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## FORTHTEENTH 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 8, 2023 4pm - No Intention**

**Sunday July 9, 2023 10am - Kay & Everett Martin, requested by Dennis Martin**

**Monday July 10, 2023 8am - Jason Boyer, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Tuesday July 11, 2023 - Diane Pelletier, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Wednesday July 12, 2023 8am - Cheryl Pelletier, requested by Lorraine Beaudoin**

**Thursday July 13, 2023 8am - For the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish Family**

**Friday July 14, 2023 - No Mass**

**Tabernacle Lamp - July 2nd to July 8th**

**Frank & Maria Gardiner, requested by David Gardiner**

**Saturday July 15, 2023 4pm - No Intention**

**Sunday July 16, 2023 10am - No Intention**

**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**

## WEEKLY OFFERING WEEKEND July 2nd

Mass & Mail-In Budgets: \$1462.00

Online Collection: \$357.00

Endowment: \$1170.00

Mass Intentions: \$25.00

**Total: \$3014.00**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

<b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 9</b>	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
<b>MONDAY July 10</b>	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
<b>TUESDAY July 11</b>	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i> Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b+15/Mt 9:32-38
<b>WEDNESDAY July 12</b>	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/ Mt 10:1-7
<b>THURSDAY July 13</b>	<i>Saint Henry</i> Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
<b>FRIDAY July 14</b>	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i> Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mt 10:16-23
<b>SATURDAY July 15</b>	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10:24-33
<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 16</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



## HOW CAN I FIND HAPPINESS IN THIS UNHAPPY TIME?

**Jim Berlucchi, our Work Life columnist, offers specific suggestions on how to find happiness and “be not anxious” during these difficult times.**

For starters, don't let the doomsayers fill your mind. A recent magazine cover proclaimed: Age of Anxiety. Apparently the editors had not consulted the One who said: “Be not anxious about your life.” And he knew something about anxiety and pandemics as well. He was the Lamb who wiped out the ultimate pandemic, the sin of the world.

### **Nonetheless we have trials. So what to do?**

**Put on Courage.** Courage is not mostly a heroic act. It's mostly endurance — getting through any difficulty. Any adversity you've endured has left some deposit of courage. So bring to mind (courage is a habit of the mind) all the hundreds of small and larger challenges you've overcome in life. Then say to yourself, “I've made it this far, and I'll keep on making it.” Keep saying it until it sticks. You're not making something up.

You're drawing on what's already there and putting it on. Put on courage.

**Put on Confidence.** St. Thomas notes that confidence is a subset of courage. It's from the Latin word *confidential*, which translates *con* (with) plus *fides* (faith). Confidence is a form of faith — faith in yourself, faith in the future, faith in God. Divine faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Put on confidence.

**Contemplate.** This isn't just for monks. Contemplation is simply focusing on something beautiful, and finding God in so doing. Our senses are the portals. So gaze at whatever moves you — a sunset, the face of a child, a landscape. Be starstruck with a moonlit night. Listen to music or poetry that uplifts or energizes you. Take some time every day to contemplate.

Courage, Confidence, Contemplation. A triple threat against unhappiness. And just in case, three more C's, all solidly Catholic, can't hurt – Chocolate, Corndogs and Cheetos.



# Journey OF Faith

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## In Word & Deed

A community work project took place on a hot and humid morning. College students helped younger students, keeping a watchful eye on them as they were picking up trash, painting playground furniture and hanging new signs. Halfway through the morning, everyone headed for the shade of a weeping willow tree and a drink of ice-cold spring water. It really was refreshing. The shade and the water revived us and we were ready to finish our work. Everyone had a good time and contributed to our success.

Jesus never said that life would be easier because we believe. He only promised that He would be with us always. In our work and struggle, He is always near, giving us purpose and hope as we

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**Come to Me**

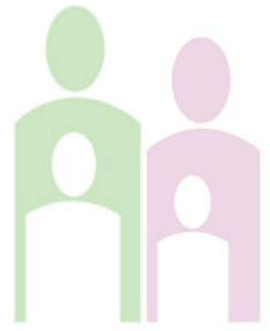
*Come to me,*

*all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28*



## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE



Melanie was one of several second graders who volunteered to help tidy up the church after the school Mass. Her mother asked her why she decided to help clean the church, but never found time to clean her room. "God needed a favor," she said, "so I did it. Then when I need a favor, God will help me." Her faith in God was straightforward and simple; He was just another friend with whom she shared secrets and favors.

It's easy to substitute theology for faith and complex debate for simple relationship. Like many of the best things in life, we understand best with the heart, not the mind. To explain God, is it

easier to say that in the perfection of His being, free from all sin and darkness, God, as the omniscient and omnipotent Being, loves me completely and without fail, as I am, since he makes me in his image and likeness? Or is it better to say, God loves me like a grandparent who spoils me rotten? If you are not sure, trade favors with God today. You'll not only be surprised by what He gives you, you'll also be surprised by what you can give Him.

-Jim Gaffney



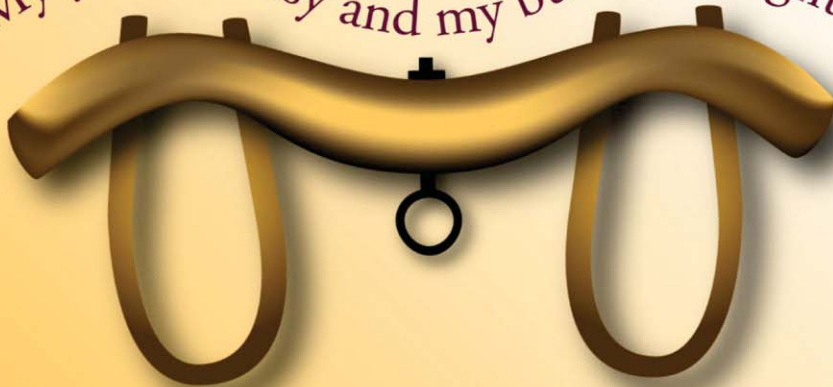
**Come to Me**

**Matthew 11:28**

*The Lord has turned all  
our sunsets into sunrise.*

*St. Clement of Alexandria*

*My yoke is easy and my burden is light.*



Matthew 11:30

## In Word & Deed

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join our work to His as a prayer and an offering to the Father. We never struggle in vain, for even our smallest efforts join us to heavenly powers.

Our work may be difficult and tiresome, but the Lord is always watching over us. He makes sure we have the strength and the rest we need to complete our mission. His love never fails. We are certain of success because, in everything we do, we are building the Kingdom of God.

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



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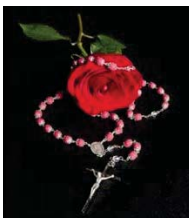
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