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ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Anne, patroness of the Archdiocese of Detroit, I give thanks to God for the deep faith and devotion that continue to mark this beloved tradition in our local Church. Each year, the faithful gather in prayer and thanksgiving to honor the grandmother of Jesus, seeking her intercession for our families, our parishes, and our entire Archdiocese.

The days of novena leading up to this feast are a beautiful witness to the enduring faith of generations of Catholics who have turned to St. Anne in times of joy, struggle, and hope. Through prayer, devotion, and the celebration of the Eucharist, we are reminded that holiness is lived first in the home and nourished within the family.

This year, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit continues to undergo extensive renovations and restoration. In many ways, this important work mirrors the ongoing renewal taking place throughout the City of Detroit itself – a city marked by resilience, hope, and a determination to preserve its rich heritage while looking confidently toward the future. Just as the Basilica is being strengthened and renewed for generations to come, so too are we called to continual spiritual renewal in our own lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May St. Anne's intercession help each of us grow closer to Christ and renew our commitment to living the Gospel with joy and conviction.

With every prayer for a blessed novena and joyful celebration of the Feast of St. Anne, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Archbishop of Detroit



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire parish community, I would like to welcome you to our annual Novena for the feast of our patroness, Sainte Anne.

While it is unfortunate that we cannot celebrate Novena in our beloved church this year, we have faced similar situations in the history of our parish. We recall that the first three churches burned to the ground. After the fire of 1805 that devastated Detroit, Fr. Gabriel Richard found various places to celebrate Mass until a new church was constructed. Our current displacement, unlike those tragedies, is for an exceptionally good reason. When completed, our church will be better and more beautiful than ever before. Still, it is a sacrifice, and one that we can offer to God in hope and thanksgiving for all the good things that God has done and will do for our community.

In the meantime, we are most grateful to our brothers and sisters of Most Holy Trinity Parish for hosting Novena in their beautiful and historic church. Unlike our predecessors who had to celebrate Mass on farms or in warehouses, we have a lovely place of worship to give God praise and thanks for Sainte Anne, her holy daughter, Blessed Mary, and her Most Holy Grandson, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must also recognize that while we do not have the use of our basilica this year, we still have each other and all the wonderful guests who share with us their faith, their languages, cultures, and their love for God. We cannot gather in our church building, but we do gather as a community. We are the living stones that God has built into a spiritual edifice (1 Peter 2:5) that has Christ as the cornerstone (Eph 2:20). As our basilica undergoes renovation, may Novena renew our hearts to love God with greater intensity and commitment so that we become more fitting dwelling places for God's Holy Spirit.

Peace,

Rev. Timothy A. Laboe
Rector
Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

SAINTE ANNE

WIFE—MOTHER—GRANDMOTHER

Traditions about the Blessed Virgin Mary's family, childhood, education, and eventual betrothal to Joseph developed very early in the history of the Church. Although the books of Sacred Scripture never mention the mother of Mary, the oldest and most influential source of information is the apocryphal Gospel of James, which was written around the middle of the 2nd century AD.

The story tells us: In Nazareth there lived a rich and pious couple, Joachim and Anne. They were childless. When on a feast day Joachim presented himself to offer sacrifice in the temple, he was repulsed by a certain Ruben, under the pretext that men without offspring were unworthy to be admitted. Whereupon Joachim, bowed down with grief, did not return home, but went into the mountains to make his plaint to God in solitude. Also Anne, having learned the reason for the prolonged absence of her husband, cried to the Lord to take away from her the curse of infertility, promising to dedicate her child to the service of God. Their prayers were heard; an angel came to Anne and said: "Anne, the Lord has looked upon thy tears; thou shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of thy womb shall be blessed by all the world." The angel also appeared to Joachim with the same promise, and he returned to his wife. Anne gave birth to a daughter whom she called Mary.

The subject of Joachim and Anne meeting at the Golden Gate was a regular component of art depicting the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon hearing the words of the angel and offering sacrifice, Joachim returns to Jerusalem where he meets his wife at the Golden Gate. Here they embrace. They are aware of Anne's pregnancy, of which they have been separately informed by an archangel. This moment stood for the conception of Mary, and the feast was celebrated on the same day as the Immaculate Conception.

Sainte Anne has been honored as a saint since the days of early Christianity. Celebrating her life and her role as mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus was very popular among the early Christians. In the year 550, a church was built in honor of Sainte Anne in Jerusalem. It is believed to be near where Anne, Joachim and Mary lived.

Since the seventh century, the Greek and Russian Churches have celebrated feasts honoring Saint Joachim and Sainte Anne. This devotion spread to the West in the sixteenth century where it has been prominent ever since in many countries.

