Patient Prayer

Today, we have little patience for things that take time. We want instant answers to our prayers. **St. Monica is a model of patience.** Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, St. Augustine.

(Source: Excerpted from Saint Monica, Saint of the Day, Franciscan Media.)

Feast Day
27 August



The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

A Witness to Truth

It honors John's fidelity, courage, and martyrdom—his willingness to remain faithful to God rather than compromise with sin or fear those in power. Pope Benedict XVI explained that John “did not keep silent about the truth” and thus gave his life for Christ, who is the Truth.



29 August

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor



A Heart Restless for God



Feast Day 28 August

St. Augustine searched for happiness in many places, but eventually discovered that true peace is found only in God. His life reminds us that God's grace can patiently transform even a wandering heart.

"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

St. Augustine, Confessions

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Auimatagi Patipa
Matulino Sesega**

09/01/1966 - 15/08/2026

FUNERAL MASS

MONDAY, 24/08/2026

11.30 AM

HOLY FAMILY, DOVETON



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