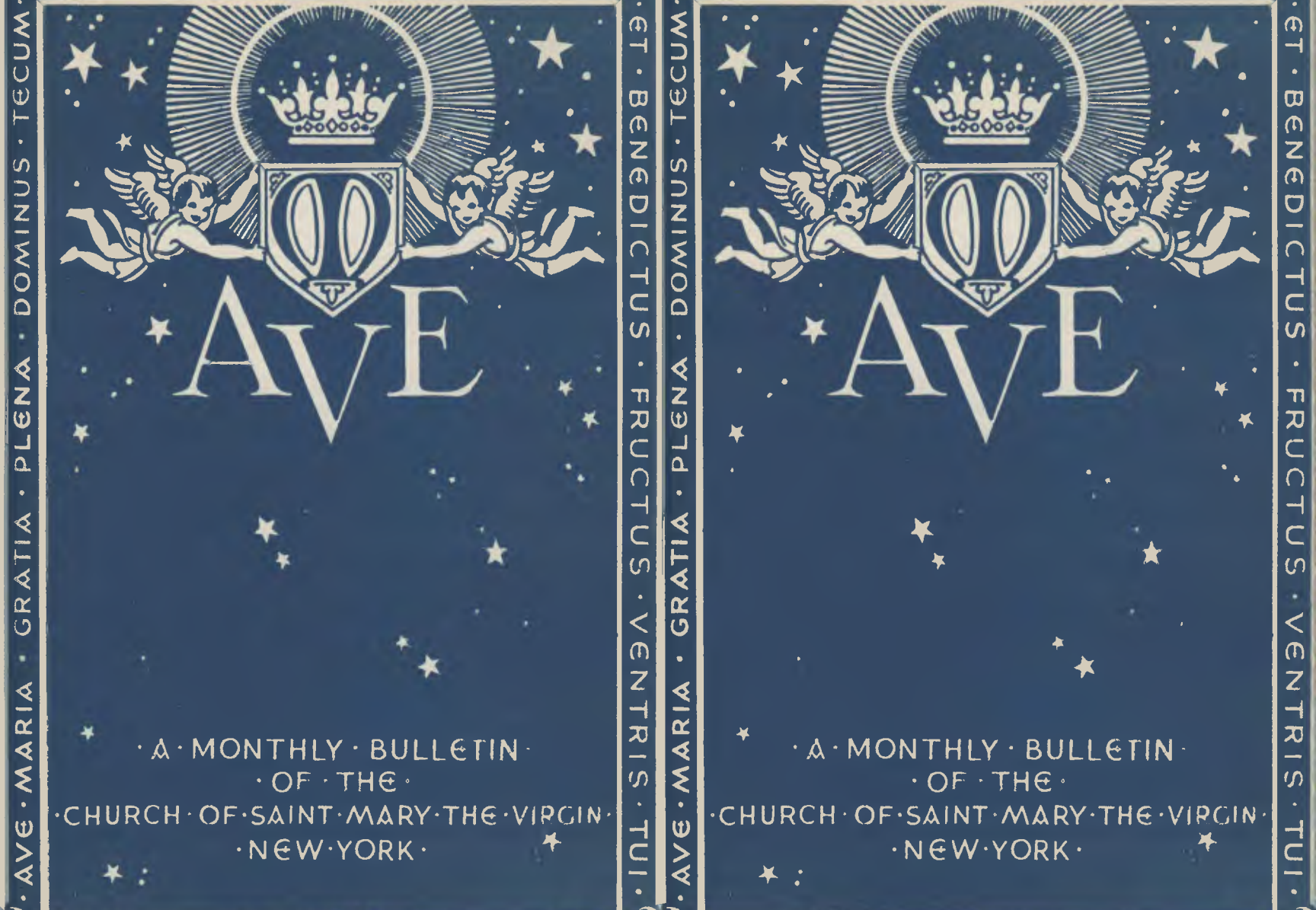


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The Madonna with child adorn the typanum of the central portal of St. Mary's. This memorable sculpture is the work of John Massey Rhind, 1860 - 1936.

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My dear People:

Once again the summer is slipping away from us as we move into the activity and programs of the autumn at Saint Mary's. This issue of AVE is our first one of the fall, and there are several matters about which I would like to write you a few words at this time.

