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Monthly Bulletin of the
Roman Catholic

Onze-Lieve- Vrouwekerk Masses

Monday till Friday (Dutch)
12.15 - 19.30 Chapel
Saturday (Dutch)
19.00 Church
Sunday (Dutch)
11.15 Church
Sunday (English)
18.00 Church

Confession

Daily starting half an hour
before Holy Mass

Pastoral Word

In the Church, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is indissolubly connected to the Heart of Jesus. On May 13 in Maastricht, the bishops devoted all dioceses in the Netherlands to her Immaculate Heart. In the Church of Our Lady we also did it at the end of the Eucharist celebration.



This year the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on June 23rd. It is an image of the immense love of Jesus Christ for God the Father and mankind. A clear proof of this is the

Sacrament of the Eucharist and on June 18th we will celebrate the annual Sacrament procession.

We ask the Lord that we learn to love as He did. That peace may come into our hearts and in the world. We also ask this through the intercession of Saint Josemaria Escriva, whose feast day we will celebrate on June 26th.

Rafael Ojeda, rector

Family Announcements

Baptized:

Alessio Mariano Paul son of Maria Chiara and Richard van den Engel on 7 May

Nathaniel Matteo son of Ester and Francis Reid and *Álvaro* son of Maria and Juan José Guajardo-Fajardo on 13 May

First communion

Adaline Hildebrandt

Siena Jebbink Gonzalez

Dario Jebbink Gonzalez

Carlota Guajardo-Fajardo

Nicolas Guajardo-Fajardo

Rodrigo Gutiérrez

Lara Baumann

Juliette Simone Williams

Massimo Andreoli

Maddalena Coppo

Emma Reid

Hugh Reid

Sam McNaughten

Hannah Bromert

Jacques Barthe

Tatiana Fiorella Rohrmeier

Alessandra Spadea

Sofía Albada

Genesis Britania Delgado

Angelo Brian Dacuycuy

Leroy Vreeswijk

Confirmations:

Katharina Anne Collins

Maggie Claire Elliot

Joana de Maria Reis Garcia Gomes

Giulia Battifoglia

Isabel Sharlene de Rijk

Danna Gabriela Cometta Romero

Jorden van Dam

Gabrielle Georgine Blanche Guquin

The following couples will be getting married shortly:

Giacomo Vigorelli and *Wan Ning*

Vittorio Bevilacqua and *Sabina*

Martirossian

Nicky Wybouw and *Sabina Bajda*

Florian Schenkel and *Cassandra*

Adamofsky

Indra Muller and *Valeria Vallejo*

Jose Garcia and *Felicia van den End*

Christian Howart and *Krystal Moody*

Otto Smook and *Tatiana Vils Alves De Souza*

Alessio Amatucci and *Dorota Szalas*

Jeremie Gould and *Etelka Kovaks*

Valeria Pierdominici and *Alfredo*

Genovesi

Julianna Olianti and *Folker de Vries*

Vitor Angelelli and *Patricia Ribeiro*

In the Church of our Lady:

Gabriella Terzic and *Jeffrey Tien*

Tijs Prinsen and *Danitza Pelaez*

Mai Linn Trinh and *Ang-Great Tsar*

Liem Halim and *Daniar Suprianto*

Paul Ahearne and *Nieneke Wesseling*

Claudia de Armas and *Lars Elbers*

Liturgical Calendar

Date			Time
Fr 2 June	1 st Friday of the month	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Chapel and adoration	19.30
Sa 3 June	Solemnity of Pentecost	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su 4 June	Solemnity of Pentecost	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
Mo 5 June	Second Pentecost day	Mass in Dutch in the Church	11.15
Th 8 June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, High Priest	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.30
Sa 10 June	Solemnity of the Holy Trinity	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su 11 June	Solemnity of the Holy Trinity	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
Sa 17 June	Solemnity of Corpus Christi	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su 18 June	Solemnity of Corpus Christi	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
Fr 23 June	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mass in Dutch in the Church	11.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.30
Sa 24 June	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su 25 June	12th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
Mo 26 June	St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of the Opus Dei	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.30
Th 29 June	St. Peter and St. Paul, feast	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.30
Sa 1 July	13 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su 2 July	13th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00

Fr	7 July	1 st Friday of the month	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel Mass in Dutch in the Chapel and adoration	12.15 19.30
Sa	8 July	14 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su	9 July	14 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00

Monthly Family and Friends Snack & Get-Together

Kindly be reminded that the Parish organizes on the 1st Sunday of every month, after the 18:00 Mass, a get together where all the families and friends of our community are more than welcome. The next one takes place on: 4 June. Save the dates! Should you wish to be informed about the activities organized by the Get Together Team and/or to join the team?

Kindly contact Rita Pennisi at ritapennisi81@gmail.com or Maria Cecilia Martina at martina.catechesisolv@gmail.com

Looking for volunteers

Volunteers for assisting with different tasks and activities at our International Mass are welcome and needed! At present, we need more for volunteers to join the choir, as well as volunteers to assist with the monthly family snack after the Mass. We are also looking for volunteers for reading at Mass. Please contact info@olvkerk.nl

9 Bible Verses That Will Help You Discern God's Will for Your Life (4)



At the beginning of this year, we started the new column on discerning God's will in my life. In this June issue, we proceed with another verse. We have gathered a few tips from the Daughters of Saint Paul, Scripture and a prayer for discernment from the Sisters of Mount Carmel. Before you begin the process of discernment, you should know two things: God always

wants us to be happy because He loves us. He also knows that only that which helps us grow in holiness will lead us to true happiness. And second: Discernment of God's will and plan usually involves a decision between two good choices. To discern between two goods is to choose the best option of the two.

