

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 16th, 2020



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 9:00AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

**\* Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 10:30AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

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# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*



**August 16, 2020**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28 [20th Sunday]  
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-36/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16 [St. John Eudes]  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 22:1-14 [St. Bernard]  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40 [St. Pius X]  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12 [Queenship of the Blessed Virgin]  
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 [21st Sunday]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 17th - The Adam & Pauline Bozek Family (Family)  
 Tues., Aug. 18th - Michael Abramczyk (Robert & Mary Jo Sulecki)  
 Wed., Aug. 19th - Jean & Stanley Markiewicz (Family)  
 Thurs., Aug. 20th - Joseph Zawistowski (Stan & Betty Bialomizy)  
 Fri., Aug. 21st - Fr. Ed Matuszak & Carole McFadden (Stanley Lipinski)  
 Sat., Aug. 22nd - For the People of Saint Stanislaus Parish (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., Aug. 23rd, 9:00AM - Helen Mikolajczak (Family)



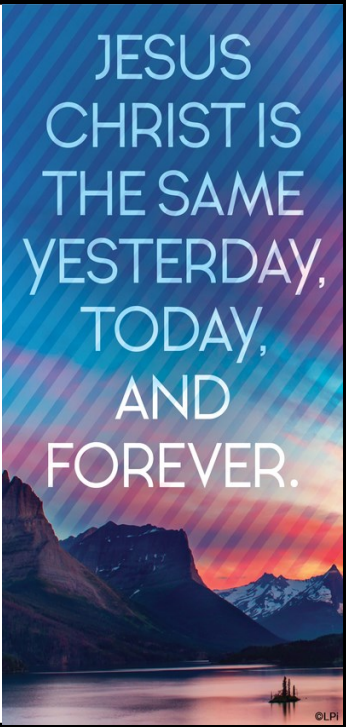
Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **HELEN & EDWARD MACIEJEWSKI** as gifted by Jacque & Ed Macie.

*"Just as Mary surpassed in grace all others on earth, so also in heaven is her glory unique. If eye has not seen or ear heard or the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9), who can express what He has prepared for the woman who gave Him birth and who loved Him, as everyone knows, more than anyone else?"*

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) - Doctor of Light Amoris.com

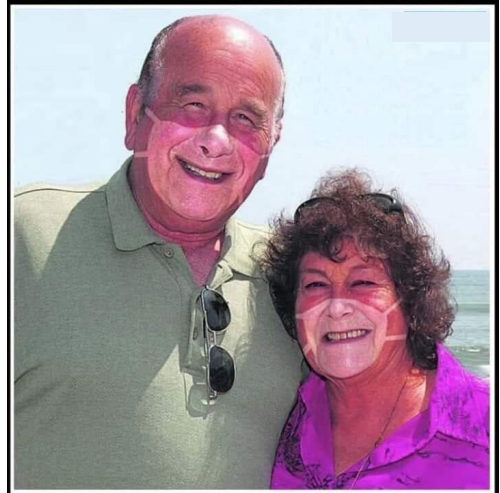
In the midst of the uncertainty in our world today, we are reminded that...

JESUS  
CHRIST IS  
THE SAME  
YESTERDAY,  
TODAY,  
AND  
FOREVER.



**YOU** are our neighbors. No matter who you **vote** for, your **skin** color, where you are **from**, your **faith**, or who you **love**, we will try to be **here** for you. That's what **community** means. Let's be neighbors.

**TED AND MARCIA JUST BACK FROM THEIR WONDERFUL HOLIDAY IN ITALY**



## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
 Pledges: \$33,320.00  
 Paid To Date: \$28,940.00

**Thank you** for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

## PARISH DAY 2020 CORRECTION ON DATE

Plans are underway to host a modified Parish Day on **OCTOBER 11th** (NOT the 18th, which was previously reported in last weekend's bulletin). A brief explanatory letter, with raffle tickets, have been (or soon will be sent) to all parishioners. We will feature a simplified menu for take out, as well as a Grand Raffle. We will also be selling baked goods and much help will be needed in this regard. Please continue following our bulletin as more details will be forthcoming.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 9, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$24,936.00
Amount Received	\$2,473.00	\$14,284.00
Net over/under	<b>(\$1,683.00)</b>	<b>(\$10,652.00)</b>

Mass Attendance: 46 (Covid Mass)

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Baked Goods are needed for the SSJ Soup Kitchen tomorrow, **August 17th**. As they are serving "take-out" only, they are asking for individually wrapped treats like "Hostess Twinkies" or "Little Debbie's" snack cakes. All donated goods can be dropped off at the church vestibule Sunday, August 16th between 9:00AM-Noon, or brought to the Nazareth Center on Monday, August 17th between 2:00-3:00PM.



