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## WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS REMEMBER ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

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ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, CHRISTIANS SHOULD REMEMBER THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

INDEPENDENCE DAY, CELEBRATED EVERY FOURTH OF JULY, IS AN IMPORTANT HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES. ON THIS DAY, THE NATION CELEBRATES THE FREEDOM IT DECLARED FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN 1776. WE RECOGNIZE THIS DAY AS THE BIRTH OF A NEW NATION. OUR NATION.

CHRISTIANS CAN FIND DEEP SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS DAY, AS IT REMINDS US OF THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST. JUST AS OUR COUNTRY FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM

TYRANNY, JESUS CHRIST FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM FROM SIN AND DEATH. INDEPENDENCE DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REFLECT ON THE BLESSING OF LIBERTY AND HONOR OUR NATION'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE.



### UNDERSTANDING OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

TO TRULY APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR CHRISTIANS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE. THE UNITED STATES WAS FOUNDED ON PRINCIPLES ROOTED IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. THE FOUNDING FATHERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE THOUGHT TO BE DEVOUT CHRISTIANS, SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A NATION THAT WOULD GUARANTEE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND UPHOLD THE VALUES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY. OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE IS DEEPLY INTERTWINED WITH THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, AND INDEPENDENCE DAY PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON AND APPRECIATE THIS HERITAGE.

### THE ROLE OF FAITH IN THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA

THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA WAS DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY THE FAITH OF ITS FOUNDERS. MANY OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS WERE GUIDED BY THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS, IF NOT BY ANY PERSONAL CHRISTIAN BELIEF. CLEARLY,

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## FEASTS FOR JULY

THE FEASTS ON THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY ARE:

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| 1 JUNÍPERO SERRA (USA), OPT. MEM.   | 21 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY   |
| 3 THOMAS, APOSTLE, FEAST  | 22 MARY MAGDALENE, FEAST   |
| 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA), OPT. MEM.                                       | 23 BRIDGET, OPT. MEM.  |
| 5 ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA; ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL,<br>QUEEN (USA), OPT. MEM. | 24 SHARBEL (CHARBEL) MAKHLOOF, OPT. MEM.   |
| 6 MARIA GORETTI, OPT. MEM.  | 25 JAMES, APOSTLE, FEAST   |
| 7 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY                              | 26 JOACHIM AND ANNE, MEMORIAL  |
| 9 AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS, OPT. MEM.                             | 28 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY   |
| 11 BENEDICT, MEMORIAL   | 29 MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, MEMORIAL  |
| 13 HENRY, OPT. MEM.   | 30 PETER CHRYSOLOGUS; SOLANUS CASEY, OPT. MEM.   |
| 14 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY                              | 31 IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, MEMORIAL  |
| 15 BONAVENTURE, MEMORIAL  |  |
| 16 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, OPT. MEM.                                    | THE FEASTS OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (USA - JULY 14),<br>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI (JULY 21), AND ARE<br>SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. ☐ |
| 18 CAMILLUS DE LELLIS (USA), OPT. MEM.                                    |  |
| 20 APOLLINARIS, OPT. MEM.   |  |

## OUR CENACLE CORNER

SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
THROUGH MEDITATION OF PASSAGES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURES

*Loving God Above All*

# GOD TOUCHED ME

*Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.  
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. — 1 Chronicles 16:24*

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father  
of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

*- James 1:17*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL: THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

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WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF INDEPENDENCE DAY?

FOR MANY AMERICANS, THE FOURTH OF JULY SERVES AS A DAY TO WATCH FIREWORKS, BARBEQUE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WHILE THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING THESE TRADITIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE REASON BEHIND WHY WE CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY.

