HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

AUGUST 16, 2026

THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next weekend we will have our annual Summer Mission Appeal. Our speaker this year is Fr. Savio Yerasani, and he will be speaking at all the Masses on Aug. 22-23. He composed a letter to share with our parish, and it is printed here below. His letter outlines who he is, the diocese he serves in India, and how your donation will help people in need there. Please prayerfully consider how you can help, and please plan to bring your Summer Mission Appeal envelope next weekend. You can also use the white "Mission Cooperation Plan" envelopes that can be found on the bulletin racks. And as Fr. Yerasani specifies in his letter, please make checks payable to Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish, and write "Diocese of Nellore, India Mission" in the memo line.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Sharing Christ's Love Across the World
A Message from Fr. Savio Yerasani
Diocese of Nellore, India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, I will have the privilege of visiting your parish as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal. My name is **Fr. Savio Yerasani** from the Diocese of Nellore in South India.

The Diocese of Nellore serves a total population of nearly **8.2 million people** living across hundreds of villages, among whom nearly **100,000 are Catholics**. Many families struggle with poverty, unemployment, sickness, and lack of education. Yet in the midst of these hardships, the Church continues to be a source of faith, hope, and compassion. Following the example of Christ, we extend our pastoral, educational, medical, and charitable services to everyone who comes to us for support, regardless of religion, caste, or background.

Through the grace of God and the generosity of benefactors, our Diocese carries out many charitable ministries among the poorest of the poor:

- Catholic schools with **154 teachers educating more than 5,200 children**
- Boarding homes caring for nearly **1,500 poor children**
- English-medium schools in remote villages to provide quality education for poor families
- Homes for mentally and physically challenged children
- Care and education for deaf and speech-impaired children
- Three rehabilitation centers serving more than **125 leprosy-affected families**

Scholarships for poor students and housing assistance for struggling families

Your support becomes food for the hungry, education for children, shelter for the homeless, and hope for families in need.

If you are interested in supporting our mission, please do so through your generous donations. You may donate by cash or by writing a check payable to **Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish**, and in the memo line please write: **"Diocese of Nellore, India Mission."** Donations may be placed in the collection basket on the day of the appeal or during the following weeks.

I humbly invite you to join us next weekend and hear firsthand how your kindness and generosity are changing lives through the love of Christ.

Thank you for keeping our mission in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday—August 15th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Angeline & Marion Danhoffer
Mary Schmitz

Sunday—August 16th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Joseph Ferrara
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
Ann Kusiak
Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol
Mitch Hodyl
Jerry Hodyl
Darrick Samocik
60th Wedding Anniversary—Tony & Donna Rae Siekierski
11:30—Jackie Vieceli
60th Wedding Anniversary—John & Lorraine Schweihs
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

Monday—August 17th
8:30—Pat Sullivan

Tuesday—August 18th
8:30—Charles Wagner
Carol Heidorn
Helen Caflish

Wednesday—August 19th
8:30— Thomas & Margaret Ridgeway
Maria Melesio

Thursday—August 20
8:30am—Mary Ann Pearch
Joan B. Willems

Saturday—August 22nd
4:30—Chris Benesch
Angeline Abatangelo
Consetta Pistono
Howard Schmitz
Jimmy Hendrickson
Casry & Tony Powyszynski

Sunday—August 23rd
9:30—Joseph Pavone
Thomas Griffin
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
11:30—Nora Moore
Paul Kirchen
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

August 22nd & 23rd	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Char Fiore	Dorothy Brown	Liz Lynch
Communion Ministers	C. Widuch M. Widuch W. Bernacki	N. Figueroa M. Michalowski R. Klug	Z. Kirchen L. Louis—Charles K. Lima
Altar Servers	L. Trischan D. Tajstryk	S. Cervantes M. Morgan	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas G. Kitlas

Hypod Winner

August 10, 2026
$100 Winner—
Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is the process by which adults prepare to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The OCIA provides the opportunity to grow in the faith, supported by the community of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish. You begin with a period of Inquiry followed by weekly Mass attendance, study of the faith, practices and doctrines of the Catholic Church, which leads to your initiation through either Baptism or a Profession of Faith, and the reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are considering joining the Church, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who is considering joining, consider extending an invitation to them! Have questions, need additional information, not sure if you should participate? Contact the rectory at (847) 678-0138 or fill out and submit the candidate form by scanning the QR Code on this page.