Sainte Anne is patroness of unmarried women, housewives, women in labor or who want to be pregnant, grandmothers, educators and teachers. She is also a patroness of horseback riders, cabinet-makers and miners. As the mother of Mary, this devotion to Sainte Anne as the patron of miners arises from the medieval comparison between Mary and Christ and the precious metals silver and gold. Anne's womb was considered the source from which these precious metals were mined. Sainte Anne is also said to be a patron saint of sailors and a protector from storms. Her emblem is a door. She is often portrayed wearing red and green, representing love and life.

Sainte Anne is also the patroness of many cities throughout the world including: Detroit (Michigan); Brittany (France); Chinandega (Nicaragua); the Mi'kmaq people of Canada; Castelbuono (Sicily); Quebec (Canada); Santa Ana (California); Norwich (Connecticut); Adjuntas (Puerto Rico); Santa Ana and Jucuarán (El Salvador); Berlin (New Hampshire); Santa Ana Pueblo, Seama, and Taos (New Mexico); Chiclana de la Frontera, Marsaskala, Tudela and Fasnía (Spain); Town of Sta. Ana Province of Pampanga, Hagonoy, Santa Ana, Taguig City, Saint Anne Shrine, Malicboy, Pagbilao and Quezon (Philippines); Santana (Brazil); Saint Anne (Illinois); Sainte Anne Island, Baie Sainte Anne and Praslin Island (Seychelles); Bukit Mertajam and Port Klang (Malaysia); Klúcové (Slovakia); and South Vietnam. The parish church of Vatican City is Sant'Anna dei Palafrenieri. There is a shrine dedicated to her in the Woods in Bristol, United Kingdom.

THE HISTORIC RESTORATION OF THE BASILICA OF STE. ANNE DE DETROIT

Founded in 1701, our parish has been a cornerstone of Detroit's spiritual, cultural, and civic life for more than three centuries. The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and The Catholic Initiative, a nonprofit organization created by The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, are now partnering together to restore our magnificent basilica and secure its future for generations.

Construction is now well underway. While original plans called for the basilica to remain open throughout the project, we made the difficult decision in January to close the basilica so that construction could proceed as safely and efficiently as possible. Scaffolding has since been installed inside the church, and work is proceeding with the hope that we will be able to reopen for Christmas 2027, although that timeline is subject to change.

The restoration is the result of a transformative partnership between the Basilica of Ste. Anne and The Catholic Initiative. The Catholic Initiative is spearheading a \$55 million effort to restore the basilica and surrounding campus while establishing a permanent endowment to support the parish's long-term sustainability. Through a combination of philanthropic investment and ongoing fundraising efforts, the organization is working alongside donors and supporters to secure the resources needed for the restoration and future vitality of the parish. The project includes the comprehensive restoration of the basilica, rectory, and surrounding campus. The project will preserve and restore the historic beauty and architectural integrity of the buildings while incorporating modern improvements, including new plumbing and electrical systems, enhanced accessibility, and air conditioning.

In addition to the complete renovation of the basilica and parish facilities, the project includes a reimagining of the surrounding campus as a vibrant community

hub for parishioners, visitors, and the broader Southwest Detroit community. Through enhanced gathering spaces, landscaping, lighting, and pedestrian pathways, The Catholic Initiative hopes to create a "Catholic oasis" in Southwest Detroit.



Scaffolding outside and inside the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, June 2026

CONSTRUCTION SCOPE

PLAZA AND OVERALL CAMPUS

- New outdoor pavilion
- Enhanced walkways, landscaping, and lighting to create a cohesive campus feel
- “World Peace” Prayer Wall for reflection
- Expanded and relocated parking lot relocated to exterior of facility

STE. ANNE BASILICA RESTORATION

- Stained glass window restoration and replacement
- Brick and facade repair
- New slate roof
- Entry way restoration and replacement
- Technological improvements
- Interior and exterior painting
- Restoration of pews, altar, and organ

OTHER BUILDINGS

- Includes Rectory, Parish Hall, Wellness Center
- Structural repairs
- Optimize interior functionality in partnership with the parish leaders to enhance usage for community services, creating a vibrant and welcoming hub



Renderings of church, plaza and aerial view of campus

DAY 1 - JULY 17

A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC CULTURES

BISHOP DONALD HANCHON

REV. JOHN HERMAN

STE. ANNE SPANISH CHOIR

First Reading - Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

When Hezekiah was mortally ill, the prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz, came and said to him: "Thus says the LORD: Put your house in order, for you are about to die; you shall not recover."

Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD:

"O LORD, remember how faithfully and wholeheartedly I conducted myself in your presence, doing what was pleasing to you!" And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: "Go, tell Hezekiah: Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you: in three days you shall go up to the LORD's temple; I will add fifteen years to your life. I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; I will be a shield to this city."

Isaiah then ordered a poultice of figs to be taken and applied to the boil, that he might recover. Then Hezekiah asked, "What is the sign that I shall go up to the temple of the LORD?"

Isaiah answered: "This will be the sign for you from the LORD that he will do what he has promised: See, I will make the shadow cast by the sun on the stairway to the terrace of Ahaz go back the ten steps it has advanced." So the sun came back the ten steps it had advanced.

Responsorial Psalm - Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16

R. You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

Once I said,

"In the noontime of life I must depart!

To the gates of the nether world I shall be consigned for the rest of my years."

R. You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

I said, "I shall see the LORD no more in the land of the living.

No longer shall I behold my fellow men among those who dwell in the world."

R. You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent, is struck down and borne away from me; You have folded up my life, like a weaver who severs the last thread.

R. You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

Those live whom the LORD protects; yours is the life of my spirit.

You have given me health and life.

R. You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

Gospel - Matthew 12:1-8

Jesus was going through a field of grain on the sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men.
For the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Thomas the Apostle, for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, Comfort of Migrants, that migrants and refugees experience divine protection and assistance with human needs.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Toribio, that the Holy Spirit will bring fortitude to those who live in the shadows of a broken immigration system.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Martin de Porres, for greater racial harmony in the world.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.
Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DAY 2 - JULY 18

A CELEBRATION OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN CULTURES

BISHOP ROBERT FISHER

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.

For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with
inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the
Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field, While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Homily

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Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa, that world leaders will work together to advance peace in the world.

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Let us pray for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray that the Eastern European Catholic communities in their homelands continue to flourish in faith through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, that people will be generous in helping the poor and suffering.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DAY 3 - JULY 19

A CELEBRATION OF FRENCH AND NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES

BISHOP JEFFREY MONFORTON

STE. ANNE SCHOLA

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

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Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for all world leaders that they may work to end the violence perpetrated by verbal attacks, deadly weapons, and cold indifference.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray that the French and French-Canadian Catholic communities continue to flourish in faith through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, for all suffering from illnesses that Jesus, the Divine Physician, will offer them hope and provide healing.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for the deceased, especially our parishioners through the centuries and our alumni.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DAY 4 - JULY 20

A CELEBRATION OF CHALDEAN CULTURE

BISHOP FRANCIS KALABAT

First Reading - Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, present your plea before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice!

Hear, O mountains, the plea of the LORD, pay attention, O foundations of the
earth! For the LORD has a plea against his people, and he enters into trial with
Israel. O my people, what have I done to you,
or how have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of
Egypt, from the place of slavery I released you;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow before God most high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriad streams of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my crime,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:
Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

"Gather my faithful ones before me,
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
And the heavens proclaim his justice;
for God himself is the judge.

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

"Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,
for your burnt offerings are before me always.
I take from your house no bullock,
no goats out of your fold."

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

"Why do you recite my statutes,
and profess my covenant with your mouth,
Though you hate discipline
and cast my words behind you?"

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

"When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it?
Or do you think that I am like yourself?
I will correct you by drawing them up before your eyes.
He that offers praise as a sacrifice glorifies me;
and to him that goes the right way I will show the salvation of God."

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel - Matthew 12:38-42

Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." He said to them in reply, "An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here. At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger and for Bishop Francis Kalabat, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all world leaders that they may work to end the violence perpetrated by verbal attacks, deadly weapons, and cold indifference.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray that Chaldean Catholic communities everywhere will be protected from persecution by the hand of God.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DAY 5 - JULY 21

A CELEBRATION OF ALBANIAN CULTURE

REV. FRED KALAJ

REV. DOM DINO

First Reading - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your inheritance,
That dwells apart in a woodland,
in the midst of Carmel.
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,
as in the days of old;
As in the days when you came from the land of Egypt,
show us wonderful signs.
Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt
and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance;
Who does not persist in anger forever,
but delights rather in clemency,
And will again have compassion on us,
treading underfoot our guilt?
You will cast into the depths of the sea
all our sins;
You will show faithfulness to Jacob,
and grace to Abraham,
As you have sworn to our fathers
from days of old.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

You have favored, O LORD, your land;
you have brought back the captives of Jacob.
You have forgiven the guilt of your people;
you have covered all their sins.
You have withdrawn all your wrath;
you have revoked your burning anger.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Restore us, O God our savior,
and abandon your displeasure against us.
Will you be ever angry with us,
prolonging your anger to all generations?

