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## SEVENTEENTH 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 29, 2023 4pm - The Parishioners of the St. Joseph's Parish Family**

**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 - Madeline Mercier, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Friday August 4, 2023 - No Mass**

**Tabernacle Lamp - July 30th to Aug 5th**

**Lynn Cutter, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Saturday August 5, 2023 4pm - Jeanne Raymond (Healing Mass),**

**requested by David Gardiner**

**Sunday August 6, 2023 10am - Theresa Murphy, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Monday August 7, 2023 8am - Joseph Miller, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Tuesday August 8, 2023 8am - Sister Mary Ellen Maytum, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Wednesday August 9, 2023 8am - Maurice Mercier, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Thursday August 10, 2023 8am - The Parishioners of the St. Joseph's Parish Family**

**Friday August 11, 2023 - No Mass**

**Tabernacle Lamp - Aug 6th to Aug 12th**

**No Intention**

## WEEKLY OFFERING WEEKEND July 23rd

Mass & Mail-In Budgets: \$1209.00

Online Collection: \$282.00

Outreach: \$140.00

Mass Intentions: \$57.00

**Total: \$1688.00**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY** *Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
**ORDINARY TIME** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/  
July 30 Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**MONDAY** *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
July 31 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
Mt 13:31-35

**TUESDAY** *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Aug 1 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-  
13/Mt 13:36-43

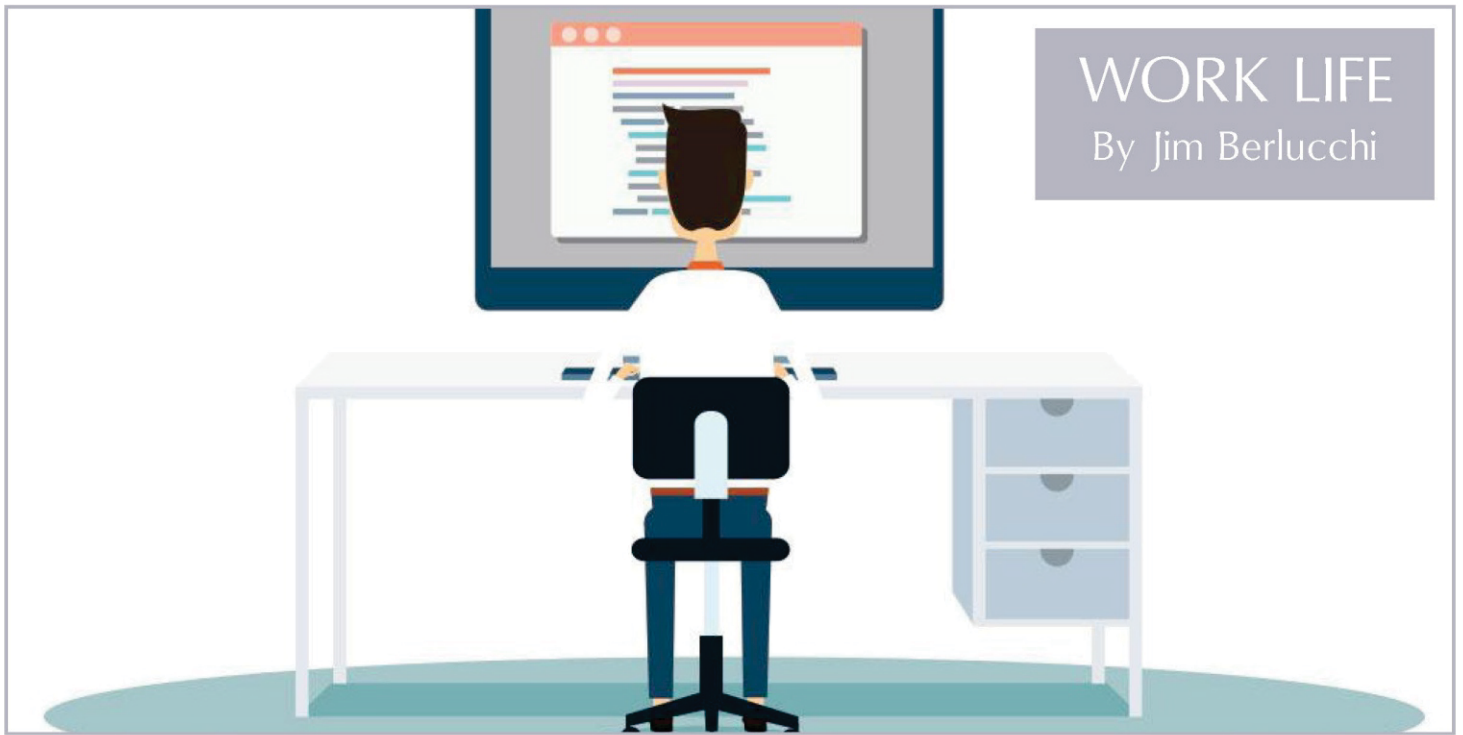
**WEDNESDAY** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Aug 2

