

Our Lady, Help of Christians

Latin Mass Parish of the Diocese of Birmingham, AL

1201 Kingsbury Ave | Huntsville, AL | 35801

O Mary, powerful virgin, thou art the mighty and glorious protector of the Church; thou art the marvelous help of Christians; thou art terrible as an army in battle array; thou alone hast destroyed every heresy in the whole world. In the midst of our anguish, our struggles, and our distress, defend us from the power of the enemy, and at the hour of our death receive our souls in paradise. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians composed by St. John Bosco



AD JESUM PER MARIAM

AUGUST 2026 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The month of August is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER TO THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of all men,
1. We believe, with all the fervor of our faith, thy glorious Assumption into heaven, which thou didst enter soul and body, where the chorus of all Angels and Saints acclaimed thee as Queen; and we join our voices to theirs in thanking and praising the Lord Who has exalted thee above all other creatures, and in presenting thee our most sincere desires of affection and love.

2. We know that thou, who on earth didst surround the most humble and suffering humanity of Jesus with thy motherly love, art now blessed in heaven with the vision of the glorified humanity of the uncreated Wisdom, and that the happiness of thy soul in contemplating face to face the most adorable Trinity makes thy heart beat with the most tender affection; and we poor sinners, to whom the burden of the body embarrasses the elevation of the soul, beseech thee to purify our minds so that, even during this earthly life, we may learn to savor God and God alone in the magnificent beauty of His creation.

3. We have the assurance that thine eyes full of compassion look down on our misery and our anguish, on our struggles and our weaknesses; that thy lips smile on our joys and our victories; and that thou hearest Jesus' voice saying for everyone of us, as He said once for His beloved apostle,

August Mass Calendar & Intentions

FIRST SATURDAY, August 1 – Casey O'Reilly

SUNDAY, August 2 –

7:00 — Michael Engelhard

8:45 High Mass — *Missa pro populo*

10:45 — Father's intention

MONDAY, August 3 – Luke Chenault Family

TUESDAY, August 4 – Lauren Mackintosh

WEDNESDAY, August 5 – Bob & Kathy McCoy

THURSDAY, August 6 – Jake Tipton

FIRST FRIDAY, August 7 – (+) Samuel Negron

SATURDAY, August 8 – Jeff Davis

SUNDAY, August 9 – 7:00 — (+) Katherine McArthur

8:45 High Mass — *Missa pro populo*

10:45 — Father's intention

MONDAY, August 10 – Steven Thompson Family

TUESDAY, August 11 – (+) Philomena Marie

WEDNESDAY, August 12 – (+) Grace Lively

THURSDAY, August 13 – (+) Maureen Fitzgerald

FRIDAY, August 14 – (+) Arthur Jenkins

SATURDAY, August 15 – Allison Rumore

SUNDAY, August 16 –

7:00 — Catherine Yarbrough

8:45 High Mass — *Missa pro populo*

10:45 — Father's intention

MONDAY, August 17 – Thomas Gil Family

TUESDAY, August 18 – (+) Margarita Minjares & Jose Minjares

WEDNESDAY, August 19 – (+) Dorothy Sohey

THURSDAY, August 20 – (+) JoAnn Vadasy

FRIDAY, August 21 – (+) Charmaine Bauer

SATURDAY, August 22 – (+) Cornelius Patrick Anthony Moran

SUNDAY, August 23 – 7:00 — (+) Marisol McCarthy

8:45 High Mass—*Missa pro populo*

10:45 — Father's intention

MONDAY, August 24 – Palmer Family

TUESDAY, August 25 – (+) Helen & Matthew Clune

WEDNESDAY, August 26 – Dominic Green

THURSDAY, August 27 – (+) Marc Vogt

FRIDAY, August 28 – Katherine Bannon

SATURDAY, August 29 – (+) Nora Patricia Walsh

SUNDAY, August 30 –

7:00 — (+) LTC Lud Anthony Newton

8:45 High Mass—*Missa pro populo*

10:45 — Father's intention

MONDAY, August 31 – Isabelle Marie Sadowski

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The blessing of religious articles:

Leave items to be blessed in the hall in the designated basket. Items are blessed every Friday.

Sacraments:

All Sacraments at Our Lady, Help of Christians are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books.

To submit a Mass request intention:

Use the Mass request form (in the social hall) and submit to the office inbox. Please do not submit more than 2-3 Mass requests at a time. Only 1 intention can be scheduled per day.

“behold thy son”; and we, who invoke thee as our Mother, look up to thee, as St. John did, as to our guide, our strength, and our consolation in our mortal life.

4. We have the most comforting certitude that thine eyes, having wept once on this earth which was sprinkled with Jesus’ Blood, are still gazing on this world, a prey to wars, a place of persecution and oppression of the just and the weak; and in the darkness of this vale of tears we expect from thy heavenly light and thy tender compassion help in the needs of our hearts, help in the trials of the Church and of our country.

5. Finally we believe that thou, in the glory where thou art reigning, clothed with the sun and crowned with the stars, art after Jesus the happiness and the felicity of all Angels and Saints; and from this world where we pass as pilgrims, strengthened with the faith in the coming resurrection, we lift our eyes up to thee, our life, our sweetness, our hope; attract us with the sweetness of thy voice, so that thou mayest show us, after our exile, Jesus the blessed Fruit of thy womb, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

-Pope Pius XII

(It was the Holy Father Pope Pius XII who recited this prayer for the first time on the eve of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption into heaven of our Lady, on October 31, 1950)

**This prayer can be found on page 1791 of The Roman Catholic Daily Missal (1962)