The first has to do with our Feast of Dedication. We keep it always on the first Sunday in October, placing it this year on the 4th. You will note elsewhere in this issue that the music at High Mass will be superb, and of course this is the Sunday when our choir returns in force, and when we begin the weekly singing of Evensong at 6:00 p.m. each week. Our music at Saint Mary's is almost without peer, and McNeil Robinson has a way of combining musical excellence with a real sensitivity where the role of music in the liturgy is concerned. We are blessed in him, and in the men and women who constitute our choir. And of course on our Feast of Dedication we always have a special offering, and this year we are going to repeat our efforts of a year ago by applying this offering to the re-decoration of Saint Joseph's Hall. Last year, through the Dedication Offering and various projects through the winter and spring, we put aside \$2,865.00 for this purpose. Our hope this year is vastly to enlarge the amount already in hand. And of course, eventually, the work will be done.

Our second matter of importance involves a Special Offering as well. Since my arrival in this parish we have not observed an occasion that is very much a part of most parochial life in the

Episcopal Church, and that is called Theological Education Sunday. October 25th this fall will be T.E.S. Sunday in our parish, and on that day I ask your generosity in providing a substantial financial gift for Nashotah House, the seminary in which both your rector and curate received their theological training. Begun in the first half of the last century as a theological school which would teach and practice the Catholic Faith in its fulness, Nashotah for many years attracted a small clientele from parishes essentially like Saint Mary's. With the growing acceptance of Catholic practice throughout the Church, Nashotah has emerged today as one of the two leading seminaries of the American Church, and no less a figure than +Arthur Michael Ramsey has graced its faculty by his presence during one semester each year. We can be proud of Nashotah and of her role in the Church today. Our preacher on the 25th will be The Reverend Rex D. Perry, Assistant to the Dean, and a talented and committed young priest of the Diocese of Dallas. A brochure and offering envelope on Nashotah are enclosed in this issue of AVE. Please read the brochure, and please use the envelope to provide an offering that will be a worthy reflection of your concern for Catholic theological education in the Episcopal Church

A third matter will bring some sadness to each of us, and I have already written you a separate letter about it. Father David Ousley will be leaving Saint Mary's to assume his own cure this October, and on September 27th he will sing his last Mass as a curate in this parish. I know that you will pray for him, that you will be here to bid him Godspeed on his last Sunday among us, and that you will pray for a worthy successor in his post. Many of

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you have already met Father Francis Tyndall, a retired priest and sometime Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Chicago, who will be spending some months each year residing in our rectory. Father Tyndall is away just now but will shortly return, and he and Father Scott will be of great support to me during the period between curates. We are blessed in them both.

Beyond this, Saint Mary's is now busily engaged in her new ministry with the Chinatown Mission of the Episcopal Church, located in our former convent and appropriately called "The Mission House." Through our Mission House are now passing various Chinese and other Southeast Asian refugees as they seek a new life in our country. Father Tyndall and I are representing Saint Mary's on the clerical end of things, and Father Albany To is standing in for the Chinatown Mission. Living in the Mission House and directing the new ministry are Jon Ching and his wife, Joanne, and they are receiving a marvelous response on the part of our own people in terms of all kinds of help and assistance. If you would care to teach English, or have medical training, or possess any kind of expertise that might be of aid to us in this effort, please let us know. Several of us in the parish will be adopting a refugee family; you, too, can help in this.

And so life is hardly at a standstill in this grand and beautiful place. Always at Saint Mary's we return to the Altar from which we draw our strength. There, in the Offices and in our daily pleading of the Holy Sacrifice, we come to understand the basis for all that we do. In this place everything in the end returns to God, to the same God Who brings us here so that we may proclaim His Name.

Ever faithfully,
EDGAR F. WELLS

FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S

Mr. James Gregory, a Trustee and member of Saint Mary's, assumes the task this fall of re-organizing our Friends. You will be hearing from him. He will be aided in his work by another parishioner and Trustee, Mr. Courtlandt Nicoll.

OUR INDO-CHINESE MISSION

"Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . . ."

—Matt. 25:34-35

It is with great joy that the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in collaboration with the Episcopal Chinatown Mission of New York, announces the establishment of its mission to Indo-Chinese refugees. Our Mission House, which is attached to the church and which formerly housed Sisters of the Holy Nativity and later several members of the Society of St. Francis, has been judged ideal in both size and location for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for several refugee families.