SAMUEL ADAMS, THE FATHER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WAS BOLD IN PROCLAIMING HIS FAITH. TO HIM, SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MEANT NO LONGER SUBMITTING TO GREAT BRITAIN, BUT RATHER, SUBMITTING TO THE LORD (CROWE, 2008). AS A RESULT, AMERICA WOULD BE FREE FROM THE POWER OF MAN AND ABLE TO SERVE CHRIST. WHAT A SIGNIFICANT DAY IN HISTORY!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHAT OUR DUTIES ARE AS CHRISTIANS. WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE CHRIST AND CHRIST ALONE, AND IT IS SUCH A BLESSING THAT WE CAN LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO DO SO.

OFTENTIMES, THE ENEMY WILL USE DISTRACTIONS TO KEEP US FROM FULFILLING OUR DUTIES AS CHRISTIANS. BEING DISTRACTED BY ALL THAT HAPPENS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY CAN CAUSE US TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAY. THIS IS DANGEROUS, AS IT CAN ULTIMATELY CAUSE US TO STRAY AWAY FROM CHRIST.

SO, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, AND HOW CAN WE DO SO IN TODAY'S WORLD?

AMERICAN LIBERTY IS A BLESSING FROM GOD. BECAUSE OF OUR FREEDOM, WE CAN EXPRESS OUR FAITH AND BOLDLY SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, THIS IS NOT THE CASE. THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST IS MUCH GREATER FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

WITH THIS IN MIND, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF WHY WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY. TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON THE WAYS GOD HAS BLESSED YOU IN YOUR LIFE, AND MAKE IT A GOAL TO NOT TAKE THE FREEDOM WE HAVE FOR GRANTED. AS YOU SPEND THIS DAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE BLESSING OF FREEDOM THAT WAS GIVEN TO US BY CHRIST. □

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THE FEAST OF GOD THE FATHER WILL BE ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF AUGUST. THEREFORE, THE FIRST DAY OF THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD THE FATHER PRAYER WILL BE ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY, WHICH IS JULY 28, 2024 AND WILL END ON THE FEAST DAY, AUGUST 4, 2024.

THE CONSECRATION BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT  
[WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG/PRAYERS/DEVOTIONALS/  
HOLYOCTAVEOFCONSECRATIONTOGODTHEFATHER.PDF](http://WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG/PRAYERS/DEVOTIONALS/HOLYOCTAVEOFCONSECRATIONTOGODTHEFATHER.PDF)

*"This ministry will last as the sun rises every morning. We tell you now that anyone who curses this spiritual group will not last and will have an unacceptable gifts and prayers. Especially if the intention is envy and anger.*

*Continue my children for your words of prayer we are listening in heaven "*

*The Holy Trinity As One*

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## WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS REMEMBER

THEY SOUGHT GOD'S WISDOM IN ESTABLISHING A NATION THAT WOULD UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ITSELF ACKNOWLEDGES THE "LAWS OF NATURE AND OF NATURE'S GOD" AND ASSERTS THAT "ALL MEN ... ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS." THIS RECOGNITION OF GOD'S ROLE IN THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA REMINDS US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH IN THE SHAPING OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY AND VALUES.

## CELEBRATING FREEDOM IN CHRIST

HOWEVER, AS CHRISTIANS, OUR ULTIMATE SOURCE OF FREEDOM IS NOT FOUND IN ANY EARTHLY NATION. RATHER, IT IS FOUND IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. THE APOSTLE PAUL REMINDS US IN GALATIANS 5:1 (NIV):

IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY.

OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST IS NOT JUST AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT. INSTEAD, IT IS A TRANSFORMATIVE REALITY THAT IMPACTS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. INDEPENDENCE DAY IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THIS FREEDOM AND EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE LIBERTY WE HAVE IN HIM.

## REFLECTING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED UPON. THESE PRINCIPLES, DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, HAVE SHAPED THE IDENTITY OF OUR NATION AND CONTINUE TO GUIDE US TODAY.

AS CHRISTIANS, WE CAN DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS FOUND IN JOHN 8:31-36 (NIV):

TO THE JEWS WHO HAD BELIEVED HIM, JESUS SAID, "IF YOU HOLD TO MY TEACHING, YOU ARE REALLY MY DISCIPLES. THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE."

