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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am  
*Saint Alexander*  
 Saturday Vigil at 4pm  
 (Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*  
 Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*  
 Monday-Friday 8am  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*  
 Holy Days as Announced



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## *Padre's Ponderings*

Dear Parishioners,

Tomorrow, the Church Universal observes the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Since it falls on a Monday this year, the Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, if you wish to join us for Mass at Saint Mary of the Bay at 8am, you would be most welcome. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the significance of Mary's role in the lives of believers. In gifting his Mother to us from the cross ("Behold your Son," "Behold your Mother"), Jesus expects that each of us will invite Mary into our homes. She is the best teacher we could ever have in discipleship!

In today's bulletin, you'll find the Stewardship Report for the month of July. A word of thanks to all those who continue to generously support Saint Alexander. It will be pivotal in the months ahead, especially in these uncertain times, to maintain a level of giving that enables us to pay our bills and to continue to keep our properties well-maintained. We have a beautiful campus at Saint Alexander, which Fr. Masello carefully maintained for over thirty years. We want to continue to build on that legacy. Your support will ensure just that. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

And a words of thanks to all those who continue to support our parish in other ways: through time, talent, presence, and most especially, prayer. I am grateful to all those who make our weekly worship on Sunday mornings a pleasant experience for all involved. And I am especially grateful for your patience in having everything prepared and waiting for when I arrive at the last minute from Saint Mary of the Bay! In the coming months, Fr. Bob Hawkins and I will be alternating a bit more (at both the 8am Mass at SMB and the 9am Mass at St. Alexander) in order to avoid the mad dash down Main!

And lastly, if you didn't invite someone to church with you this week, consider doing so next week! A personal invitation goes a long way...

Until next week,

*Fr. Joe*

## ∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

August 14, 2022

9am: The Deceased Members  
of the Felag Family

August 21, 2022

9am: Edward Godek  
*Requested by Betty & David Hoague*

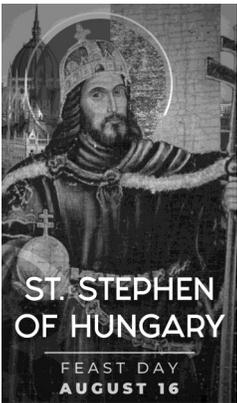
*"Thus he made atonement for the dead..."* (2 Macc 12:46a). If you would like to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one (or for another intention), please call the parish office at 401-245-6369 or email parishoffice@saintalexanders.com.

## ∞ JULY STEWARDSHIP REPORT ∞

Regular Offertory: \$3942.00  
Maintenance: \$1482.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## ∞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ∞



Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross.

The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

## ∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

From today's First Reading:

*Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.* (Jer 38:10)

Consider: **The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?**

From today's Second Reading:

*Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.* (Heb 12:1-2)

Consider: **The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?**

From today's Gospel:

*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* (Lk 12:51)

Consider: **Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension?**

