

Three Week Serving Schedule

	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6
8:00	Landry	Joseph	Jonathan
10:00	Robbie	Connor	Lawrence

Our Lady of Czestochowa, continued ~

1654-5, Siege of Czestochowa: King Karl Gustav and Protestant Swedes numbering 12,000 invaded and conquered most of Poland with the help of Calvinist Polish nobles, ousting King Jan Kasimir, and attempting to take the monastery-fortress of Jasna Gora. The heroic prior refused to surrender. The besieged faced treason, threats, and numerous assurances of the enemy's "good will" in attempts to seduce them into an inglorious "peace." Placing their full trust in Our Lady, whose image they guarded, the monks answered, *"Better to die worthily than to live impiously."* Thus began a 40-day siege, and nothing was spared to bring down the walls of Jasna Gora.

Meanwhile, the besieged prayed before the Holy Icon of Czestochowa. They prayed and fought, fought and prayed. And a mysterious Lady whom the Swedes called a "witch" began to appear on the ramparts, herself supplying the canons. The sight of her terrified the invaders. A mysterious fog also enveloped the holy hill, which at times gave the illusion of the monastery-fortress being higher, at others lower, the result being that the canon-balls missed their target.

Finally, the mysterious Lady appeared to the Swedish general. In the end, spooked and discouraged by these supernatural occurrences, the Swedes lifted the siege. The Poles took heart, and rallying around King Jan Kasimir, took back their country. The next year King Kasimir solemnly proclaimed Our Lady of Czestochowa Queen of Poland.

1920: The Russian army assembled at the River Vistula, and the Polish people had recourse to their Madonna. Her image appeared in the heavens over Warsaw; the Russians quickly withdrew. In Polish history, this is known as the Miracle of Vistula.

World War II: Though under Nazi occupation, half a million Poles defied Hitler's orders to desist from all religious observances, and visited the shrine of Our Lady in a pilgrimage of love and trust. Following the liberation of Poland in 1945, a million and a half people expressed gratitude to their Madonna, praying before the miraculous image. Twenty-eight years after the first attempt to capture Warsaw, the Russians took the city. That year 800,000 visited the Lady of Czestochowa in defiance of the invader.

Czestochowa continues to be the religious heartbeat of Poland. To the miraculous, fearless Lady of Jasna Gora, the Polish go with their needs and petitions, their sorrows and their joys. Indeed she is their embattled, victorious, miraculous Queen of their homeland.

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Thirteenth 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 23

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / St Philip Benizi, C

Pro Populo
Fran Geckle
Private Intention

Monday, August 24

no Mass

St Bartholomew, Ap
Private Intention

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM

St Louis, KC
Breen Williams

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM
6:00 PM
CONFESSIONS

Feria / St Zephrynus, PM
Lehew Family
Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!

Thursday, August 27

8:00 AM

St Joseph Calasanctus, C
Fran Geckle

Friday, August 28

8:00 AM

St Augustine, BCD / St Hermes, M
Fran Geckle

Saturday, August 29

8:00 AM

Beheading of St John the Baptist / St Sabina, M
Fran Geckle

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / St Rose of Lima, V

Pro Populo
Fran Geckle
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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to the new Mr & Mrs John Perkins!
- New school! Today, there is Open House at the new school next door for any and all who would like to see it.
- Closing hymn for August: O Mary of Graces, p 97, #53.



August 26: Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Tradition (*small "t"*): This icon, venerated in the monastery-fortress of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa Poland, was painted, possibly by an apostle, on a table built by Our Lord Himself. Saint Helena took it to Constantinople where her son built a church to enshrine it. Its story of courage and faith, of prayer and protection, of battle and victory, will strengthen your trust in Our Blessed Mother during these troubled times!

Placed on a wall of the city, the icon so frightened an army of besieging Muslims that they took flight. It remained in Constantinople for 500 years until, through dowries, it arrived in a region that later became Poland.

15th Century: Tartar invaders besieged the castle of Polish King (Saint) Ladislaus. An arrow pierced the image in the region of the throat, leaving a scar. (Repeated attempts to repair the image have failed. The scar always reappears.) The king resolved relocate the icon to a place of safety. At the town of Jasna Gora (Bright Hill,) the horses pulling the carriage refused to move. Taking this as a sign, St. Ladislaus returned the image to the church. It was August 26, 1382. The feast of the Madonna of Czestochowa is observed on this date.

1430: heretic Hussites stole and attempted to harm the holy icon. When they discovered the wagon could not be moved, they hurled it to the ground, breaking it in three pieces. One man pulled his sword and struck the image twice on the cheek, leaving two deep scars. On attempting a third slash, he went into agonizing convulsions and died. (The two scars from this attack have also consistently resisted attempts at repair.)

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

"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*