THEY ANSWERED HIM, "WE ARE ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS AND HAVE NEVER BEEN SLAVES OF ANYONE. HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WE SHALL BE SET FREE?"

JESUS REPLIED, "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, EVERYONE WHO SINS IS A SLAVE TO SIN. NOW A SLAVE HAS NO PERMANENT PLACE IN THE FAMILY, BUT A SON BELONGS TO IT FOREVER. SO, IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."

THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AND THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY GO HAND IN HAND. INDEPENDENCE DAY ALLOWS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THESE TIMELESS TRUTHS.

## MORE BIBLE VERSES THAT HIGHLIGHT FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

THE BIBLE IS FILLED WITH VERSES THAT HIGHLIGHT THE CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY. THESE VERSES CAN SERVE AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND REFLECTION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.

SOME NOTABLE PASSAGES INCLUDE:

LEVITICUS 25:10 (NIV): "CONSECRATE THE FIFTIETH YEAR AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS. IT SHALL BE A JUBILEE FOR YOU; EACH OF YOU IS TO RETURN TO YOUR FAMILY PROPERTY AND TO YOUR OWN CLAN."

ISAIAH 61:1 (NIV): "THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE FROM DARKNESS FOR THE PRISONERS."

ROMANS 8:20-21 (NIV): "FOR THE CREATION WAS SUBJECTED TO FRUSTRATION, NOT BY ITS OWN CHOICE, BUT BY THE WILL OF THE ONE WHO SUBJECTED IT, IN HOPE THAT THE CREATION ITSELF WILL BE LIBERATED FROM ITS BONDAGE TO DECAY AND BROUGHT INTO THE FREEDOM AND GLORY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (NIV): "NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM."

JAMES 1:23-25 (NIV): "ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. BUT WHOEVER LOOKS INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM, AND CONTINUES IN IT-NOT FORGETTING WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD, BUT DOING IT-THEY WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT THEY DO."

MEDITATING ON THESE VERSES AND OTHERS LIKE THEM CAN DEEPEN OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST AND REMIND US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.

## HOW CHRISTIANS CAN HONOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

AS CHRISTIANS, THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS WE CAN HONOR INDEPENDENCE DAY AND CELEBRATE OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE. FIRST, WE CAN TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR OUR

NATION AND ITS LEADERS, SEEKING GOD'S GUIDANCE AND WISDOM FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US. WE CAN ALSO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SERVICE AND LOVE BY REACHING OUT AND DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

ADDITIONALLY, WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN PATRIOTIC EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS. AS WE DO SO, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM OVER THE YEARS.

BY ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN THESE ACTIVITIES, WE HONOR OUR CHRISTIAN ROOTS AND DEMONSTRATE OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

### **INCORPORATING FAITH INTO INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

WHEN CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY, CHRISTIANS CAN EASILY INCORPORATE FAITH INTO THE FESTIVITIES. BEGIN THE DAY WITH PRAYER, THANKING GOD FOR THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY AND PRAYING FOR THE CONTINUED BLESSING OF LIBERTY. READ AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE PASSAGES THAT HIGHLIGHT FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

IN ADDITION TO THE ONES LISTED ABOVE, CONSIDER PSALM 119:45 (NIV). IT STATES:

"I WILL WALK ABOUT IN FREEDOM, FOR I HAVE SOUGHT OUT YOUR PRECEPTS."

SHARE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, DISCUSSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE. BY INTENTIONALLY INCLUDING FAITH INTO OUR CELEBRATIONS, WE DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF INDEPENDENCE DAY. WE UNCOVER THE TRUE MEANING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FREE.

### **CONNECTING OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WITH PATRIOTISM**

AS CHRISTIANS, WE HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT OUR FAITH HERITAGE WITH PATRIOTISM. OUR FAITH CALLS US TO BE GOOD CITIZENS AND TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY AROUND US. BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, RESPECTING THE RULE OF LAW, AND ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, WE DEMONSTRATE OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND OUR LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

AS WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY, LET US REMEMBER THAT OUR FAITH AND PATRIOTISM ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. INSTEAD, THEY CAN BEAUTIFULLY INTERTWINE TO CREATE A SOCIETY THAT REFLECTS GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE.