Now invite the Holy Spirit to direct your prayer through the following scripture:

"Put into deep water and lower your nets for a catch"

“While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets. “When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. “For astonishment at the catch of fish, they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything* and followed him.” (Luke 5, 1-11)

Remember, there is no need to rush. Choose a quiet place to listen to God through His Word to help you discover where he is leading you. Discernment takes time and a lot of listening. Be patient and trust that the Lord only wants what is best for you.

A Prayer for Discernment: Loving and gracious God, you have led me to desire your will, which often seems beyond my knowing. Yet I know that you, who love me unconditionally, will continue to place in my heart a desire to follow in the footsteps of your Son Jesus, who asks me to be His hands and feet, eyes and heart, in the midst of Your daughters and sons. I want so much to love as Jesus loves and to serve in whichever way You desire for me. Grant me the desire to be still in Your presence so that Your Spirit can speak to my heart. May I respond with open hands and heart to Your calling, wherever You may lead. Grant the courage to say with Mary “yes” to You in all things, and may I have the passionate zeal of Your prophet Elijah. In gratitude, with Your grace, all of my life will be lived for the bringing about of Your reign on earth and for Your honour and glory. Amen.

Social walk-in consultation

Recently the social walk-in consultation that happens every Tuesday from 9 to 10 next to our Church (Keizersgracht 218b) started. The walk-in consultation is meant for church attendees or their acquaintances that have financial or social problems, such as finding the right service providers, loneliness or legal advice. Based on your story, we in the Caritas team will discuss and we will establish contact with you to discuss if and how we can help you. We will be discreet. A help tool is the social cart that soon will be placed at the website of the Church of Our Lady. This card will

contain an overview of instances that help persons in need. For contact: spreekuur@onzelievevrouwewerk.nl or call to 06-15093868.

Eucharistic Procession on 18 June



The Eucharistic procession in the canal area has become a tradition of our Church. The date for this year is already known: Sunday 18 June. Also several Orthodox churches will join for this procession with the Holiest. As in previous years, this promises to become a unique ceremony. Inform already family and friends about this nice event. Corpus Christi is a solemnity that falls on

the second Sunday after Pentecost. During this day the faithful commemorate the gift of the sacrament of the altar (the Eucharist) by Jesus Christ. A Eucharistic procession is held with the Host in a monstrance solemnly carried around. Although it had almost completely disappeared, nowadays is the celebration of Corpus Christi resurging in the Netherlands.

5 Reasons to Stay Until the End of Mass

Most of us have probably done it at least once or twice. We make a beeline for the door with our heads down after receiving communion because we have something important to do. We hope our pastor and friends won't notice. And perhaps they don't. But Someone does.

As a religious sister who has moved around quite a bit, I am surprised by how drastically different parishes in some areas of the country are from others. I am from Oklahoma and rarely see people leaving Mass early. I used to live in California, and in the parish I attended, people came late and sometimes left early. I am now in the northeast and am surprised by how many people leave Mass early. But these patterns also depend on the parish. It is an interesting phenomenon. An isolated incident is not that concerning to me. But when half the parishioners have disappeared to the parking lot before the closing song has ended, it makes my heart a little sad. Sometimes I want to run after the people I see walking briskly out of church straight from the communion line and shake them and say, "You have Jesus inside you! Take a minute to talk to him, to thank him, to love him!"

Do you need some motivation to stay a little longer to attend the entire Mass? Do you know some other people who might? Here are some reasons I stay until the end of Mass, (besides the fact that I am a nun and it would be scandalous if I ran out right after communion every Sunday):

1. Communion Is About Communing: When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is

able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, “It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!” Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.

2. It’s Not Nice to Be Rude: Before Mass in the convent, we have a half hour of silent meditation on the Gospel. Sometimes I am late. I walk quickly in with my head down, embarrassed that everyone can see that I slept in. Recently, I realized that my motivation to be on time should not be to avoid embarrassment but because I am going to see Jesus. Why are we often more concerned with other people’s reactions than we are with Jesus’? We think, I have to run because I have so much to do, so-and-so is waiting for me! But why is it easy for us to leave early and come late when it is the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?

3. Mass Is Not An Activity on a To-Do List: Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.

4. The Final Blessing Is Important: On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense. When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel’s message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home very disappointed. Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn’t you wait for it?

5. You Get MORE Grace: According to the Catechism, “the fruits of the sacraments ... depend on the disposition of the one who receives them” (CCC 1128). There is a power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls and plays out in our lives depends on our disposition. If we are rushing out of church after communion, chances are our disposition is not such that we are reverentially aware of the amazing fact that we are consuming the body, blood, soul and divinity of God himself. It’s heavy stuff. And it deserves a disposition of great respect, if only because we all need all the grace we can get

Anointment of the Sick & H. Communion

If you would like to receive at home the Anointment of the Sick or the Holy Communion, please contact one of the priests.

Baptism of Children

All information for the preparatory course Baptism for parents and godparents is provided by father Rafael Ojeda, rector@olvkerk.nl or 020 2400 803.

Collection and church contributions

The church collection during the last month resulted in € 4.800,-. We warmly thank you for your support. You can transfer your church contribution to our bank account, as mentioned beside.

Mass Intentions

You can use the corresponding form that is located in the back of the church and in the meeting centre in order request a particular Mass intention. In the form it is indicated how you can make a contribution.

Catechesis for Children

Our church has an attractive program for children of different ages. The lessons take place every Sunday at 17:00 right before the 18:00 Mass. Kindly contact Rector R. Ojeda or Maria Cecilia Martina tel. 06 52 541 481 who coordinates the classes.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration takes place from Thursday 11.00 hrs till Friday 19.15. For more information, please contact Mrs. Gerda Hoogland, tel. 06 27 286 632 or email gerda.hoogland@live.nl

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