

Three Week Serving Schedule

	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
8:00	James	Landry	Joseph
10:00	Blaise	Robbie	Connor



Saint Helena (August 18) can be considered with St Monica as the model of mothers and widows. When in 292 her husband Constantius Chlorus found favor in the political arena and became co-Regent of the West, he left her and their son Constantine for a more advantageous alliance with the step-daughter of Emperor Maximian. When Constantius died in 308 and Constantine succeeded him, the son, who had always been faithful and loyal to his mother, bestowed on her every imperial distinction. He conferred on her the title of *Augusta*, ordered that all honor should be paid to her as the mother of the sovereign, and had coins struck bearing her image.

After Constantine's victory over Maxentius, Helena embraced Christianity and became "such a devout servant of God, that one might believe her to have been from very childhood a disciple of the Redeemer of mankind." (*Eusebius, a contemporary historian*) By her influence and liberality she favored the spread of Christianity. Her name is linked with the building of Christian churches in cities of the West where the imperial court resided, notably at Rome and Trier. Some time after 324 Helena undertook a journey to Palestine. She lavished on that land her bounties and good deeds, she "explored it with remarkable discernment," and "visited it with the care and solicitude of the emperor himself." The finding of the Holy Cross is of course related to this visit. Then, when she "had shown due veneration to the footsteps of the Savior," she had two churches erected for the worship of God: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem.

Helena assisted not only individuals but entire communities. The poor and destitute were special objects of her charity. Her piety and benevolence were known in the cities in which she resided, and she visited churches everywhere with pious zeal and made them rich donations. Her memory in Rome is chiefly identified with the church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme. ("*Holy Cross in Jerusalem*")

Constantine was with his mother when she died at about the age of eighty. This must have been about 330AD, for the last coins stamped with her name bear this date. The body of Helena was brought to Constantinople and laid to rest in the imperial vault of the Church of the Apostles. It is presumed that her remains were transferred in 849 to the French Archdiocese of Rheims, as recorded by the monk Altmann in his "Translatio." She was revered as a saint, and the veneration spread, early in the ninth century, even to Western countries.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Traditional Catholic Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM St Joachim, C Father BVM / 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 Pro Populo
 10:00 AM Lehw family
 4:00 PM in Roland Private Intention

Monday, August 17

no Mass St Hyacinth, C
 Private Intention

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 AM Feria / St Agapitus, M; St Helena, Emp
 Lehw family

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 AM St John Eudes, C
 Lehw family
 6:00 PM Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
CONFESIONS ~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!

Thursday, August 20

8:00 AM St Bernard, AbCD
 Lehw family

Friday, August 21

8:00 AM St Jane Frances de Chantal, W
 Lehw family

Saturday, August 22

9:00 AM Immaculate Heart of Mary / Ss Timothy & Comp, Mm
 Breen Williams

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / St Philip Benizi, C**
 Pro Populo
 10:00 AM Frances Geckle
 4:00 PM in Roland Private Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



“For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts.” *Malachi 1:11*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Note the three-week serving schedule on the back of the bulletin.
- Closing hymn for August: O Mary of Graces, p 97, #53.

August 19: Our Lady of the Don, Russia (1380)

This famous icon was given to the Catholic Russian forces the day before a critical battle fought on the river Don. The Russian forces had never won a battle against the Mongols, and the army they faced was a horde that numbered at least as many men.

The battle began with a fight to the death between the champion of each army – the Russian monk Alexander Peresvet, sent to the combat by Saint Sergius, and his Mongol opponent. In the initial rush at each other, both received mortal wounds. The Mongol fell from the saddle, however, while Alexander kept his mount.

The battle erupted. Dmitry suspected that his army would disband if he were killed. A courageous young soldier, Mikhail Brenok, bravely exchanged armor with him and assumed his post at the head of the army. The Mongols drove through the ranks to kill the Russian commander - Mikhail was slain, but Dmitry continued to fight.

Dmitry was severely wounded as the battle seemed to turn against them, though he remained on the field and in command until victory was certain and he fell from exhaustion and loss of blood. Prince Vladimir of Serpukov, held in reserve until that moment, led the cavalry charge that secured victory for the Russian troops. It has been estimated that 200,000 men were lost on both sides. A Russian chronicle relates that, “...the river Don flowed in blood for three days.”

Czar Ivan the Terrible carried the icon on his Kazan expedition in 1552. After achieving victory, he gifted the image to the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Moscow. In 1591, the pious Czar Fedor Ioannovich prayed before the image when besieged by the Khan Kazi Ghirei and received a miraculous deliverance. The image of Our Lady of the Don is now in the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow.

There is a feast or a commemoration of Our Blessed Mother to strengthen your devotion to her, every day of the year!



Pray for the living: Joan Taber, Jayme Shedenhelm, Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal

Pray for the faithful departed: Fred Nardecchia, Evelyn Craney, Manuel Cordova, Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, “Ernest,” Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

Monthly Collection

May 2026: \$8,978.85

June 2026: \$4,170.81

July 2026: \$5,456.72