



September 21, 2025 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 a.m.  
 Saturday 7:00 a.m., Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. &  
 12:00 Noon (*ad orientem*)  
 Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 6:30 p.m.,  
 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.,  
 12:00 Noon (*ad orientem*), 6:30 p.m.

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**CONFESSIONS** Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m. until all are heard  
 Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Sunday: thirty minutes before each Mass  
 First Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. until all are heard (Gallery Confessional)

### DEVOTIONS

**The Holy Rosary** follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass on weekdays. The Dominican Rosary is prayed at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**Eucharistic Adoration** 12:15-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**Novena to St. Margaret of Castello (with the veneration of her relic)** follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses on Wednesdays.

**Holy Hour with Benediction** 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Fridays.

**Fatima Devotions** follow the 7:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturdays.

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Life** Third Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, with recitation of the Holy Rosary at a local abortion facility following the Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass.

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations** Fourth Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday.

**Stations of the Cross (during Lent)** 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

*The St. Gerard Mother's Blessing and enrollments in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity and the Rosary Confraternity are scheduled three times during the year after all Masses.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Sundays at 1:15 p.m. Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. First-time parents must attend a baptism class on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Please contact the parish office at least nine months before your intended wedding date to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Non-parishioners must receive the permission of their pastor before scheduling their wedding at St. Patrick's.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** Parishioners experiencing a medical emergency requiring the sacraments for someone in danger of death should call 614-224-9522, and press "8" to contact the priest on duty. Homebound parishioners who would like to schedule monthly visits from a priest and/or weekly visits from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound should contact the parish office.

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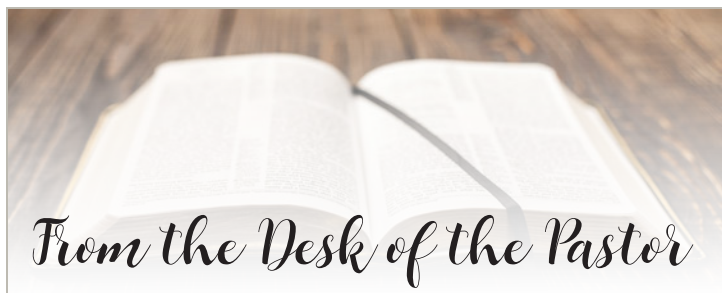
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Dominican Friars

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Please submit bulletin items a minimum of one week in advance of publication to Keelin Johnson, Bulletin Editor, at keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org.



Buon giorno da Roma! I left for Rome on Friday afternoon and arrived on Saturday morning, preparing for the arrival of the pilgrims on Sunday afternoon. Before the pilgrims arrive, I plan on making a few important Dominican stops during this short amount of free time that I'll have. This will include the celebration of Mass in the room of St. Dominic on Saturday afternoon at the Priory of Santa Sabina (which has been the headquarters of the Dominican Order dating back to the 13th century); then a Saturday evening visit with Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, O.P., who ordained me a priest in 2022 (and who served for many years in the Dominican Province of St. Joseph); and finally a Sunday morning visit to the Angelicum, the Dominican university in Rome, where our own Fr. Raymund Snyder is now teaching, and where Fr. Charles Shonk is completing his doctoral dissertation. Hopefully, I'll have a little reunion with some of our former parochial vicars.

Once the pilgrims arrive, we will start visiting many of the holy sites of Rome, including the four major basilicas, and also touring some of the relics of ancient Rome. This Wednesday, we will be honored to attend the General Audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. Then on Thursday, we will make our way to Lourdes, and on Friday morning, I'll be celebrating Mass at the Basilica. Later that day, we'll make our way to Fatima, where we'll conclude the pilgrimage and return next Monday. Thank you to everyone who entered your prayer intentions in the book that I left in the Gallery; I will be bringing you along on this pilgrimage in prayer! For regular updates from the pilgrimage, be sure to follow our St. Patrick Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcolumbus>.

This week will also mark a special time for the priests of the Diocese of Columbus, as they will be gathering for the priests' convocation. Father Michael and Fr. Cornelius will be going to represent St. Patrick's, and Fr. Paul Keller will be there ahead of time and working the convocation, overseeing all the liturgical celebrations for Bishop Fernandes. Please keep the priests of the Diocese in prayer this week. We will still continue to have our regular Mass, confession, and adoration schedule, as Fr. Edmund will be staying behind, and Fr. Hayes, Fr. Blau, and Fr. Juan Macias will be covering in the parish.

