



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



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEART

By Fr. Ivan Olmo

"Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?" Knowing can be considered in part or truly perceived and conceived wholly as both gift and a blessing but also considered a curse, something to be avoided, frowned upon, is unreliable, should be negated as untrue. True knowledge, the kind that comes from the heart, is inspired by Jesus, given to us by the Holy Spirit, can never change or be adapted or conformed to our own personal logic or reasoning but rather, leads us to the greatest gifts of freedom, goodness, beauty, trust, and truth. This knowledge, of knowing God really, more intimately, from the heart and not simply from books helps us to better understand and acknowledge who we are and who we are meant to be. We are God's beloved children, his prized possession, guarded as the apple of his eye, the blessed fruit and work of his hands, the love of his life, the constant thought of his heart, what causes him to rejoice, celebrate and say, "I am your God, and you are my people." This knowledge is not faint or fading but growing and alive in us. Even if you don't believe it, fail to perceive it, choose not to understand it, or decide not to know it, it doesn't change the fact that it is all true.

God love us, he loves you with a love that is eternal that you could never change even if you choose to. Knowing the Lord, really knowing him as the eternal God head knowledge given to us in Spirit and Truth helps us to experience, truly experience the intimate felt knowledge given to us in Spirit and Truth in and through the Gospel, the Proclaimed



Word, in and through the Eucharist the Proclaimed Word made Flesh and in and through the Church, our Mother Mary, the Sacraments and All the Holy Angels and Saints, we truly encounter Christ, the Wisdom and Knowledge of God that suffers for love of us but loves us for the sake of knowing us. This knowledge heals what is broken and hurting, lifts what has fallen from grace, restores what was made ugly through sin, seeks out what is lost, stolen, or given away and brings back to life what has died in us. This knowledge wants you to know, believe and trust in the love God has for us and the personal, specific, and intimate love he has just for you. To truly know God this way, is to truly know 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 - 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.

Rev. Barthelemy Garçon, S.M.M.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 am † Judith Knapp  
10:00 am † Frances Jones  
12:00 pm Marc Alexandre

## Monday, September 8, 2025

9:00 am Father Anbu  
12:00 pm Father Anbu

## Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:00 am † Ernst Lormine  
12:00 pm Adam Ming

## Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 am Barbara Straven  
12:00 pm † Brandon Mann

## Thursday, September 11, 2025

9:00 am Angelica Esposito  
12:00 pm † Ken Tiggleman

## Friday, September 12, 2025

9:00 am † Isamaddin Rahaman  
12:00 pm Kathy and John Tucker

## Saturday, September 13, 2025

12:00 pm † Antonio Ridolfi  
6:00 pm Stanley Washington

# QUEENSHIP APPEAL

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*

### Fellowship Giving Levels:



#### Queenship

\$5000 annual Gift or \$500 Monthly



#### Assumption

\$2500 annual Gift or \$250 Monthly



#### Magnificat

\$1000 annual Gift or \$100 Monthly



#### Rosary

\$500 annual Gift or \$50 Monthly



#### Visitation

\$150 annual Gift or \$15 Monthly



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# WATERPROOFING THE EXTERIOR CHURCH BUILDING



We thank you for your prayerful support and your financial assistance as well as your loving patience throughout the summer months as the Basilica received a waterproof application to the exterior building as an added barrier to prevent future moisture and water intrusion. This safeguards the interior foundation and sacred space with an extra layer of protection to maintain the structure's integrity and longevity and preventing weather related damages to the interior church. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to care for our home away from home.

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*Fr. Ivan*

## Basilica CONCERT SERIES 2025 - 2026

**Felix Hell,**  
**Virtuoso Concert Organist**

Friday, October 17, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

An exciting evening with the Basilica's world class Schoenstein pipe organ featuring Felix' own transcription of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony!

Sponsored by  
Erin & John Hylltin and  
the Central Florida Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:00 am - 11:30 am Nazareth: A Spiritual Enrichment Series on Prayer

## Saturday, September 20, 2025

12:00 pm Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance

**Make a Tribute or Intention by sponsoring our Tabernacle Candle, Flowers, or Votives for the liturgical week from Sunday to Saturday**

If you would like to support us in the upcoming weeks, please scan here



# FAITH

Faith in God's love encompasses the call and the obligation to respond with sincere love to divine charity. The first commandment enjoins us to love God above everything and all creatures for him and because of him." (CCC #2093)

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