

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:20



This weekend's Gospel reading jumps ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Just before our reading for this weekend is the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod.

Upon hearing the news of the death of his cousin, John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions - five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1324) describes the Eucharist, i.e., the Sacrifice of the Mass, as "the source and summit of the Christian life." It's the *source*, because the Eucharist enables us to *make present and offer anew* Jesus Christ's one redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary, which began with his Passion. It's the *summit*, because the Eucharist is truly a foretaste of heaven, in which we partake of Jesus' body blood as heaven and earth become most profoundly one.

When we receive the Eucharist, it ought to be an occasion for our continued conversion, initiated and sustained by God's grace. This requires that we recognize the Eucharist as both the *source* and *summit* of our lives. We run the risk of underestimating the heights of the summit of Christian life if we underestimate the depths of Christian life; we also need to keep in our thoughts the pierced side of Christ, from which water and blood flowed forth on the cross at Calvary.



Msgr.
Fairbanks



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Lillian Black

8:30am ~ Jack and Patsy Whalen

10:30am ~ Nguyen Family

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:00am ~ Cecilia Croul

*** *Monday Adoration will resume in September*

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00am ~ Joseph Fitzgerald

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:00am ~ Joseph and Gilda DeGrazia

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am ~ Michael Schlacter

Friday, August 7, 2026

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Saint Cajetan, Priest

8:00am ~ Msgr. Joseph Tracy

Saturday, August 8, 2026

5:00pm ~ Catherine and Henry Azeff

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Marie Lanzetti



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in your unfailing love,
You provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve
the Church of Philadelphia as priests, deacons,
and religious brothers and sisters.
Inspire all those called
to give a generous response.
Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service
call your people to respond
to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
that we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free,
and renew the face of the earth!

SPECIAL COLLECTION **WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15-16, 2026**

The powerful earthquakes last month in Venezuela ravaged vast regions of that country resulting in a devastating loss of life, thousands of injuries, and destruction of personal property and infrastructure on a massive scale. In the wake of this natural disaster, Archbishop Nelson Perez is asking that parishes consider assisting the Venezuelan people in two ways. First, we lift up in prayer all those who are suffering and mourning at this time. Second, we can provide for the many needs of those reeling in the wake of the earthquakes by financially supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief agency of the Catholic Church in the US. To that end, all parishes are asked to take up a special second collection during the weekend of August 15-16, 2026. This collection provides an opportunity for all in the Catholic Church of Philadelphia to serve as the compassionate hands of Christ for our brothers & sisters facing immense hardship in South America.

**Thank you in advance for your consideration of
our Second Collection on August 15-16.**

OPENING OF THE 2027 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY

The 2027 Mass Book for Announced Masses for the deceased will open at the Rectory beginning on
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
during business hours Mondays thru Thursdays only
(8:30am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Mondays thru Thursdays; not Fridays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory at
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St. Hilary of Poitiers School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded are made available to all students of our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, or in any school administered program.

USED UNIFORM SALE is on Thursday, August 13 in the Parish Center from 6-7pm (cash or check only).

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⚾	JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
⚾	VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Msgr. Fairbanks at the Rectory if you or anyone you know might be interested.



PREP REGISTRATION

(Parish Religious Education Program)
AT ST. HILARY PARISH

PREP registration for 2026-2027 is now underway. Classes are on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

***** You need to register online by going to the parish website:**

www.sthilarypoitiers.org

Follow the prompts for "PREP" once you are on the parish website. You can drop off payment in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory. Please mark your envelope "PREP". Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism certificate, which can also be dropped off or mailed. If you have questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!

***** The PREP Program is in need of a 4th Grade Assistant. If interested, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com.**

ST. HILARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Bricks were recently purchased and installed in front of Church in the Memorial Garden:



Remembering With Love
Erik Sermarini

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Pierce and Bridie Winters

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In Memory of Oscar Coulston

Thank You for 22 Years at St. Hilary Parish
Father Kevin P. Murray

ST. HILARY
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GENERAL COUNCIL
DEGREE MEETING



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
7:00pm IN THE PARISH CENTER

All men - members and those interested -
are welcome!

The hand of the
Lord feeds us;
He answers all
our needs.

WE CONTINUE TO GIVE
THANKS FOR
FATHER MURRAY!
HIS 22 YEARS AT
ST. HILARY PARISH WILL
BE LONG REMEMBERED!
GOD BLESS HIM IN
HIS RETIREMENT!



The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2026



Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples. There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen "except when the Son of Man had

risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent - a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration - we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

The following are some thoughts...one of which you may connect with for further reflection.

- * A friend is a person who listens attentively while you say nothing.
- * The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail, not his tongue.
- * Deal with each other's faults as gently as if they were your own.
- * No man/woman is worthy of your tears. But when you find one who is, they won't make you cry.
- * Thinking well is wise...planning well is wiser...but doing well is wisest.
- * If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.
- * Just because the message might not ever be received does not mean it wasn't worth sending.
- * Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.
- * Respect is what we owe; love is what we give.
- * People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.
- * Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- * God won't ask how much overtime you worked. He will ask if you did work overtime for your loved ones and family.



"Working for Christ"

*To do the work of Christ is really quite simple.
It means to be faithful in little things,
for to be faithful in little things is a big thing.*

*It means to do one's task,
no matter how humble it may be,
not only thoroughly but joyfully.*

*It means to make oneself available,
yet never to seek the limelight.*

*It means to strive to make oneself useful
without seeking to push oneself.*

*It means to carry one's burden,
without, as far as possible,
becoming a burden on
others.*

*In a word it means to be at
one's post, helpful and
faithful, loyal and constant.*

(Saint Mother Teresa)



Congratulations to

Kaley Przybylinski and Levi Murphy
who were married last weekend
in St. Hilary Church!



PRAYER LINE

Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick, please call Virginia at 215-663-1418.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Maura Murphy, Gregory Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntowski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci, John McGahey

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

Parochial Administrator ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

Pastor Emeritus ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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BAPTISM: Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. Please email or call the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory at least six months before the desired date.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

July 26, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$4,835

Electronic Giving: \$2,092

Total: \$6,927

July 27, 2025

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