Over the last month, a couple maintenance repairs have led to some welcome discoveries, and we may end up not replacing what we took out. First, the green awning that had been positioned over the front doors of the church was in need of replacement, as the cloth was tearing in a few places. However, when the awning was removed, it made the full architecture and design of the front of the church visible once again, which includes the windows

above the doors, and capitals on the columns on either side of the doors. Not only that, but the removal of the awning is allowing a flood of natural light to bathe the narthex, which passes into the church through the glass doors. One Tuesday afternoon during adoration, this natural light was shining all the way up to the sanctuary! I've decided that we will not replace the awning, but allow this element of the church's architecture to be shown in all its glory. While the awning served some practical purposes when the front doors were used as a regular entrance, it only covered a few feet, so it hasn't been serving the purpose of covering people during inclement weather (in the event of rain or snow, one can always find cover in the Gallery and its attached vestibule).

A second change has been the removal of the area rug in the sanctuary, which was installed during the church renovations in 2003. The rug was badly worn from years of foot traffic, wax stains, and burn marks from incense charcoals. A number of parishioners have been approaching me over the last couple of years about replacing this rug, and it was clear that the time had come for its removal. However, I'm not sure yet if we'll replace it. An area rug in a church sanctuary is simply a design accent and is not required. Without a rug in the sanctuary, we are able to see the wooden floor in all its splendor. No rug may also help amplify the sound of the priests and lectors, as a rug can absorb the sound of their voices. We'll see – I haven't made a final decision yet on whether we should replace the rug, and would like to test out this new look for a few months.

Speaking of the church building and its architecture – this Thursday marks the 172nd anniversary of the dedication of St. Patrick Church. If you come to Mass here that day, it will be celebrated as a solemnity in the parish (and you can obtain a plenary indulgence for visiting the church, under the usual conditions, and reciting an Our Father and the Creed).

God bless you,  
Fr. Paul, O.P.

#### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Taylor Given and Max Petrosky – September 6, 2025  
Isabella Walter and Samuel Seibert – September 13, 2025



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Joseph Dominic McLean, Son of Matthieu and Eileen (Adamo) McLean – September 14, 2025

#### BULLETIN DEADLINES

Deadline for October 5 is September 26  
Deadline for October 12 is October 3

**PLEASE NOTE EARLY DEADLINE for October 19 is October 8**

Submit at: [keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



### SATURDAY, September 20

5:00 p.m. +Ronald Hawk

### SUNDAY, September 21 –

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 a.m. +Jerry Bricker

9:00 a.m. Patrick Connolly

10:30 a.m. +Dorothy Felice

12:00 p.m. Pro Populo

### MONDAY, September 22

7:00 a.m. Medjugorje Pilgrimage

11:45 a.m. For the Deceased Brothers, Sisters, Parents,  
Familiars, and Benefactors of  
the Order of Preachers

### TUESDAY, September 23 – *St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)*

7:00 a.m. Sr. Leonarda Zielinska, O.P.

11:45 a.m. +Jonathon Walden

### WEDNESDAY, September 24

7:00 a.m. +Harper and +Fletcher  
from Annunciation Catholic Church

11:45 a.m. +David Lampe

### THURSDAY, September 25 – ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH (S)

7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Annunciation Church

11:45 a.m. Lygie “Leah” Wilson

### FRIDAY, September 26 – *SS. Cosmas and Damian (M)*

7:00 a.m. Emmanuel Okoroafor

11:45 a.m. +Mary Jo Bergen

### SATURDAY, September 27 – *St. Vincent de Paul (M)*

7:00 a.m. +Wilfred DeSain

5:00 p.m. +Janet Baird

### SUNDAY, September 28 –

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 a.m. +Roseann Morack

9:00 a.m. Leslie Wolf

10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. +Ruth Higgins



### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

You're invited to the Women's Book Group for Teresa of Avila's classic, *The Interior Castle*, with Dan Burke's, *Devil in the Castle: St. Teresa of Avila, Spiritual Warfare, and the Progress of the Soul*, Wednesday mornings (began September 10).

We will pray the Rosary at 9:45 a.m., with discussion and sharing following from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Purchasing books optional; podcasts available on the Discerning Hearts app.