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Will you not instead give us life;
and shall not your people rejoice in you?
Show us, O LORD, your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Gospel - Matthew 12:46-50

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds,
his mother and his brothers appeared outside,
wishing to speak with him.
Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,
asking to speak with you."
But he said in reply to the one who told him,
"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"
And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, for all world leaders that they may work to end the violence perpetrated by verbal attacks, deadly weapons, and cold indifference.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Theresa of Calcutta, for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray that Catholics in Albania will continue to flourish in faith through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

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DAY 6 - JULY 22

A CELEBRATION OF ASIAN CULTURES

REV. TIEN DINH

KKPM FILIPINO CHOIR

First Reading - Song of Songs 3:1-4b

The Bride says: On my bed at night I sought him
whom my heart loves - I sought him but I did not find him. I will rise then and go
about the city; in the streets and crossings I will seek Him whom my heart loves.
I sought him but I did not find him. The watchmen came upon me,
as they made their rounds of the city: Have you seen him whom my heart loves?
I had hardly left them when I found him whom my heart loves.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel - John 20:1-2, 11-18

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the
morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and
told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."

Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb
and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet
where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they
laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there,
but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if
you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to
her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means
Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the
Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the
disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he told her.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Andrew Kim, for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for all priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace, for all world leaders that they may work to end the violence perpetrated by verbal attacks, deadly weapons, and cold indifference.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Theresa of Calcutta, for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Augustine Zhao, for religious freedom in China and that Catholics across Asia will flourish in faith through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, for the end to religious persecution in the world.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Lorenzo of Manila, for those unemployed that they find meaningful work.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

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DAY 7 - JULY 23

A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURES

REV. FRANCIS ASOMKASE

First Reading - Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

This word of the LORD came to me: Go, cry out this message for Jerusalem to hear!
I remember the devotion of your youth, how you loved me as a bride,
Following me in the desert, in a land unsown.
Sacred to the LORD was Israel, the first fruits of his harvest;
Should any presume to partake of them, evil would befall them, says the LORD.
When I brought you into the garden land to eat its goodly fruits,
You entered and defiled my land, you made my heritage loathsome.
The priests asked not, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who dealt with the law knew me not:
the shepherds rebelled against me.
The prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after useless idols.
Be amazed at this, O heavens, and shudder with sheer horror, says the LORD.
Two evils have my people done: they have forsaken me, the source of living
waters;
They have dug themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold no water.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11

R. (10a) With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.

O LORD, your mercy reaches to heaven;
your faithfulness, to the clouds.
Your justice is like the mountains of God;
your judgments, like the mighty deep.
R. With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They have their fill of the prime gifts of your house;
from your delightful stream you give them to drink.
R. With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.

For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.
Keep up your mercy toward your friends,
your just defense of the upright of heart.
R. With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 13:10-17

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of*

this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Kibeho, that all civic leaders will work together to end violence and racial injustice.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for those who live in emotional and physical suffering, and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Charles Lwanga, that Catholics in African countries have the courage to defend and promote the faith.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita, for an end to human trafficking and greater respect for human dignity.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

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DAY 8 - JULY 24

A CELEBRATION OF CELTIC CULTURE

MSGR. TIM HOGAN

SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER CHOIR

First Reading - Jeremiah 3:14-17

Return, rebellious children, says the LORD, for I am your Master;
I will take you, one from a city, two from a clan,
and bring you to Zion. I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart,
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently.
When you multiply and become fruitful in the land,
says the LORD, They will in those days no longer say,
"The ark of the covenant of the LORD!"
They will no longer think of it, or remember it, or miss it, or make another.
At that time they will call Jerusalem the LORD's throne;
there all nations will be gathered together to honor the name of the LORD at
Jerusalem, and they will walk no longer in their hardhearted wickedness.

Responsorial Psalm - Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

R. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
proclaim it on distant isles, and say:
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,
he guards them as a shepherd his flock.

R. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

The LORD shall ransom Jacob,
he shall redeem him from the hand of his conqueror.
Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion,
they shall come streaming to the LORD's blessings:
The grain, the wine, and the oil,
the sheep and the oxen.

R. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

Then the virgins shall make merry and dance,
and young men and old as well.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.

R. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

Gospel - Matthew 13:18-23

Jesus said to his disciples: "Hear the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom without understanding it, and the Evil One comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time.