At the first meeting of the Mission House Task Force, which took place on June 15, plans were made to begin the conversion of the former convent to a hostel. Present at the meeting were Father Edgar Wells, Rector of St. Mary's; Father Albany To, President of the Episcopal Chinatown Mission; Father John Corn; Gretchen Zimmerman, Vice-President of the Chinatown Mission; Jon and Joanne Ching, who will be living in our Mission House as managing supervisors; Courtlandt Nicoll; Brother Andrew Deutschen; and Edwina Eddy. At that time each was assigned a specific task in order to ensure that several important areas of concern were quickly dealt with.

One major issue was the problem of fire safety. Our Mission House is an old, wooden structure which, unprotected, could become a fire trap. Plans were immediately made to procure funding for an elaborate smoke detector and fire alarm system which would be installed before any refugee family moved in. In this way both the church and the people living and working in adjacent buildings would be made relatively safe.

The first action taken as a result of the June meeting was an inventory of the contents of the relevant areas of the Mission

House. The results showed a need for pots and pans and kitchen utensils as well as the need for adequate plumbing. It also became evident that a major clean-up program was in order, which would involve cleaning and painting of walls, refinishing of floors, and general pest control.

Our Mission House itself consists of five floors, the third and fourth of which will be turned over to the Chinatown Mission. The large kitchen on the third floor will be furnished with a new, larger refrigerator/freezer and other equipment, and a supervising cook will be hired to handle meal planning and food preparation. On the fourth floor there are five cells, each of which is considered large enough to house a single Indo-Chinese family (the house itself will accommodate up to twenty-five people). Volunteers will design and build wooden sleeping platforms for each room under the direction of Jon Ching, and sew curtains large enough to cover the tall windows. The platforms will be versatile enough to serve as tables during the day. The library on the second floor will be used as a classroom where the refugees will receive instruction in urban survival and basic English.

Administration of the house is designed to make it self-supporting through the fees paid by sponsors of the refugee families. Most of the repair work will be done by parish volunteers, and the Chinatown Mission will provide the orientation programs.

Perhaps *the* most significant step taken in the early stages of the project was the retreat-and-work weekend during the second week in August. Its purpose was twofold. First, it was designed to bring together members of St. Mary's who wished to contribute some of their time and talent to the endeavor. Much work needed to be done within the building before any refugee families moved in, and the weekend provided a space of two full days in which a concentrated effort was made to accomplish as much as possible. More important, however, was the spiritual nature of the weekend. Participants attended Mass daily during the retreat, which provided them with strength and spiritual guidance for each day. It was clear that the mission was not to be a secular

affair, but a product of Christian effort, each activity being undergirded with prayer and faith that God's will was being done. The Masses underscored the fact that St. Mary's has established the program in joyful obedience to Christ's command that we love one another as He loved us.

We urge your support of our mission to Indo-Asian refugees, not only on humanitarian grounds but also in full recognition that the body of Christ, the Church as manifested in her people, has the solemn duty of giving witness to the living God through imitation of Our Lord. As we seek God's will for our lives we would do well to remember the famous passage from the letter of St. James: "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead."

—Edwina Eddy



Photo by Martin Wechselblatt

A retreat-workshop weekend is not all labora et ora. Here is Edwina Eddy slicing a delicious Ukranian ham, lunch for those who worked in the Mission House, readying it for our Indo-Chinese refugees.

THE REFUGEES

Chaos and persecution in Southeast Asia have destroyed homes and cultures, causing many families and individuals to flee for their lives. Sustaining them during their perilous flight and arduous internment in the limbo of refugee camps is the spark of hope for a life renewed. Many of our ancestors came here to America with this same dream, and New York has long served as a starting place for refugees as they begin their new life in a new land.

Presently, refugees are permitted to enter our society only with the pledge of a sponsor who assumes the full responsibility of resettling them. The Church actively seeks to minister to these people in their time of crisis by encouraging parishes to sponsor them. The sponsoring parishes help the refugees gain self-sufficiency through finding jobs and homes and by providing the emotional support needed to cope with the demands of adapting to a new way of life. With the help of a sponsor-friend, the newcomers gradually become acquainted with our health care practices, educational opportunities and bureaucratic requirements.

One of the major problems encountered by sponsoring parishes in Manhattan is the lack of adequate temporary housing. In other locations the refugees stay in the homes of the sponsors until permanent housing is found. However, because of the crowded living conditions here in Manhattan, this is impossible. This stumbling block has prevented many concerned parishes from accepting the challenge of refugee resettlement.