Call, text or email Barbara Distelhorst at 614-595-2482 or [babdistelhorst@gmail.com](mailto:babdistelhorst@gmail.com) with any questions.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sunday, September 21

10:15 a.m. CCD (2nd Fl., Lower Level, AH)

11:45 a.m. First Communion Parent Meeting (PH)

1:15 p.m. Baptisms (Gallery)

### Tuesday, September 23

12:15-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 p.m. Fast Fingerprinting (AH)

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group  
(Ch., Lib., PH)

### Wednesday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group (AH)

7:00 p.m. OCIA (AH)

7:00 p.m. Martha Mary Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Choir (PH)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Lib., DePorres)

### Thursday, September 25

9:30 a.m. Martha Mary Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Christ in the City (Church)

### Friday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. All Night Vigil for Vocations

### Saturday, September 27

Angelic Warfare Confraternity Enrollments after 5:00 p.m.  
Mass

7:30 a.m. That Man Is You (Plank's)

2:00 p.m. Wedding

### Sunday, September 28

2nd Collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Angelic Warfare Confraternity Enrollments after All Masses

10:15 a.m. CCD (2nd Fl., Lower Level, AH)

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (PH)

12:00 p.m. Newcomers Mixer Planning Meeting  
(Kolbe)

1:15 p.m. Baptisms (Gallery)

## SEVERAL FRIARS AWAY THIS WEEK

Please note that in addition to Fr. Paul Marich being away on pilgrimage, Fr. Michael, Fr. Cornelius, and Fr. Paul Keller will also be away from Monday through Friday this week for the Diocesan Priests' Convocation. Father Edmund will be staying behind, and Fr. Hayes, Fr. Blau, and Fr. Juan Macias will be generously covering in the parish this week. We will still have our regular Mass and confession schedule this week, and a friar will be on call with the emergency hospital phone at all times. However, the friars will not be readily available for appointments during the week ahead. Since many parishes will be cancelling their weekday Masses and confessions this week because of the Convocation, we anticipate larger crowds for both Mass and confessions, so please plan accordingly, as parking may become tight.



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Rev. P.D. Marich, O.P., Present Pastor, with Altar Boys

2025

# St. Patrick Altar Boy Program

## MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR **NEW ACOLYTES (grades 5-8)**

*MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS*

Saturday, October 4th from 9:00am-12:00pm  
Saturday, October 11th from 9:00am-12:00pm  
Saturday, October 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm

### **PRACTICE MASS EXAM**

Saturday, October 25th beginning at 9:00am  
(individual start times will vary)

## MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR **NEW HEAD SERVERS (grades 9-12)**

Saturday, October 11th from 12:30pm-4:00pm

Pizza will be served at 12:00pm for new head servers.

**REGISTER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th**

For more information, email Fr. Paul Marich at [frpaulmarich@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:frpaulmarich@stpatrikcolumbus.org), or call him at (614) 240-5917

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### BAPTISM CLASS FOR FIRST-TIME PARENTS

The next session will be Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please register in the parish office by October 6. Future classes will take place on the second Wednesday of each month.

### PRIEST CONVOCATION 2025

From September 22-26, more than 120 priests in our diocese will gather for a biannual priest convocation. Please join us in covering our priests in prayer so that their time together may be fruitful and inspired. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer for our priests.  
<http://bit.ly/3Vb8yWV>.



### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that the Ohio background check is only valid for 5 years? If your most recent background check was done **prior to January 2, 2021**, new fingerprints and a background check must be completed. To facilitate this process, we are having a fingerprinting event by FastFingerprints on Tuesday, September 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall. A smartphone is recommended for on-site registration but not required. Space is limited so please sign up by calling the parish office or by emailing [anamariabott@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:anamariabott@stpatrikcolumbus.org).

### ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY

Enrollments in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity will be offered after every Mass the weekend of September 27/28. The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and prayer, dedicated to pursuing chastity under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### CHORUS ANGELORUM

St. Patrick's parishioner Sarah Schutte will be taking over leadership of the Chorus Angelorum for the 2025-2026 school year. This opportunity is open to children ages 8-17. If you have sons interested in choir but worried about conflicts with the serving schedule, they are welcome to do both. Serving can take precedence over choir as needed.

Beginning October 5, choir rehearsal will be held Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. Full schedules, along with other details, will be sent out to all registered families on September 29.

If you would like your child to join Chorus Angelorum, please contact Sarah Schutte at [sarahschutte@gmail.com](mailto:sarahschutte@gmail.com) and include your child's name and age.



Little Flower Showers is hosting a baby shower for Briyana on Saturday, October 4th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall. Please join us in celebrating Briyana, a 26-year-old single mom who has shown remarkable courage in choosing life for her third child.

Briyana became a mom at just 16, working hard to finish high school while raising her son. Soon after, she welcomed a daughter and has spent the past several years providing for her children on her own. Now expecting again, Briyana faced many difficulties, but through the support of Mommies Matter she found encouragement to continue forward.

