



BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE



REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEART

By Fr. Ivan Olmo

"He is in your power". The fear of being powerless, of being without power or control, unable to influence others in matters or situations of most importance to us, unfortunately, already renders us powerless, helpless, without a means or a cause to effect any change or influence others. We dread being powerless, that is at the mercy of another. Perhaps we might not have been as merciful as our Heavenly Father has asked us to be or the fact that others have taken advantage of our good works, acts of kindness and charity or we simply dislike not being in the driver's seat or having influence or control. Either way, the thought of not being in control or having to rely on another's charity or worst being indebted to another's mercy for whatever reason is simply a most frightening thought, a terrible thought indeed. For the most part, we like to believe that we are always in control of most of all our daily situations, the people we encounter, our sphere of influence. We like to boast how we handled a certain situation, told another what to do or were able to get someone to change their mind, give way to your command or do what you demanded after you yelled or screamed, raised up your voice, pointed your finger, or slammed the door. Sound familiar? Beginning to sound like a person that is powerless and has lost control? The fear of being powerless, helpless, or losing control causes us to want to take immediate action, to dominate the scene, act with a sense of urgency, take control of the moment in a spirit of self-reliance, relying solely on self. Trusting only yourself and relying on no one else.



For our mindset is to never become needy or rely on anyone else. For who can do it better? Who could know better? Who will treat you better than yourself? I simply love the helplessness and powerlessness of God. Who better than the Lord knows our self-seeking nature, our selfish ambition, the fear caused by sin and the nasty effects of powerlessness and yet in his incarnation, throughout his hidden years, in his presentation, baptism, ministry, agony, passion, death and resurrection, our Lord graciously made himself powerless; entrusting himself to our poor, impoverished, weak humanity. Jesus graciously, freely, without fear or trepidation, handed himself over to all humanity, to betrayers, to sinners and saints as well. Our poor Jesus freely handed himself over to the controlling power of man – helpless, powerless, needy, trustingly and in love.

BASILICA HOURS

MON - FRI 8:30AM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY 10:00AM - 7:00PM
SUNDAY 7:00AM - 2:00PM

DAILY MASS

MON - FRI 9:00AM & 12:00PM
SATURDAY 12:00PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY
6:00PM (WITH BASILICA CHOIR)

SUNDAY
8:00AM

10:00AM, 12:00PM
(WITH BASILICA CHOIR)

2:30PM (POLISH MASS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY - FRIDAY
10:00AM - 11:30 AM
2:00PM - 4:00PM

SATURDAY
10:00AM - 4:00PM

SUNDAY
9:00AM - 12:00 PM

GIFT SHOP

MON - FRI 9:30AM - 4:00PM
SATURDAY 11:30AM - 7:00PM
SUNDAY 8:00AM - 2:00PM

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*Our next
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Saturday, September 13th, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 am † Maureen Ambrogio

10:00 am † Marie Benenati

12:00 pm † Frances Byrne

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00 am † Arnold Joseph Seyden, Jr.

12:00 pm † Audley Dennis Aarons

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00 am Alexander Zimilevich

12:00 pm † Thomas Winter

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00 am Julian Rivera Gibson

12:00 pm Kendall Gedeon

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00 am † Gregory Anthony Stasik

12:00 pm Felix Humay & Magaly Mendoza

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 22, 2025

9:00 am † Kieran Patel

12:00 am † Vincent F. Maher

6:00 pm † William John Oliver

Saturday, August 23, 2025

12:00 pm † Suzanne Severance

6:00 pm † Patrick James Zangrilli

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We ask your prayerful consideration that together as a family we might do whatever our Lord asks us to maintain and enhance this beautiful sacred space for greater opportunity for worship, thanksgiving, prayer and praise. We thank you for your ongoing kindness and your prayerful support.

God's peace and blessings always, Fr. Ivan

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PRAYER TO JESUS

Jesus hears the prayer of faith, expressed in words or in silence. The urgent request of the blind men, "Have mercy on us, Son of David" has been renewed in the traditional prayer to Jesus known as the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Healing infirmities or forgiving sins, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith. (CCC # 2616)

(Catechism of the Catholic Church / Part Four / Chapter One / Article 2)

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