When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Patrick, that world leaders will work together to eliminate violence and promote peace.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Margaret of Scotland, for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. George, that Catholic communities in the United Kingdom continue to flourish through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. David of Wales, that all Christians may strive for greater holiness of life.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DAY 9 - JULY 25

A CELEBRATION OF WESTERN EUROPEAN CULTURES

VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FR. JOE MALLIA

First Reading - Sirach 44:1, 10-15

Now will I praise those godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time:
These were godly men whose virtues have not been forgotten;
Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants;
Through God's covenant with them their family endures, their posterity for their sake.
And for all time their progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; their
bodies are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praise.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103: 1bc-2,3-4,8-9,13-14, 17-18a

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my
soul, And forget not all his benefits.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

He pardons all your iniquities, He heals all your ills, He redeems your life from
destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, Slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He will not
always chide, Nor does he keep his wrath forever.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

As a father has compassion on his children, So the Lord has compassion on those who
fear him, For he knows how we are formed; He remembers that we are dust.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

But the kindness of the Lord is from all eternity To eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward his children's children Among those who keep his covenant.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the holy Spirit in
bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and separated from Christ for the sake
of my brothers, my kin according to the flesh.
They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the
law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according
to the flesh, is the Messiah.
God who is over all be blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew 13:16-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory of Malta, that world leaders will work together to promote peace.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray that the Western European Catholic communities in their homelands continue to flourish through our prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, that people have a greater respect for God's creation.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

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DAY 10 - JULY 26

THE SOLEMNITY OF
SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ARCHBISHOP EDWARD WEISENBURGER

STE. ANNE SHRINE FESTIVAL CHOIR

First Reading - Sirach 44:1, 10-15

Now will I praise those godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time:
These were godly men whose virtues have not been forgotten;
Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants;
Through God's covenant with them their family endures, their posterity for their sake.
And for all time their progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; their
bodies are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on.
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Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits.

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He redeems your life from destruction,
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R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
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As a father has compassion on his children,
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed; He remembers that we are dust.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

But the kindness of the Lord is from all eternity
To eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward his children's children A
mong those who keep his covenant.

R. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the holy Spirit in
bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and separated from Christ for the sake
of my brothers, my kin according to the flesh.

They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the
law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according
to the flesh, is the Messiah.

God who is over all be blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew 13:16-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears, because they hear.

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people
longed to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. John Neumann, for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Edward Weisenburger, for all our priests, deacons, religious, and all the lay faithful, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our community, our worship, our ministries, and our leaders.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of Blessed Solanus Casey, for the City of Detroit and its inhabitants, that they may work together for the common good.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, for those who live in emotional and physical suffering and those who feel alone and isolated, that God will strengthen and encourage them.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Frances Cabrini, for all those suffering from illness that Jesus, the Divine Physician, will offer them hope and provide healing.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, for the strength of Catholic schools in our country.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray, that those called to the priesthood will hear Jesus' invitation with open hearts and become fishers of men.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all the petitions that have been placed at the foot of Ste. Anne, that she may intercede for us with our heavenly father and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our own hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

For our Church and all the faithful: that through the loving witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we may grow in faith and trust, and that they may gently carry our prayers to their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who lovingly intercedes for us before her Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. R./ Lord, hear our prayers.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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DEVOTIONS TO STE. ANNE

Devotions to Ste. Anne have always been a part of the parish life at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, and in 1886, a regular novena was organized. Over the years, the parish and neighborhood have changed in many ways, but devotion to Ste. Anne has remained constant.

Those of us who pray at this Shrine today see the discarded crutches, braces, and canes left by our predecessors. We hear the stories of answered prayers and those prayers hoping to be answered. We know that we are on sacred ground. Where we kneel today, thousands have knelt before us, saying many of the same prayers and concerned about many of the same problems — sickness, unemployment, family hurts, etc. We believe that many of our prayers will also be answered today.

Let us give thanks to God for this holy place. Let us join in the prayer of Ste. Anne today that many will come after us to give praise and glory to God who has made all this possible.

After the closing prayer of each Mass, the Novena prayers to Ste. Anne begin with the procession of the statue of Ste. Anne.

After the Novena prayers the veneration of the relics occurs. You may bow or genuflect in front of the relic or kiss the relic.

NOVENA TO STE. ANNE PRAYERS

Magnificat

Refrain: Magnificat, magnificat, anima mea dominum.

Verses (sung by the cantor)

My soul gives glory to the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
God has looked on the lowliness of this servant.
Henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Refrain

The almighty has done wonders for me. Holy is God's name.
From age to age there is mercy
For those that fear God, God shows a mighty arm.
And scatters the proud of heart.

Refrain

God casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly.
God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty.

Refrain

The Lord helps Israel, God's servant, who remembers God's mercy,
The mercy promised to Abraham and Sarah, and their posterity forever.

Refrain

All praise to the Blessed Trinity both now and forever. Amen.