This is exactly why Little Flower Showers exists: to surround mommies in need with practical help, encouragement, and community, so that no mommy feels she must face her pregnancy alone. This shower is our chance to let Briyana see and feel that she and her baby are loved by God and supported by our community.

We hope everyone can join us. Please see the above invitation for a link to Briyana's Amazon gift registry. Thank you so much! If you have any questions or would like to get more involved in Little Flower Showers, please call Wei Kozlowski at 614-439-3033.



## LOVE TO SING?

Want to learn more about singing and sacred music? No experience is necessary, learn as you go in a friendly and supportive group.

**Who:** Men and Women ages 15 and older

**What:** Parish Choir!

**Where:** Patrick Hall, typically.

**When:** Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning on September 17, 2025. General commitment is one rehearsal per week, two Sundays a month plus major feasts and some special liturgies.

**Why:** Because "Music is the exaltation of the mind derived from things eternal, bursting forth in sound." (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**How:** Join us! Contact Kathleen Tully, Director of Music at 614-224-9522, ext. 152 or [kathleen@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:kathleen@stpatrikcolumbus.org).

## BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

Do you know someone who is suffering from a past abortion? Find compassion and understanding at Bethesda Healing Ministry. Contact us at 614-309-0157 or 614-718-0277 for more information. All calls are confidential.



## CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Please join us on this spiritual journey. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kolbe classroom.

We pray the Dominican Rosary and listen to a presentation from our Chaplain, Fr. Edmund, or another Dominican friar. All are welcome! Contact Beth Atkinson with any questions at 740-404-1913 or [bethatkinson@msn.com](mailto:bethatkinson@msn.com).

Please join the Rosary Confraternity in praying the Dominican Rosary every weekend on Saturday evenings at 4:30 before the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday mornings at 8:30 before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Dominican Rosary cards are located near the Rosary stand in the Gallery. We sit in the pews in front of the Marian statue in church.



## WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

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resources for those seeking freedom from alcoholism and drug addiction. For more information, please visit: [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com) or contact Jon at 614-588-4022 or [circolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:circolumbus@gmail.com).

If you cannot attend on Wednesdays, please join us at St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, OH 43235 on Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

## JOIN THE SISTERS FOR *ORA ET LABORA*

8353 Pleasant Chapel Road, Newark, OH 43056

The Sisters of Children of Mary will be hosting a day of prayer and work on their land in Newark, Ohio on October 11 and November 8. The day begins with Mass in their chapel at 8:30 a.m. Work will be offered for Dads, Moms, children and anyone who is willing to help them glorify God through service. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 p.m. The day ends after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. The Sisters are so grateful for your help! Please call 740-323-1977 to RSVP.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, October 3 at St. Patrick Church for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father William Hahn, Vicar General of the Diocese and Director of Priestly Life and Vocations. Father Hahn will speak about the current state of vocations for the Columbus Diocese. St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the October luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at [dkilano@aol.com](mailto:dkilano@aol.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Hahn's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon on Friday, November 7, 2025 will feature the annual address to the CMLC by the Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Please mark your calendar.**

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**THOUGHTS ON ADORATION**

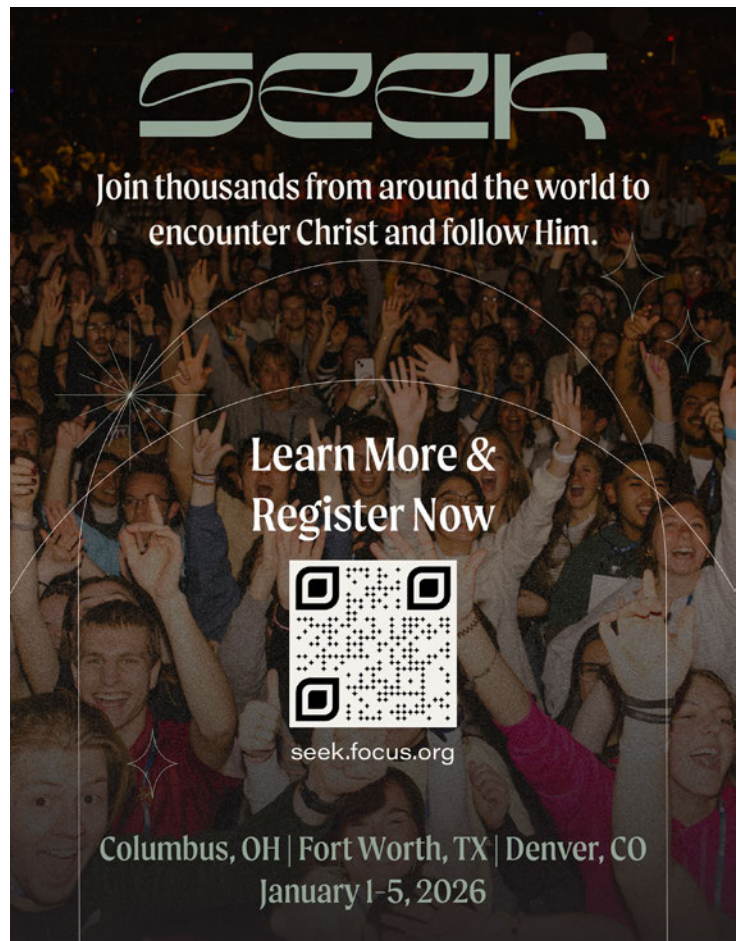
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*The following article was written by Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P., and was originally published in The Catholic Times on September 4, 2025. Father Keller serves as the Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Columbus and resides here at St. Patrick Priory. This article is reprinted with his kind permission.*

