

SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT



**The month of August is dedicated
to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

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The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.



With Mary Immaculate, let us adore, thank, implore and console the Most Beloved and Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2024



For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs

Focus of the Liturgy

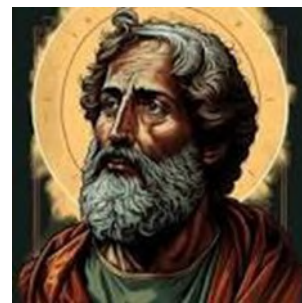
The Gospel readings for August are taken from St. Mark and St. John. All Sunday readings are from Cycle B, and Weekday readings are from Cycle II.

August 4th Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B, Jn 6:24-35: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

August 11th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B, Jn 6:41-51: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

August 18th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B, Jn 6:51-58: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

August 25th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B, Jn 6:60-69: Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." <--You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.-->



Highlights of the Month

August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to move out from our winter and anticipate travels and vacations and prepare for Spring and Summer, festivals, harvest time, to come. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of **Christ and Mary. Most notably, during August, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15).**

The other main feasts of this month are: St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1), St. Eusebius of Vercelli and St. Peter Julian Eymard (August 2), Dedication of St. Mary Major (August 5), St. Sixtus II and Companions and St. Cajetan (August 7)

St. Dominic (August 8), St. Teresa Benedicta (August 9), St. Lawrence (August 10), St. Jane Frances de Chantal (August 12), Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus (August 13), St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14), St. Stephen of Hungary (August 16), St. John Eudes (August 19) St. Bernard (August 20), St. Pius X (August 21) the Queenship of Mary (August 22) St. Rose of Lima (August 23), St. Bartholomew (August 24), St. Monica (August 27) St. Augustine (August 28) and the Passion of St. John the Baptist (August 29).



The feasts of St. John Mary Vianney (August 4), St. Clare (August 11), St. Louis of France (August 25), and St. Joseph Calanz (August 25) fall on a Sunday so they are superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

A Time to Persevere

The days of winter have provided a welcome change of pace. However, now while approaching spring and summer vacations can afford us the time to relax and refresh, the change of habits and routines can also have a negative impact on our spiritual lives. As if to re-ignite us, the Church offers us in the plethora of August feasts vivid examples of the virtue of perseverance: six martyrs—two who are named in Canon I of the Mass and two who were martyred during World War II; seven founders of religious congregations, as well as three popes and two kings; the apostle, St. Bartholomew; the great Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine and St. Monica, his mother;



the humble patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney, and the patron of deacons, St. Lawrence, who joked with his executioners while being roasted alive. It is never too late to begin—as the life of the reformed sinner, St. Augustine teaches us—nor too difficult to begin again, as demonstrated by the conversion of

the martyr, St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). We present-day members, of the Mystical Body are certain of the reward to which we are called, for Christ's Transfigured body (August 6) is a preview of that glory. Moreover, in the Assumption of his Mother (August 15), Our Lord has demonstrated his fidelity to his promise. Her privilege is "the highest fruit of the Redemption" and "our consoling assurance of the coming of our final hope—the glorification which is Christ's" (Enchiridion on Indulgences).

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most perfect example of Christian perseverance, but she is also our advocate in heaven where she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth (August 22). Mary is the "Mother of Perpetual Help", the patroness of the Congregation founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1). "No one who has fled to her protection is left unaided" is the claim of the Memorare of St.

Bernard (August 20). Heretics have returned to the faith by the prayers of her Rosary, first preached by St. Dominic (August 8) in the twelfth Century, and hearts have been converted by the graces received while wearing her Miraculous Medal, promoted by St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14) and adopted as the "badge" for the Pious Union he founded. Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our



sweetness and our hope! This item 12553 digitally provided courtesy of CatholicCulture.org

Pope at Angelus: 'Material things do not give fullness to life



During his first Angelus address of the month, Pope Francis asked his listeners on Sunday to seek the path of charity, "which keeps nothing for itself but shares everything."

"Material things do not give fullness to life. They are important but they do not fill life. Only love can do that," the Holy Father said to crowds of local and

international pilgrims in St. Peter's Square on Aug. 4.

Reflecting on Sunday's Gospel reading (John 6:24-35) — which recounts how many people followed Jesus because they were looking for bread to eat and not because they believed in him or his miracles — the pope challenged his listeners to ask themselves: "What kind of relationship do I have with material things? Am I a slave to them? Or do I use them freely as instruments to give and receive love?"

Alongside the virtue of charity, Pope Francis said gratitude and generosity are essential qualities that enable a Christian to grow in the love of God and others. "Am I able to say thank you? Thank you to God and my brothers and sisters for the gifts I have received? And do I know how to share them with others?" he asked.

During his address, the pope also spoke about how a selfish and disordered attachment to money over inheritance. "I've seen many cases of this. It's sad," he said. "For money, they don't speak to each other for years!" With a prayer to Mary, the Holy Father petitioned the Mother of God "to teach us to make everything an instrument of love" for the good of others.

Before departing from the window in the Apostolic Palace overlooking St. Peter's Square from which the Pope prays his Sunday Angelus with the public, he asked the crowds of waving and cheering pilgrims to pray for him.

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Events for Women, Mothers, Daughters and their Families April-July 2024

Event 1 On Saturday 17 April, in the Easter holidays, members of the Daughters of Mary mothers and daughters program and their



families were invited for an Easter picnic in Kings Park. We started with a Via Lucis Walk through the beautiful natural surroundings **reflecting on the various Scriptural resurrection accounts.**

For our picnic, we did not only have lots of delicious food, but two teams competed in a treasure hunt to find items connected with the Easter story in the nearby Botanical gardens.