# Holy Trinity Parish Community

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
my best wishes



August 18 - Samuel Otto  
August 19 - Bill Dyakon  
August 22 - Robert Dorau



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in thanksgiving of "ZABAWA 2020."

Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary, but it should not be an endless preoccupation. You must dwell also on the glad remembrance of God's loving-kindness; otherwise, sadness will harden the heart and lead it more deeply into despair.

- St Bernard

Feast Day  
August 20, 2020

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GENNESARET TYRE CANAANITE  
DAUGHTER DEVIL LOST  
SHEEP WOMAN HOUSEDOGS  
SCRAPS TABLE WELL



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 17th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families  
Tues., Aug. 18th - Al & Carolyn DiMattio  
Wed., Aug. 19th - The Souls in Purgatory  
Thurs., Aug. 20th - All Living & Deceased Fathers of Holy Trinity Parish  
Fri., Aug. 21st - Msgr. John Daniszewski  
Sat., Aug. 22nd - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
Sun., Aug. 23rd, 10:30AM - Edward Czulewicz (Parry, Ed, & Anna)

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for John Figurski on Friday, August 14th. The prayers of our parish family are extended to John and his loved ones.

A very special "thank you" to Bob Pelkowski, Bill Dyakon, Jack Kempisty, Eric Simora, Edie and Roman Luniewski, for the considerable hours they volunteered to prepare the parish grounds for Zabawa. Along with weeding and edging, they and our PCEP families spread 21 yards of mulch this weekend. Our grounds look terrific thanks to them!

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 9, 2020)

Regular Offertory: \$ 2,727.00 (32/146 mailed)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$18,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$14,190.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 1,497.00	\$12,510.00
Net (over/under):	(\$868.00)	(\$1,680.00)

## CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00

Pledges: \$24,567.00

Paid: \$22,967.00

Balance: \$1,630.00

\* 68 families have contributed to the 2020 CSA

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

- Matthew 15:22



## News for Our Partnership

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Last week, on August 10th, Fr. Jason resumed teaching his in-person classes at Gannon University. Consequently, he will not be available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 2:00PM.

### **COVID "ZABAWA-TO-GO"**

Next weekend, **Friday, August 21st from 5-9:00PM and Saturday, August 22nd from 2-8:00PM**, we will be hosting our annual Zabawa! This year, unfortunately, we will have no live entertainment, no table for people to gather around, no dancing or otherwise socializing. **BUT, we WILL have our traditional Polish fare and bakery available to-go!** See the bulletin insert for bakery pre-orders, as well as the menu and pricing being offered for Polish fare. There is also a map of the layout of the grounds so you can be aware ahead of time.

If anyone is interested in volunteering help, please contact Edie Luniewski 450-5780 ahead of time. We need to follow CDC guidelines by limiting to 25 the number of indoor volunteers, so we need to schedule accordingly.

Special thanks for all coordinating this herculean effort!

**SMACZNEGO!**

### **Covid-Zabawa 2020**

We *invite and encourage* anyone to assist us by preparing traditional Polish baked goods items to sell in our bakery: zucchini bread (plain and chocolate), banana bread, sweet bread, cookies (chocolate chip, sugar, peanut butter, nut crescents, oatmeal & raisin, apricot, no bakes), Fudge, Pizzelles, mini-pies, and bundt cakes. Please indicate what your donations are and if there are any nuts in them. They can be dropped off on August 20th between 4-7PM at Holy Trinity's Social Hall. Many thanks!

### **ST. MARK'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

Saint Mark's (695 Smithson Ave.) is planning on hosting their annual garage sale on:

August 19th, 20th, & 21st, from 8:30AM-4PM

August 22nd, from 8AM-Noon

\*Masks required; social distancing observed

### **MASS ATTENDANCE AND RESERVATIONS**

There doesn't seem to be a need any longer to make reservations; we are well under our "maximum capacity" at both parishes. If attendance begins to rise, we may have to resort back to making reservations.