**THURSDAY** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a+8a, 11/Mt 13:47-  
Aug 3 53

**FRIDAY** *Saint John Vianney, Priest*  
Aug 4 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-  
11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**SATURDAY** *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*  
Aug 5 Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

**TRANSFIGURATION** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/  
**OF THE LORD** Aug 6 Mt 17:1-9



## WORKING FROM HOME LONG-TERM?

When we started working from home during the pandemic, I thought it was going to be short-term. Now, it's clear that I'm going to be working from home for quite a while, possibly permanently. What are some strategies I can employ to work effectively and not feel completely isolated?

### **Imitate the former. Seize the new. Be realistic.**

To be effective, **imitate** the most effective workplace habits. Stay on the same schedule. Set up a similar work environment (as much as possible). Dress the same (not pajamas and sweats). In other words, to maintain your former effectiveness, stick to your former patterns. We are creatures of habit. So minimize energy inventing new ones, unless they're better or your former habits were ineffective! But that would be a different story.

Working at home is unexpected but not providential. You didn't ask for it, but it asks of you. Don't lament it. **Seize** it. God introduces this new thing to bring forth a better you and untapped virtues. Amazingly, he works good in and for us through every circumstance – welcome or unwelcome. His orchestration is your

motivation. Stir up your faith. Gird up your mind. Roll up your sleeves: "Here I am Lord. Use this to make me wiser, more diligent, more focused, more content, more productive."

"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." (1 Thes 5:24)

Finally, Aristotle identifies three types of friendship – of utility, of enjoyment and of virtue. The friendship of employment is friendship of utility. We cooperate with one another for the success of our shared enterprise. That's not to say that it can't go deeper, but the focus is mutual gain. So be **realistic**. Don't try to squeeze too much out of your work relationships. You can enhance connection via video, phone, text and email. You might also pick a buddy to compare notes at the beginning or end of each day. Though physical proximity has passed away, behold, the new has come. You can reduce isolation by connecting more with those near at hand – family and neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, G.K. Chesterton once said: "The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people." Hopefully, that's not the case for you.



# Journey OF Faith

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## In Word & Deed

*A*ntiques Road Show is a popular program on PBS. People bring all kinds of things to experts to learn about them and to have them appraised. Some items are surprisingly valuable, especially small, rare items. They always seem to generate the most interest and surprise. And everyone hopes that they'll find a fortune in some old stuff around the house.

There are many images that Jesus uses to describe the reign of God: a buried treasure, a merchant's search, or sorting out the good from the useless. In each case, someone is searching for something of value or quality. The object of the search is not readily apparent, but once it is found, everything else pales in comparison. One valuable item is

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*W*hen **“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”**

Matthew 13:45-46

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## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE

If you had to evacuate your home in a few minutes, what two or three items would you want to take with you? What's the most priceless thing in your house? Chances are that it is something that has sentimental value: a grandparent's watch, a photo album, or a letter written by a loved one. We know we can always replace things we buy, but the truly valuable things are those that we treasure in our hearts. They represent the bonds of love that make us who we are.

We spend a lot of time pursuing treasure that is not all that valuable. Think of all the time that can be wasted trying to make more money, get a better car, or

build a bigger home. Yet we would trade it all for our family, for health, or for love. So why don't we spend more time pursuing the things that count? Choosing your values and then acting on them is a decision that every couple needs to make. Do you take a job that pays more, but requires lots of overtime? Or do you make due with the smaller home or older car so that you can spend time together? Find the things on which you spend the most time, money and effort and you'll find your treasure.

-Jim Gaffney



*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ~ Matthew 13:44*

## In Word & Deed

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worth more than everything else and no sacrifice is too great to make.

So how does one begin to appraise faith? Or how much is love worth? What is the price of hope? Their value is measured by our willingness to change, our desire to grow and determination to follow the Lord. When we give of ourselves, the Lord fills us with the spiritual gifts that enrich us and make us whole. These gifts are priceless and eternal.

-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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Our new platform for on-line giving is provided through "Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)"

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[www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-providence/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-providence/giving/funds)

If you have questions call Sue at the office: 401-421-9137



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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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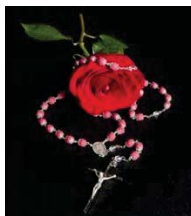


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