Refrain

Prayer to Ste. Anne for Spiritual Favors

With deep and heartfelt veneration, I come before you, good Ste. Anne. With love for your husband Joachim and with motherly love, you prepared Mary's heart to accept the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and become the mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Surround me today with your protection and pray that I will always imitate the love which you and Joachim shared. Help me to know and regret my sin. Teach me to have a deep faith and a steadfast love for Jesus my Savior. Intercede for me that I will always be true to the duties of my state in life. Preserve me from every danger and accompany me in the hour of death, so that with you, and Mary, and all the Saints, I may behold Jesus face to face and be caught up forever in the love of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

The Little Rosary of Ste. Anne

1st Mystery: In honor of Jesus, born of Mary.

Our Father and five Hail Mary's.

Jesus, grant the favor that we ask. *Mary and Ste. Anne, pray for us.*

2nd Mystery: In honor of Mary, daughter of Ste. Anne.

Our Father and five Hail Mary's.

Jesus, grant the favor that we ask. *Mary and Ste. Anne, pray for us.*

3rd Mystery: In honor of Ste. Anne, grandmother of Jesus.

Our Father and five Hail Mary's.

Jesus, grant the favor that we ask. *Mary and Ste. Anne, pray for us.*

Prayer to Sainte Anne for Temporal Favors

Glorious Ste. Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I place myself at your side and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you, under your special protection.

Present it to your daughter Mary and lay it before the throne of Jesus so that He may bring it to a happy solution. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day seeing God face to face and being with Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing God for all eternity. Amen!

Good Ste. Anne, pray that my prayer may be heard.

Litany of Sainte Anne

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

God, the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**

God, the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, One God, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels and Saints, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, mother of Mary, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, instrument of the Holy Ghost, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, faithful spouse of St. Joachim, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, mirror of the married, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, example of widows, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, miracle of patience, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, mother of confidence, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, mother of constancy, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, mother of prayer, **pray for us.**

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Ste. Anne, vessel of sanctity, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, merciful mother, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, comfort of the afflicted, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, help of the poor, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, protectress of virgins, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, support of the oppressed, **pray for us.**

Ste. Anne, refuge of sinners, **pray for us.**

We sinners, **we beseech you, hear us.**

Through your love for Jesus and Mary, **we beseech you, hear us.**

Through your virtues and merits, **we beseech you, hear us.**

Litany of Sainte Anne (CONTINUED)

Through your goodness and mercy, *we beseech you, hear us.*
Through your compassion and charity, *we beseech you, hear us.*
Through the graces bestowed on you by God, *we beseech you, hear us.*
Through the joys you experienced with Jesus and Mary, *we beseech you, hear us.*
Through the happiness you enjoy for all eternity, *we beseech you, hear us.*
Through the honor given you by the Saints in Heaven, *we beseech you, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, Ste. Anne,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who did vouchsafe to endow blessed Anne with grace so that she might be worthy to become the mother of her who brought forth Your only-begotten Son, mercifully grant that we who devoutly venerate her memory may also be helped by her powerful intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Procession with Calling to Mind Intentions

Veneration of the Relics of Ste. Anne

Hymn to Ste. Anne

1. To kneel at your altar,
In faith we draw near.
Led onward by Mary,
Your daughter so dear.

Refrain
O Good Ste. Anne,
We call on your name.
Your praises loud
Your children proclaim.

2. To all who invoke you,
You give them your ear,
You ease every sadness
Of all that draw near. Ref

3. Ste. Anne, we implore you
Reward this loving prayer.
In time of temptation
Take us in your care. Ref

DEVOCIONES A SANTA ANA

Devociones a Santa Ana siempre han sido parte de la vida parroquial de la Basílica de Santa Ana de Detroit, y en 1886 se organizó una novena regular. Con el paso de los años, la parroquia y la comunidad han cambiado de muchas maneras, pero la devoción a Santa Ana se ha mantenido constante.

Quienes hoy oramos en este Santuario vemos las muletas, aparatos ortopédicos y bastones que dejaron nuestros predecesores. Escuchamos historias de oraciones a las cuales tuvieron respuestas y de aquellas oraciones que esperan ser contestadas. Sabemos que estamos en terreno sagrado. Donde hoy nos arrodillamos, miles de personas se han arrodillado antes que nosotros, diciendo muchas de las mismas oraciones y preocupados por muchos de los mismos problemas: enfermedades, desempleo, dolores familiares, etc. Creemos que muchas de nuestras oraciones también serán respondidas hoy.

Demos gracias a Dios por este lugar santo. Unámonos en oración con Santa Ana hoy que muchos vendrán detrás de nosotros para dar alabanza y gloria a Dios que ha hecho todo esto posible.

Después de la oración final de cada Misa, las oraciones de la Novena a Santa Ana comienzan con la procesión de la estatua de Santa Ana.