### **WHY ARE WE EXPECTED TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH?**

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual

ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

8/6) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz; 8/17) Dave Slubowski; 8/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 8/19) Bill Dyakon; 8/20) OPEN - CALL THE OFFICE; 8/21) Darlene Vlahos, & Dorothy Mielnik; 8/22) Kathy Wisniewski

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

8/16) Fr. Rick Tomasone; 8/17) Fr. Johnathan Schmolt; 8/18) Msgr. Richard Stack; 8/19) Fr. John Murphy; 8/20) Fr. John Santor; 8/21) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 8/22) Fr. Marc Stockton

### Sunday, Aug 16, 2020

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#### Believe outside the box

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

*"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."*

A natural tension exists between the familiar and unfamiliar, the neighbor and stranger, our kind and every other kind. Even Jesus seems initially to have limited his mission to "the lost sheep" of Israel. A clever woman, a Canaanite, persuades him to think outside the box on this issue. Later, Saint Paul abandons the box altogether, taking the gospel to the Gentiles outright. We're the beneficiaries of that decision. These days, as we wrestle with how much we're obliged to share our land and its richness with others, we might consider the crumbs that fell from the table to us.

### Monday, Aug 17, 2020

#### Be a good steward

Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22

*"Sell what you have and give to the poor..."*

When it comes to Christian stewardship, there's an awful lot we are supposed to take care of—the whole world to be exact! Pope Francis said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" The key to stewardship is remembering that it's not ownership—your talents, your treasure, all of creation were bestowed on you. Show your gratitude to God by using them responsibly and sharing them with others lovingly and generously.

### Tuesday, Aug 18, 2020

#### Build a human economy

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

*"By your great wisdom applied... you have heaped up your riches."*

People's livelihoods have been hit by COVID-19's closure of workplaces. Protests over racial inequality shine an unforgiving light on economic inequality. The Catholic Church has a lot to say about how the economy should work to promote the common good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church denounces two economic extremes—communism's centralized control, but also capitalism's tendency to make individualism and the market into modern-day idols. Above all, let us remember what the U.S. Catholic Bishops have written: "The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy... A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring."

### Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

#### Beyond thank you

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

*"The last shall be first and the first shall be last."*

Today is World Humanitarian Day, a day established in 2018 by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the safety and security of humanitarian aid workers who step up in times of crises. If ever there is a year for us to honor and advocate for such workers, it is this year. As the world has faced a global pandemic, we have been challenged more than ever to recognize the essential workers in our midst who have risked their lives for our well-being. Today is a good day to think about ways to support humanitarian workers beyond a simple thank you through a donation, a call of advocacy to an elected official, or joining alongside them in their work.

### Thursday, Aug 20, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Faithful through thick and thin

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

*"Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"*

Today is the Memorial of Bernard of Clairvaux, whose impact on Europe in the 12th century was profound and whose influence lives on worldwide in Cistercian monasteries and Catholic theology. He was a scholar (whose books are still readily available), a skilled arbitrator, mystic, monk, reformer, and leader of Europe's second crusade (a violent venture that ended badly). Through his successes and mistakes, Bernard of Clairvaux aimed to follow Jesus. We are called to do the same. Do one thing today that puts your heart, mind, or skills to the service of God.

### Friday, Aug 21, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

#### The right of kings that was wrong

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

Shortly after the turn of the 20th century, Giuseppe Sarto was elected Pope Pius X, but not without controversy. The leading vote-getter of the papal conclave was Mariano Rampolla, but Polish Cardinal Jan Kosielsko exercised a veto in the name of Emperor Franz Joseph. That swung the vote to Sarto. It was the last time a reigning monarch exercised a longstanding right of veto in a papal conclave. Government interference in church leadership has always been an issue, though today less so in most (though not all) parts of the world. Pray for a worldwide church that answers to only one Lord, Jesus.

### Saturday, Aug 22, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### She wears her crown well

Ezekiel 43:1-7b; Matthew 23:1-12

*"Son of man, this is where my throne shall be."*

Though queenship is a concept quite foreign to a democratic society (especially one that threw off royal rulership at its founding!), when applied to Mary it can be understood as an expression of the Holy Mother's central role in the reign of God. Though today's feast, established in 1954, is quite recent in terms of the larger sweep of church history, associations of Mary with queenship go back to the angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary's son would inherit the throne of King David. Allow Mary to reign in your heart, especially at times when you are called on to take a leap of faith, as Mary certainly was when Gabriel revealed her mission to her.