St. Mary's Mission House Project presents a solution to this problem by offering temporary housing in Manhattan combined with a supportive community environment. This is an opportunity to contribute to the ministry of refugee resettlement by encouraging other parishes to become sponsors. The Mission House provides food and shelter while also helping to orient the newcomers to American life. Sponsors can feel assured that the refugees are in a secure home environment that is sensitive to their predicament in

addition to having their basic physical needs provided. By offering this service, the ministry to the persecuted will flourish through helping both the refugees and the sponsors.

In opening the Mission House, St. Mary's enters the ministry to the homeless by welcoming the stranger. Through offering hospitality to the culture-shocked and by being a sharing friend, sponsors help the newcomers become at ease in this new land and gradually gain self-sufficiency. The Mission House acts as an extended family network, concerned about their well-being and providing the secondary emotional support that the adjustment of resettlement requires. By facing the challenges of cultural interaction with compassion, our understanding of the family of man will grow and enrich our lives. With an open heart committed to loving, we can share the deep mystery of knowing Christ through helping a stranger in need.

—JON CHING

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1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday Admission \$1.00

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ABOUT THE PARISH FAIR

As this issue of AVE goes out to you, the date of the parish fair is very near. For those who wonder what sorts of things will be offered to loosen your purse strings, there will be handicrafts, homemade cakes, Christmas cards, special stationery, collectors' finds, housewares, candies, useful antiques, used belongings, books, snacks, jewelry - Come and see for yourself on October 4 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Admission, \$1.

Courtlandt Nicoll, whose brainchild this fundraising event is, has been unable to learn whether there has ever been a fair or bazaar at Saint Mary's. This year's five-hour Sunday afternoon fair is intended to test the sales preferences of our customers, with larger, more public and ambitious market days to follow in future years. As in other projects in the parish, the skill, labor, and hopes of dedicated friends of yours are represented in the venture.

The support, participation, and enthusiasm of every single one of us is needed for the fair to attract large numbers of shoppers and show a profit for the church.

You bought it where?

At the parish fair, of course.

October 4, Dedication Sunday, from 1:00 to 6:00.

Don't miss it.

PUT IN YOUR 12¢ WORTH...

That's all a postcard will cost you (at present writing!) to tell the editors what you'd like to read in AVE. For instance, would you like: something about the saints and others whose days occur during the month?... notes about the composers of the month's music?... how to prepare for sacramental confession?... short human interest stories?... reports on our Indo-Chinese Mission (see pages 104 - 108) ... brief excerpts from sermons?... outlines for meditation?... the meaning or history of various rites and ceremonies? Please tell us *your* ideas!

THE SIGNIFICANT INTERIORS SURVEY

Thanks to the interest of Miss Elizabeth Burnett, A.S.I.D., the interior of Saint Mary's is now included in the Significant Interiors Survey, a joint effort of the Educational Foundation of the American Society of Interior Designers and the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission. Since the latter is expressly forbidden to designate interiors of religious structures, the Survey is meant to be an annotated list only, and in no wise compromises the integrity or continuing use of the space.

The intent of the Survey is to discover, document, and computerize information on all interiors in New York City of architectural and/or historical significance. This information will be placed on the computer system of New York City for the use of scholars, students, preservationists, and professional architects and interior designers, as well as the owners of the buildings in question.

Among the finest interiors are those of religious structures, which represent a rich body of design, craft, and art, and Saint Mary's certainly has a wealth of these. The guided tour after the Sunday Solemn Mass can heighten the appreciation even of old-timers in the parish; try it sometime.

Miss Burnett, a member of Saint Bartholomew's Church and an occasional visitor to Saint Mary's, is active in the search for fine religious interiors, and we are grateful for her efforts on behalf of our beloved church.

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AN APPEAL FOR AVE

In this first issue of the fall, we would like to take the opportunity of asking each of our subscribers who has not yet done so to make a contribution to help defray the cost of printing and mailing AVE during the coming year. We ask a minimum of Six Dollars (\$6.00), But this in truth hardly keeps us going, and we would be so appreciative of some generous gifts where our magazine is concerned. Won't you help?

MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

October 4th — FEAST OF THE DEDICATION

Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo

..... Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

October 11th — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Missa Brevis in B Flat

..... Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

October 18th — NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Mass in G Minor Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

October 25th — TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Messe Solennelle Henri Méhul (1763-1817)

PREACHING IN OCTOBER

October 4 — FEAST OF DEDICATION, Father Wells

October 11 — PENTECOST XVIII, Father Tyndall

October 18 — PENTECOST XIX, Father Wells

October 25 — PENTECOST XX, Father Perry

ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS

October 4 — Pentecost XVII, Feast of the Dedication

October 11 — Pentecost XVIII, Guy Sterling Weston

October 18 — Pentecost XIX, Rufus McIntosh

October 19 — St. Luke the Evangelist, Wallace & Florence Brackett

October 25 — Pentecost XX, Edgar & Hallie Wilson, Emma Shaw Hahn

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Alessandro Scarlatti's *Messa di Sancta Cecilia*, recorded by the Schola Cantorum of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin under the direction of McNeil Robinson:

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SAINT VINCENT'S GUILD

ACOLYTES at the high altar on Sundays and feasts, and those who serve on weekdays. Communicants who wish to serve should speak to the Clergy.

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SAINT RAPHAEL'S GUILD

USHERS at parish services, Sunday mornings and evenings, and on feasts. Communicants who can help should speak to the Head Usher.

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SAINT MARTIN'S GUILD

TOURS of the church are conducted after Sunday Solemn Mass. Volunteers will be trained for this mission of welcome.

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BROTHER LAWRENCE GUILD

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SACRED VESSELS AND VESTMENTS are cared for by communicants working together on Saturday afternoons. Speak to the Clergy.

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SAINT MARY'S WARDS of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild of All Souls, and the Society of Mary are open to all communicants.

MAILING DATES FOR "AVE"

Beginning (anew) this fall, we are working hard to get *AVE* into the mail by the 15th of the month preceding the date of issue. After that it will be up to the United States Postal Service to deliver your copy on time. Remember: we save money by using Non-Profit Organization bulk rate, which is subject to delays.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

1.	Th.	St. Remegius, Bishop of Rheims, c.530 <i>Holy Hour, 7</i>
2.	F.	Holy Guardian Angels
3.	Sa.	St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Religious, 1897
4.	Su.	THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH <i>Solemn Mass with Procession, 11</i>
5.	M.	<i>Requiem</i>
6.	Tu.	St. Bruno, Abbot of La Grande Chartreuse, 1101
7.	W.	
8.	Th.	
9.	F.	Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
10.	Sa.	St. Paulinus, First Archbishop of York, 644
11.	Su.	PENTECOST XVIII
12.	M.	
13.	Tu.	St. Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
14.	W.	<i>Requiem</i>
15.	Th.	St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor, 1582
16.	F.	
17.	Sa.	St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch & Martyr, c. 115
18.	Su.	PENTECOST XIX
19.	M.	SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST (transferred)
20.	Tu.	
21.	W.	
22.	Th.	<i>Requiem</i>
23.	F.	SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM
24.	Sa.	St. Raphael the Archangel
25.	Su.	PENTECOST XX
26.	M.	St. Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27.	Tu.	
28.	W.	SAINT SIMON & SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES
29.	Th.	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, & his companions, Martyrs, 1885
30.	F.	<i>Requiem</i>
31.	Sa.	<i>Of Our Lady</i>

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Morning Prayer	10:30 a.m.
Mass	8:00, 9:00, 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.
Church School	9:50 a.m.
Solemn Mass with Sermon	11:00 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction	6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m. (11:40 a.m. Saturdays)
Mass daily	8:00 a.m.,* 12:10 and 6:15 p.m.
	<i>*Except Saturdays</i>
Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m.

FIRST THURSDAY

Holy Hour	7 p.m.
<i>Other services during the week and on festivals as announced on the preceding Sunday</i>	

CONFESSIONS

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FRIDAY, 5-6 p.m.
SATURDAY, 2-3 and 5-6 p.m.
SUNDAY, 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.



FRIENDS' PRAYER

O ETERNAL GOD, whose glory is in all the world: Look upon that house of prayer for which we now pray, and accept our thanks for the tabernacle of thy presence in the midst of the city. To priests and people seeking to serve thee there, give that faith which built it and such favour as may keep it strong. Let friends join to tell, and all who pass by rejoice to see, that in that place thou wilt give peace, through him who is our peace, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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