## **EMBRACING OUR CHRISTIAN ROOTS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY**

INDEPENDENCE DAY IS NOT JUST A TIME FOR BARBECUES, FIREWORKS, AND PARADES. IT IS A DAY TO REFLECT ON AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY AS BOTH AMERICANS AND CHRISTIANS. AS WE CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT DAY, LET US EMBRACE OUR CHRISTIAN ROOTS AND HONOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM. MAY WE NEVER TAKE OUR LIBERTY FOR GRANTED. INSTEAD, LET US SEEK TO LIVE LIVES THAT REFLECT THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND LOVE OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED UPON. BY DOING SO, WE CAN TRULY HONOR OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE AND CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN A MEANINGFUL AND IMPACTFUL WAY.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DAY AND HOW IT CONNECTS WITH YOUR FAITH. ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SERVICE AND LOVE, AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN PATRIOTIC EVENTS. LET US EMBRACE OUR CHRISTIAN ROOTS AND DEMONSTRATE OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE BLESSING OF LIBERTY. ☐.

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# SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

## LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL

BY VICTOR H. ARANETA

WHEN WE OPEN OUR LIPS AND EXUDE OUR LOVE TO GOD ALMIGHTY, WE OFFER OURSELVES WITH ALL THE ICING ON THE CAKE, IN WEALTH AND IN POVERTY, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH.



HOWEVER, WHEN THOSE INCONVENIENCES COME, WE BECOME DEAD SERIOUS IN COMPLAINING WHY THESE ARE HAPPENING TO US. ALL THOSE LITANY OF SACRIFICES FLY

OUT THE WINDOW AND LET THE SUNSHINE OF COMPLAINTS AND DISSATISFACTION COME IN. ARE THEY NORMAL? MAYBE, OR MAYBE NOT. ALL OF US ARE GUILTY OF THIS, EXCEPT PROBABLY THE SAINTS WHO OFFERED THEIR SUFFERINGS TO GOD. BUT HOW DO THEY DO IT? IT IS THE SINCERE LOVE FOR GOD, NOT FROM THEIR LIPS BUT FROM THEIR HEARTS THAT KEEP THEM ON THE RIGHT PATH.

AS WE TRAVERSE THE EARTH, LET US NOT FORGET OUR BLESSED MOTHER, WHO IN HER LOVING HEART, WILL HELP US NAVIGATE THE PATH TOWARDS LOVING GOD, THROUGH HER SON, JESUS, WITH ALL OUR HEART AND WITH ALL OUR MIGHT, EXHIBITING THE REAL MEANING OF THE LITANY OF THE LOVE OF GOD .

**PRAYER:** DEAREST GOD, GIVE ME THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO WITHSTAND THE PAIN WHEN I AM TESTED AND THE FORTITUDE WHEN I AM BLINDED BY PAIN AND THE WILL TO PURSUE THE LOVE FOR GOD, THROUGH THE HANDS OF OUR DEAR MOTHER MARY. THIS WILL BE MY DIRECTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, IN GOD'S ALMIGHTY NAME. AMEN. ☐

## Upcoming Events

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY DEVOTION

JULY 5, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS:  
THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 2:30 PM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
AT 8:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY DEVOTION

JULY 6, 2024

IN LOS ANGELES:  
ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL  
ST. ANNE FAMILY SERVICES  
155 N. OCCIDENTAL BL.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 8:30 AM  
MASS AT 9:30 AM

IN LAS VEGAS:  
THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 1:00 PM

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY DEVOTION

IN LAS VEGAS:  
JULY 7, 2024

ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

### 800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

JULY 20, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS: THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 8:00 AM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
MASS AT 9:30 AM