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We, as a Christian Community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strive to live our Baptismal Promises by using our time, talent and treasure to reach out to others **as Jesus did**.



MARCH 9, 1568 – JUNE 21, 1591

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for

Requested by

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi

Bobby Squires

Claris Mascarenhas

John Henry

Mathilda Dias

Jeannie Wayland

Roger Laporte

Pierre Guimond

Victor Lourenco

Léo Côté

Sandra Lasnier

May I be at peace. May my heart remain open.
May I be aware of my true nature. May I be healed.
May I be a source of healing to others.
May I dwell in the breath of God.

- Saint Teresa of Avila

Opening Hymn: 604 – The Church's One Foundation

Readings: Page 454

Offertory Hymn: 569 – I Am the Bread Of Life

Recessional Hymn: 674 – Now Thank We All Our God

Birthday greetings for this week:

(2) Tanya Barr

Celebrating an anniversary:

(July 29) Diana & Ron Brassard – Happy Belated Anniversary!

(2) Margaret & Tommy McCrory

Mass Intentions for next Sunday

Marie Louise Danese

Randall (Randy) Wolak passed on July 18

Requested by

Cynthia Paginado and family

His loving sister, Linda Hamill

WHY?

To say that the present state of affairs in the World is not good is an understatement. Wars are raging here and there. Some states consider themselves above all others and consider that they are above any human restrictions; that what we consider as moral law does not apply at all to them as they are simply above it. The very simple fact that some people do not agree with them makes these people terrorists and could result in being sent to prison for long periods of time.

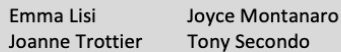
Strangely, all this seems to me to be very reminiscent of the conditions for the first Christians. The Roman state considered that refusing to «worship» the Roman deities was an act of insubordination to the Roman state. They did not refuse foreign deities, but balked at people who maintained that their morality, the way of living of their God incarnated in Jesus of Nazareth was the only correct one for all, and so were preaching their God as the only true one.

The Jews, by contrast, were bound by their Law and their God and that was what made them Jews. No other human was required to fulfill their God's prescriptions and so simply they would not even bother about other nationalities and their gods. None of that mattered to them. «Theirs was an exclusive club». The Christian point-of-view was much more universal. Their message was «catholic» (from the Greek word which translates as «universal») as well as «orthodox» (from the Greek word that translates as «one who has the right, correct opinions»). It was not applicable just for those who were part of the «club» but to everyone.

Of course, the power of the Church is definitely zero against that of the state. When the Dutch Bishops wrote a public letter against the German treatment of the Jews, they saw all their Jewish converts sent to the gas chambers within days, which caused the Bishops to refrain from any other comments, as the outcome would just kill more people more quickly.

From what has been said so far, it seems that persecutions, in one way or another, are unavoidable to Christians of every age. They proclaim, in season and out of season Christ's message of «the right opinion» which is the brotherhood of all humans, the sanctity of every human life, the respect of every state's right to exist as equal to every other state. Currently, all those statements are considered intolerable to many of those who control the state's levers of power in our Western World.

That sounds like a very dangerous proposition to me. We might have to refrain from speaking against those who control us. The problem is, does that go against our assembly, our Church, both catholic and orthodox? Are we to proclaim the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth as definitive or as silently as possible so as not to be noticed by those who rule us? Is the Gospel a way of life or a set of regulations that apply just to members of some secret society?



"HOPE is not just a few people among us. HOPE is what we give as a Christian Community to those we know to be in great need." – Jacques Beaulieu

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3rd: Saint Abibas

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4th: Saint Agabius

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5th: Saint Abel

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6th: Saint Agapitus

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7th: Saint Acirianus

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8th: Saint Altman

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