Event 2 Four families of mothers and daughters met on Saturday 18 May at St Aloysius Parish, Shenton Park, for our mother and daughter session on The virtues of Mary. As it was the eve of Pentecost, we reflected on the virtue **Witnessing our Faith** by listening to testimonies of how Mary strengthens our faith and encourages us to give witness to others. Each one drew both a gift and a fruit of the Spirit and asked Our Lady to especially bless her.



Event 3 was held in South Perth Parish with the theme: **Open Wide to Me Your Heart and the Heart of Your Son!** It brought

together the Schoenstatt Young Women community, as well as the mothers from our Daughters of Mary program and other women. At the



opening talk we focused on Mary's role leading us to Jesus, and the various ways we can connect with her in our everyday lives. The weather was amazing that day, so most participants could go outdoors for a quiet reflection time and enjoy a beautiful view of the Perth CBD on the other side of the Swan River. After afternoon tea, each one could choose a Marian prayer to use as a card cover for a card with Marian customs and decorate the cover. We finished with a devotion in the church, after which Mons. Brian and Fr Stephen were available for confessions.



This was not the end of the program for the day. The young women belonging to the Covenant of Love group had already gathered for a session before lunch and had helped with the preparations. The end of the event was a Fellowship Dinner for all who joined SGYW through attending the

Women Faith Club sessions: a monthly offering to read and discuss spiritual books together held at both CPC, Highgate, and the Shrine. The food was generously prepared by everyone. After an opening prayer focusing on the feminine gift of gentle strength which we impart on each other each time we gather as women in faith, we had an ice breaker activity and testimonies from a number of the participants relating to their experience



with the faith club meetings, our retreats and events.

Event 4 on Sunday 23 June. The monthly Women Faith Club meeting at the Shrine took place as on every 4th Sunday of the month, and every 1st Wednesday of the month at CPC, Highgate. We are currently reading and discussing the chapter on attachments to fellow human beings from Everyday Spirituality in tandem with JP II's audiences on the Theology of the



Body. **Finally**, the winter holidays provided a good opportunity for a Bushwalking Pilgrimage Day, walking about 6km to the Shrine. We started each stretch of the way with a decade of the rosary. We finished the pilgrimage with a prayer in the Shrine, **where we offered our joys and sorrows to our Blessed Mother and brought the intention for which each one had done the walk, to Her.** After that we grilled sausages and marshmallows on a bonfire for lunch.

SCHOENSTATT INTERNATIONAL

The Family Institute elects its new General Council

The chapter couples participating in the IX General Chapter of the Schoenstatt Family Institute elected their new international leaders for the next six years. Starting with this Chapter of 2024, the General Council will be formed by the following couples:

General Superior Family Rafael and Cristina Muñoz, Barcelona, Spain **General Assistant Family** Raúl and María Luisa Rivera, Viña del Mar, **Chile General Course Leader Family** Marcelo and Cristina Prono, Asunción, Paraguay **1st Counselor Family** José Roberto and Bernadete Nassif, Londrina, Brazil **2nd Counselor Family** Rodolfo and Mónica Concia, La Plata, Argentina **Spiritual Assistant Father** Fr. Pablo Mullin, La Plata, Argentina (resident in Paraguay) Leading and directing.

For the past six years, **José and Patricia Köstner**, from Argentina, have been the General Superior Family. They mention in their letter: "On behalf of the chapter families, we thank everyone for their prayers of support for the success of our General Chapter, which will continue until July 27."



The meeting is currently taking place in Schoenstatt, on Mount Nazareth, with 25 couples representing Germany, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Chile, Spain, Paraguay and Puerto Rico. The role of the General Council is to lead, guide, motivate and represent the community at an international level. The General Superior couple represents the Institute in the International Presidency of Schoenstatt.

COME AND SEE THE SHRINE OF MARY



Join us to learn about the little
Shrine on the hill and what it holds for you.

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024
2-4.30PM, 9 TALUS DRIVE, MOUNT RICHON

Experience a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family with guided tours, testimonies, craft and game activities for children, a bush walk and self-guided reflection for youth and young adults.

- 2.00pm registration, 20min tours & testimonies, children's games and craft (until 3.45pm)
- 2.15pm & 3.00pm bush walk for youth/young adults
- 2.30pm treasure hunt for primary aged children
- 3.45pm prayers and songs at the Shrine
- 4.00pm shared afternoon tea

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AND U-18 REGISTRATION FORM HERE:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAGK5UI-XNM/jvbp-MOLAdv2TU4qLa3CKg/view>

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**FREE
EVENT**



The Schoenstatt Movement is a spiritual family offering formation and events for families, couples, singles, youth and children.

COMING EVENTS

NEW Schoenstatt Girls Faith Club events

Girls are invited to join faith & fun afternoons held every two months at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mount Richon, either as junior (8-11yo) or senior (12-17yo) faith club members. Growing in relationship with God and one another, the Girls Faith Club members will have Mary, the Mother of God, as their model and guide to become more Christlike in their everyday lives supporting one other on the journey of life.

1-3pm on Sunday 11 August, 15 September and 24 November

Who: faith club members (all ages) and their mums meet for a mother and daughter session

Where: Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon.

For inquiries and consent form, please contact Sr M Luka at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843 or Sara Tharakan 0414 561 075.

Fridays

- Shrine 10am **HOLY MASS**
- 11am to 815pm **Silent Eucharistic Adoration**

Third Sunday of the month

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please forward any contributions to Joy and John Doherty for the next edition of "Schoenstatt WA News" by 16th August 2024

We look forward to your input.

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