



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



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEART

By Fr. Ivan Olmo

"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." Humility is so difficult for us. Not because it is a difficult thing to do, humility is our destiny, our inmost created nature, the source of our created being, but because we tend to see it as a weakness, as something to be scorned, avoided, dreaded at all costs. We believe, or rather we have come to believe by the bias of society and the teaching of our upbringing, that being humble is not for us but for them, the poor and weak. We are taught from a very young age to become independent, self-assured, self-reliant, confident, strong-willed, and proud. Be happy, be successful, be free. Become what you want or desire. Become anything you wish but avoid being considered helpless or needy. Pride unfortunately, for many, is the object of our affection, the source of our decisions and the goal we seek to attain. We want others to be proud of us, we take pride in our accomplishments, we celebrate with pride the winning team but at what cost? Can we be proud without being overly inflated? Can we be happy of our accomplishments without boasting excessively about it? Can we celebrate the winning team without humiliating the other team, opponent, or player? Pride is about the ego. It feeds, inflates, and over encourages the self. Pride nourishes selfishness, it feeds arrogance, and it mocks everyone else for who can do it better than you? Who can possibly be better than you who in your eyes and mind are considered the best, so much better than everyone else? Pride is mirror seeking, accomplish noting, an attention grabber and a title stealer. Who wants that? A prideful person.



Humility on the other hand, is unnoticed, quiet, unassuming, in the background always not seeking fame or attention but ready to lend a helping hand. Humility mirrors and models God for God so loved the world he sent his only Son. Jesus so loves the Father and all the created world that he humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. Jesus humbled himself in the Incarnation, his baptism, throughout his ministry, as he washed his disciple's feet, was rejected by family, priests, close friends, and distant enemies. Jesus remains humble in every prayer, when the Gospel is proclaimed, Mass is celebrated, Communion distributed, mercy served and in every creature who chooses another god or fails to pray. Jesus even remains humble when you're mad at him.

### 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 - 12:00 PM  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**SATURDAY**  
10:00AM - 4:00PM

**SUNDAY**  
9:00AM - 12:00 PM

### GIFT SHOP

MON - FRI 9:30AM - 4:00PM  
SATURDAY 10:00AM - 7:00PM  
SUNDAY 8:00AM - 2:00PM

### RECTOR

Very Reverend Ivan Olmo

### PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Julian Bednarz, S.D.S.

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Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 am † Carmen Abreu de la Cruz  
10:00 am † James Olivent  
12:00 pm † John Mahoney

### Monday, September 1, 2025

9:00 am Maxime Gedeon  
12:00 pm † Linda Spessot

### Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:00 am † Jesus Cuesta  
12:00 pm Larry and Julie Scalise

### Wednesday, September 3, 2025

9:00 am Christopher Coleman  
12:00 pm † Vicente and Fe Cuesta

### Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 am † Richard Cotter, Jr. PHD.  
12:00 pm Therese Sailor

### Friday, September 5, 2025

9:00 am † Augustin Echavez  
12:00 pm Lee and Cindy Evers

### Saturday, September 6, 2025

12:00 pm † Caden Michael Dungca  
6:00 pm Mike and Jen Howard

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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 AS GOD'S GIFT

He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God." (CCC #2559)

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine."

### "THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY"

The bells installed on the Chapel's Tower, were cast in Italy using traditional methods and techniques dating back to the late Renaissance, to the year 1565. The first ecclesiastical use of bells was to announce the hour of church services. Unfortunately, at the moment, our Church Bells are unable to ring awaiting repair of one of the mechanisms that will allow them to sing again. Please remember us in your generosity and in your prayers.

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