**Dear Father,**

**We don't have a Saturday vigil Mass in my church. I thought every church had to have one. I don't know if the bishop knows about this situation and I don't want to get my priest in trouble. I wanted your opinion about if I should talk to my priest about this. Thanks.**

**-Sam**

Dear Sam,

The short answer is no, you don't necessarily need to talk with your priest about this particular situation. And, no, typically the Saturday evening Mass is not a vigil Mass. And, no, not every parish needs one. And, no, you don't need to go to the bishop, and, no, you wouldn't get him in trouble even if you did contact the bishop.

A Saturday evening Mass is not really a "vigil" Mass unless it happens to be the Saturday night before Easter Sunday or the night before special solemnities in the Church. The word vigil comes from the Latin *vigilia*, meaning a watchfulness, staying awake, being alert. At a vigil Mass, we are watching for the actual day of the feast to arrive. Vigil Masses mark very important times for us to be alert to God's power in our lives.

The typical Saturday evening Mass is properly referred to as a Mass of Anticipation or an Anticipated Sunday Mass. When Saturday evening Masses became common, they received the wrong name: Vigil. And, unfortunately, the name has stuck.

Interestingly, the origin of Saturday evening Masses is tied to the beginning of changes to the Eucharistic fasting laws, according to author Shawn Tunink. Prior to 1957, Catholics were required to fast beginning at midnight if they were to receive Holy Communion.

Clearly, if you wanted to eat on Sunday morning or even have Sunday lunch, you would go to the earliest possible Mass. Most, if not all, would have found it unthinkable to go to Communion at a late Mass on account of the fasting requirement.

However, in 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the Eucharistic fast to three hours. This opened the possibility for planning to receive Communion at a later Mass, even at an evening Mass, especially for people forced to work on Sunday mornings.

In the 1960s, some European dioceses requested permission for Saturday evening Masses that would fulfill the Sunday obligation, which the Holy See granted. In the United States, our bishops asked for and received permission for Saturday evening Masses in the 1970s. Now the Vatican permission is inscribed in the current Code of Canon Law (#1248).

People have claimed that the Saturday evening Mass was permitted because we have inherited the Jewish practice of celebrating the beginning of a day on the previous evening. The apologist, John Grondelski, maintains that the Saturday evening Mass permission from Rome had nothing to do with Jewish reckoning of time. Instead, it was merely a legal decision.

In fact, according to Tunink, when Saturday evening Masses began, they were called anticipated Masses. They are not truly "vigil" Masses. A vigil Mass actually refers to what Grondelski calls a "self-contained liturgy." The most obvious example is the Easter Vigil, the mother of all (true) vigils. It is self-contained in that it has its own set of Scripture readings and Mass prayers that differ from those of Easter Sunday. The same happens with the Pentecost Vigil.

Likewise, there are true vigil Masses to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the Nativity of our Lord, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Other solemn feast days, like Sundays, may have anticipated Masses the evening before.

The difference between a vigil and an anticipated Mass is more than semantics. Words matter. Even if this is not the most pressing distinction needed in the Church, it is important because of what a true vigil represents.

Grondelski points out that when the Holy See permitted anticipated Sunday Masses, it was concerned that we not dilute the preeminence of Sunday itself. Sunday is the Lord's Day because on it He rose from the dead in order to re-create us. The danger is that people use the anticipated Mass to "get Mass out of the way." Sunday then becomes a day to do whatever I want rather than to keep holy the Lord's day, as God tells us in the Third Commandment. Recreational activity is not forbidden, but must find its proper place after the worship of God on Sunday.



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