Parish Support

Week of August 1st & 2nd

Weekly	$5891.61
Utilities	$74.00
Maintenance	$1,301.19
Missionary Co-op	$53.00
Assumption	$35.00
Priest Retirement	$5.00
Peter's Pence	$5.00

MANY THANKS!

Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections:
The second collection on August 23rd is for Missionary Co-Op
Please be as generous as you can.

Music

Our Offertory selection this week, is a Marian devotion to Our Lady of Knock. The song is devoted to where an apparition of the Lamb upon the altar, Virgin Mary, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared to a small crowd at Knock Parish Church in County Mayo, Ireland on August 21, 1879.

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Ken Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Baby Girl Bosco
Frank Bosco
Gus Campeotto
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Beatrice Giannone
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Kathy Graziano
Howard Heidorn
Jose Herrera
Stacey Hinterlong-Bacha
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz
Melanie Hohmeier
Vivian Jennings
Arlene Jurinek
Brian Kelly
Patti King
Bernice Kirchen
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
Bryan McIntyre
Bill McMurray
Barbara Miller
Christian Mireles
Pat Morgan
Robert Olender
Christopher Ordo
Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Gene Piltaver
Melissa Pitts
Mike Ponticelli
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday	**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	**Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care
can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners
who are Homebound or Sick.
If you or someone you know
would like to receive Holy Communion,
or would like to know more about
this rewarding ministry,
then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse)
either by leaving a message at the rectory
or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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Follow us on Facebook!

Mark Your Calendars!

Open House

Join us on Tuesday, August 25th from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturday, August 29th from 9:00-10:30am in the religious education building for our annual open house. Come and meet our staff, tour our building, and review our religious education materials. There will even be an opportunity to register your child at the open house.

Registration Information

Our in person religious education classes meet twice a month either Saturday mornings from 9:00—11:30am or Tuesday evenings from 6:00—8:00pm at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious Education building. We will once again be offering our homeschool (elearning) option as well. Our first days of class are:
Tuesday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 26th. Homeschool Lessons begin on Tuesday, October 6th.

There is a 2-year consecutive attendance requirement for a child to be eligible to receive a sacrament in the religious education program. Sacramental Fees must be paid for each child receiving a sacrament this year.
The Sacramental Fees are: **Communion—$50 and Confirmation—$100**

The Tuition for the upcoming year is: **1 Child—$275, 2 Children—$325, 3+ Children—$350**

You DO NOT need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program.
Please note the tuition amounts DO NOT include sacramental fees. Tuition and Sacramental fees are to be paid at the time of registration. Families who pay in full at the time of registration will receive a $15 discount. If a family is unable to pay the entire amount at the time of registration, payment plans are available. A $15 Payment Plan fee will be added to your tuition. A $75 **NON-REFUNDABLE** payment along with any sacramental fees are due at the time of registration for those participating in a payment plan.

You can register your child in the religious education program by scanning the QR Code on this page or by coming to one of our registration days at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building on either Tuesday, September 8th from 4:30-7:30pm or Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-2:00pm. For more information about our program or registering your child, please contact the religious education office.

HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30pm in Hendle Hall

This free event is open to everyone!

We also invite you to bring your favorite appetizer, soup, salad, dinner or dessert to share.

We will have a split the pot raffle at the dinner.

Free will offerings will be accepted to support HVM Parish.

Come for a night of food, fellowship, & fun!

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