Después de los rezos de la Novena procede la veneración de las reliquias. Puede hacer una reverencia inclinándose o haciendo una genuflexión frente a la reliquia o besarla.

ORACIÓN A SANTA ANA PARA FAVORES ESPIRITUALES

Con gran veneración y cariño vengo ante ti, o buena Santa Ana. Pues, con tu amor de esposa y tu amor de madre preparaste el corazón de María para recibir el Espíritu Santo y llegar a ser la Madre de Dios. Llena de la gracia que tú le enseñaste apreciar, ella respondió en nombre de todos nosotros a la invitación a renacer con la vida misma del Señor Jesús. Cuéntame ahora entre tus verdaderos seguidores, pues hoy declaro que lo soy y quiero serlo para siempre. Rodéame de tú protección constante e intercede para que yo pueda imitar el amor que tú y San Joaquín compartían. Ayúdame a reconocer y a rechazar el pecado. Enséñame a tener una fe profunda y un amor constante para el Señor Jesús y la Virgen María y a cumplir con los deberes de mi estado de vida. Acompáñame a la hora de la muerte para que contigo y con la Virgen María y con todos los Santos pueda yo contemplar al Señor Jesús frente a frente y a perderme para siempre en el amor de la Santísima Trinidad. Amén.

(En silencio presenta al Señor tus intenciones y necesidades.)

EL PEQUEÑO ROSARIO A SANTA ANA

1^{er} Misterio: En honor a Jesús, nacido de la Virgen María.

Un Padre Nuestro y cinco Ave Marías.

Jesús, concédenos el favor que te pedimos.

María y Santa Ana, rueguen por nosotros.

2^{do} Misterio: En honor a María, la hija de Santa Ana.

Un Padre Nuestro y cinco Ave Marías.

Jesús, concédenos el favor que te pedimos.

María y Santa Ana, rueguen por nosotros.

3^{er} Misterio: En honor a Santa Ana, la abuela de Jesús.

Un Padre Nuestro y cinco Ave Marías.

Jesús, concédenos el favor que te pedimos.

María y Santa Ana, rueguen por nosotros.

ORACIÓN A SANTA ANA PARA FAVORES TEMPORALES

Oh, gloriosa Santa Ana, llena de compasión para los que te invocan y de amor por los que sufren, vengo a ti a visitarte cargado (a) con mis problemas; te suplico humildemente que tomes bajo tu protección mi intención especial.

Preséntala a tu hija, la Santísima Virgen María, y ponla ante el trono de Jesús para que Él la pueda resolver. Sigue intercediendo por mi hasta que Jesús atienda mi plegaria. Sobre todo, consígueme la gracia de ver un día a Dios cara a cara y de estar con María y todos los santos alabando y bendiciendo a Dios por toda la eternidad. ¡Amén!

Oh, buena Santa Ana, madre de María, nuestra vida, dulzura y esperanza, ruega por nosotros.

LETANÍA A SANTA ANA

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros. **Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**
Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros. **Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.**
Señor, ten piedad de nosotros. **Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**
Cristo, óyenos. **Cristo, escúchanos.**

Dios, Padre Celestial. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**
Dios, Hijo, Salvador del mundo. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**
Dios, Espíritu Santo. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**
Santísima Trinidad, un solo Dios. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Santa María, Madre de Dios. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, Instrumento del Espíritu Santo. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, Madre de María. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, Santa Esposa de San Joaquín. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, espejo de los casados. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, milagro de paciencia. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, Madre de confianza. **Ruega por nosotros.**
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Santa Ana, consuelo de los afligidos. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, auxilio de los pobres. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, protectora de las vírgenes. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, apoyo de los oprimidos. **Ruega por nosotros.**
Santa Ana, refugio de pecadores. **Ruega por nosotros.**

Por tu amor a Jesús y a María. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por tus méritos y virtudes. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por tu bondad y misericordia. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por tu compasión y caridad. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por las gracias que recibiste de Dios. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por las alegrías que conociste con Jesús y María. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por la felicidad que gozas en la eternidad. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**
Por el honor que tienes entre los Santos. **Te suplicamos, óyenos.**

LETANÍA DE SANTA ANA (CONTINUACIÓN)

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
perdónanos, Señor.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
escúchanos, Señor.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros.

Ruega por nosotros, o buena Santa Ana,
para que seamos dignos de las promesas de Cristo.

