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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays after 8am Mass to 6pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Closed
(Office is closed on all Civic Holidays)

MASS INTENTIONS

Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith, but of your heart for those who say these Masses. The offering you make when requesting a Mass will go to support the work of our church.

Saturday July 15, 2023 4pm - Frank & Maria Gardiner, requested by David Gardiner

Sunday July 16, 2023 10am - For the Parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish Family

Monday July 17, 2023 8am - Bernadette Rochefort, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Tuesday July 18, 2023 - John Cabral, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Wednesday July 19, 2023 8am - Maria Silveira, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Thursday July 20, 2023 8am - Beatriz Avila, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Friday July 21, 2023 - No Mass

Tabernacle Lamp - July 9th to July 15th

No Intention

Saturday July 22, 2023 4pm - No Intention

Sunday July 23, 2023 10am - Francis DiMasi, requested Ginny DiMasi

Monday July 24, 2023 8am - Janet Whiteley, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Tuesday July 25, 2023 - For the Parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish Family

Wednesday July 26, 2023 8am - Barbara Tondre, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Thursday July 27, 2023 8am - Joan Magiera, requested by Rev. Eric Silva

Friday July 28, 2023 - No Mass

Tabernacle Lamp - July 16th to July 22th

Frank & Maria Gardiner, requested by David Gardiner

WEEKLY OFFERING WEEKEND July 9th

Mass & Mail-In Budgets: \$1305.00

Online Collection: \$282.00

Building Maintenance: \$160.00

Mass Intentions: \$75.00

Total: \$1822.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 16	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
MONDAY July 17	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
TUESDAY July 18	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY July 19	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
THURSDAY July 20	<i>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i> Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1+5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
FRIDAY July 21	<i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15+16bc, 17-18/ Mt 12:1-8
SATURDAY July 22	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i> Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 23	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26- 27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



MARRIAGE MATTERS

By Steve and
Bridget Patton

HOW DO WE DIVIDE CHILD-CARE TASKS WHILE BOTH WORKING FULL-TIME FROM HOME?

Since we can't ask either of our parents to watch the kids in these times, we are trying to navigate child care together while both working full-time at home. How do we divide tasks such as schooling, and basic child care duties, while both of us are feeling pressure from work?

Start with this all-purpose prayer embedded within every Mass: "Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks ..." In other words, no matter what challenges life might throw your way, including the new disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, start by thanking God.

Expressing what you're grateful for will help you not only find a practical solution to your immediate problem, but, more importantly, it will also help you grow closer to one another and to God. Where to begin?

Thank him that you are both healthy, that you both still have jobs, that you have children to care for (who are thereby helping you become better people), that you have a home, that you have the gifts of one another to depend upon and that you have your faith. Next, zero in on gratefulness for your jobs and for one another.

If you're grateful to be employed, chances are your employers are also grateful to have you. So if you're struggling with the work-at-home scene, be open and honest about it with your employers (while nevertheless being grateful to them). Could they possibly make some accommodations that would make it easier for you to coordinate your work days?

Next, be open and honest with one another about your respective gifts and limitations as child caregivers. And be ready to stretch, especially if in the past you have reflexively relied upon "traditional" gender roles. This is a new opportunity to creatively and generously demonstrate your willingness to suffer well for the sake of your family.

Nurturing gratefulness within your hearts, while also expressing it to your employers, your children, one another and God is much more than a mere program for optimistic living. It is a decision to be, and to live, in right order with God and with one another. We who love God can trust that no matter how the pandemic affects us — from a mere nuisance to more serious implications — it will, eventually, "work together for the good" (Rom 8:28), and for that we can and should thank him. In God's kingdom, it is not the happiest who are the most grateful, but the most grateful who are the happiest.

Journey OF Faith

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

Under the huge oak tree in the yard, my 5-year-old niece was shocked to discover that the huge tree had begun as a small acorn, just like one of many she found on the ground. She could not believe that something so large began as something so small.

Crowds of people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. When He taught, Jesus used parables to explain spiritual realities that are difficult to grasp. But their everyday experiences provided vivid images to explain things they could not see. Seed needs good soil to grow; so does the Word of God need good soil—us—for it to grow.

People will often express a desire to have greater faith or trust in God. Somehow more is better and even necessary for

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Fruit

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:8-9

Faith

is a beam radiating from the face of God.

St. John Eudes

The seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who
indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

When we were little kids, it was so exciting to go to the bank with our passbooks, hand in our money and see our savings grow--\$20, \$40, \$75 and then \$100!! As we reached each milestone, our desire to save grew and we learned a habit that would serve us our whole life. Passbooks were our report cards in the financial world!

Clergy and faithful alike often judge their life and their faith by the size of their accomplishments. Comments like "I never built a church or school" seem to nullify the thousands of baptisms, or weddings,



or visits to the sick. "I've never been in charge of something or done

anything great" does little justice to the hundreds of diapers changed, the

young minds formed, the zillion meals prepared, or the countless hours of counsel and consolation, neighborly concern or devotion to family, work and community. Great faith is measured by perseverance,

honesty, love and fidelity. It begins small and seems inconsequential. But it is the salt of the earth, giving life and flavor and sustenance to all who taste it. In spiritual things, don't let size fool you. One small thing is enough to change the whole world.

-Jim Gaffney

"A sower went out to sow..."

Some seed fell on the path...

Some fell on rocky ground...

Some seed fell among thorns...

**But some seed fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit, a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.**



Whoever has ears ought to hear."

In Word & Deed

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it to 'work.' Looking for ways to find more faith, people will overlook the fact that what they have is enough. Prayer, practice and patience will allow the seeds of faith to grow, becoming stronger and deeper each day. Then, one day we can say with Paul, that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

-Jim Gaffney





Experience God's Mercy

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:15 am to 9:55 am

Thursday 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

*"Every time we go to confession, God embraces us."
- Pope Francis -*

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If you become a scheduled adorer, you will have a set hour period that you will be present at the chapel. If you are unable to make your scheduled hour in a given week, you are free to call the coordinators to find a substitute.

If you aren't sure whether you can commit to an hour a week, consider teaming up with a friend or family member to share the hour with or be each other's dedicated substitute and go every other week.

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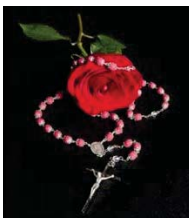
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