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SIXTEENTH 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 22, 2023 4pm - Elizabeth Conroy, requested anonymous
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 23rd to July 29th
Henry & Diane Antoni, requested by Ginny DiMasi

Saturday July 29, 2023 4pm - No Intention
Sunday July 30, 2023 10am - Paul Sloan, requested by Family
Monday July 31, 2023 8am - Louise Smith, requested by Shirley Freeman
Tuesday August 1, 2023 - Lucy Machado, requested by Shirley Freeman
Wednesday August 2, 2023 8am - Charles Gracie, requested Florence Gracie
Thursday August 3, 2023 8am - No Intention
Friday August 4, 2023 - No Mass

Tabernacle Lamp - July 30th to Aug 5th
No Intention

WEEKLY OFFERING WEEKEND July 16th

Mass & Mail-In Budgets: \$1010.00
 Online Collection: \$292.00
 Music Collection: \$90.00
 Mass Intentions: \$65.00
 Endowment Collection: \$500.00

Total: \$1957.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

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
MONDAY July 24	<i>Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest</i> Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
TUESDAY July 25	<i>Saint James, Apostle</i> 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
WEDNESDAY July 26	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary</i> Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ Mt 13:1-9
THURSDAY July 27	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,16-20b/Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Mt 13:10-17
FRIDAY July 28	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 13:18-23
SATURDAY July 29	<i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i> Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



PARENTING JOURNEY

By Sheri Wohlfert

AT-HOME VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hooray for summer! Ice cream, swimming pools and bike rides are familiar things on the summer to-do list, but a few things will look a little different this summer. And since there may be no Vacation Bible School (VBS) at your parish, why not try an at-home VBS with your children on the all-important sacraments of initiation? As Catholics, we realize that the sacraments are the greatest source of all that is good. And during this crazy time, our children need truth, hope and grace more than ever. (If you want a refresher course on the sacraments before you begin, please visit faithmag.com/theology-101-0.)

Day 1. Baptism – the grace and hope begin here! Baptism is about forgiveness, holy water, the light of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Kids need to know that Christ's light dispels darkness and fear. Show your kids their baptism candle, outfit and photos, and talk about that special day. Have a family dinner with white cake for dessert to commemorate everyone's baptismal date. Put these dates on the calendar so you can celebrate them throughout the year.

Then, make a trip to church, look at the baptismal font up close and renew your baptismal promises together. (You can find them here: tinyurl.com/baptismalpromises) Blessing ourselves and our

children with holy water is a powerful practice. Decorate a clean glass or plastic container with baptism symbols, and fill it with holy water while you're visiting the church.

Day 2. Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith. Celebrate the true presence of Jesus. Go to Mass, eucharistic adoration or simply sit together in quiet prayer as a family before the tabernacle. Before you go, read and talk about Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Spread a tablecloth on the floor and have dinner together reading the story of the Last Supper from Matthew 26 or Luke 22. You might even want to add some of the foods Jesus and his disciples would have shared that night like lamb, bitter herbs (horseradish) and pita bread.

Day 3. Confirmation – come Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is fully manifested in this sacrament; what began at baptism is made complete. The fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit help us grow in holiness. Read about the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Have each child choose one fruit of the Spirit they think could help them grow in holiness and write a little prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for an outpouring of that Fruit of the Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit is our advocate or helper, plan a project to help someone in your parish, neighborhood or family. It can be anything from lawn work to lemonade, or simply brightening up the day of a lonely neighbor.

Journey OF Faith

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

Back in March, some second graders planted a bunch of tomato seeds and now, months later, my garden has more than a few tomato plants. They stop by the garden almost everyday, watering the plants and looking for the first signs of fruit. The young gardeners learned that it takes a lot of work to get from seed to salad!

The common experience of planting a seed and watching it grow provides a perfect image for Jesus to explain how faith grows. Faith is not automatic. Like the seed that needs water and soil and sun, faith needs practice and knowledge and the Son. As faith grows and becomes stronger, it transforms not only the believer, but also the community.

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All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation (of the world)."

Matthew 13:34-35



Let the gift of your life continue to grow in us, drawing us from death to

faith, hope and love.

— Roman Rite

First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:30



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Summer time is like New Year's Day. We make resolutions about things we will do, places we will go, books we will read and chores we will finally get done. And almost as quickly as we make them, summer has flown by and we've accomplished few of our lofty goals. One goal that can still be met is the one about spiritual renewal. This is the perfect time to do something as a family to understand more fully and practice more deeply the values, goals and habits of faith.

Without some attention and work, faith can languish. A special project, a class, weekday Mass or family prayers can do a lot to revive and renew your faith. Like

the small seed planted in the spring that now is full grown and bearing fruit, faith requires nourishment and care. We can always call upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us in times of growth and change. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, even praying for us when we do not know how to pray. God's love is so pervasive that nothing stands between Him and us. Nourish your faith now so that in your time of need, you will receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

-Jim Gaffney



In Word & Deed

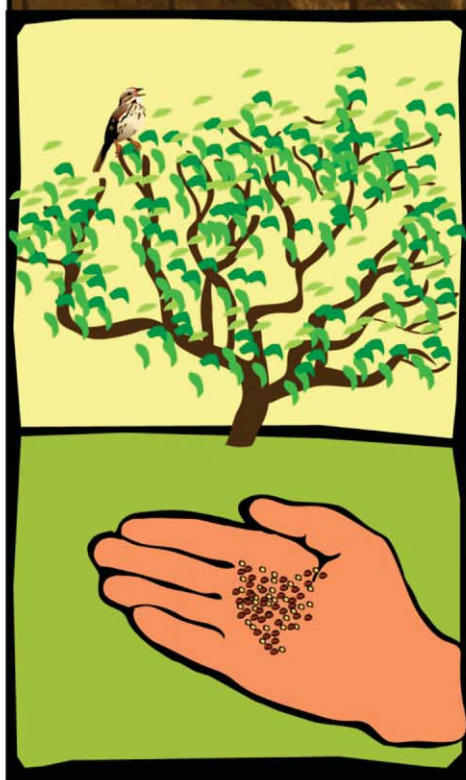
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Everyone is affected by it through word, example and practice. Like the effect of yeast in dough, faith touches every aspect of life.

What can we do to help our faith grow stronger? When we pray, or study the Bible, or share our faith or do good works for the sake of the Gospel, faith grows. When we practice the works of mercy, faith grows. When we ask God for grace and offer Him our hearts, minds and souls, faith grows. Put faith to work and it will work for you.

-Jim Gaffney

parable of the mustard seed



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.' "

Matthew 13:31-32



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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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