OREMOS

Padre bueno, tú que escogiste a Santa Ana y a San Joaquín para dar vida a María y educarla de tal manera que pudiera responder a tu llamada, concédenos el poder ser ayudados por su poderosa intercesión. Esto pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

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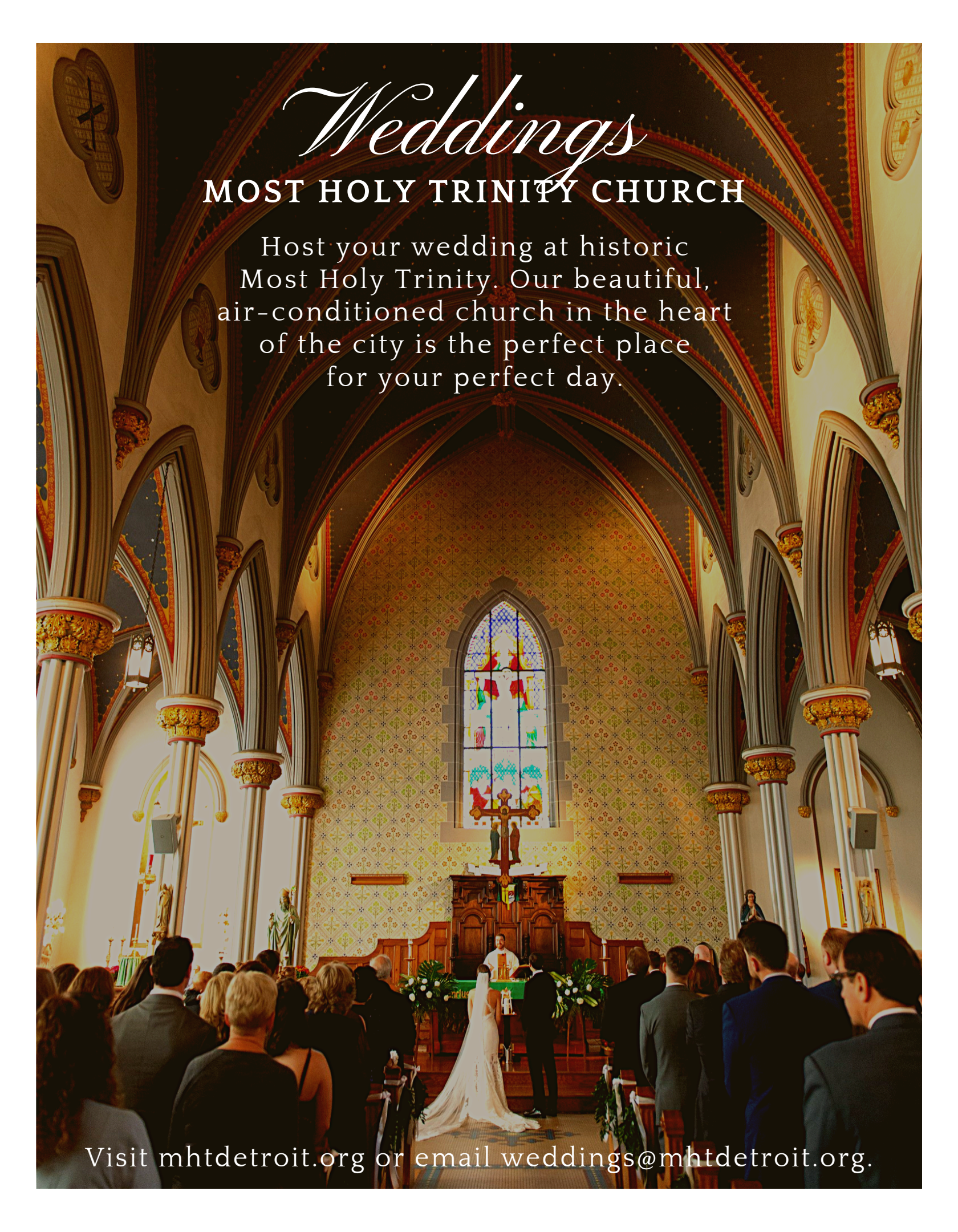
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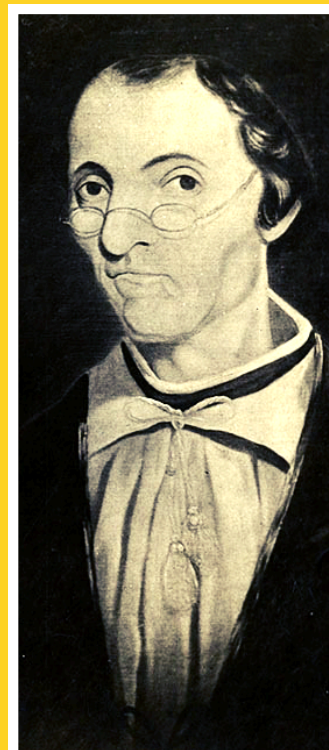
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