

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18 - July 24

Events

SATURDAY July 18

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

Our Lady Cares - 2nd Collection

SUNDAY July 19

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MONDAY July 20

No Events today

TUESDAY July 21

OCIA Inquiry Session

6:30pm-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY July 22

Stitchers

9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

THURSDAY July 23

OLL Game Day

1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Music Practice

5:15-6:45pm - Music Room

Spiritual Companionship

6:30-8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

FRIDAY July 24

K of C Blood Drive

Noon-5:00pm - Parish Center

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY July 25

Welcome Women Meeting

9:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

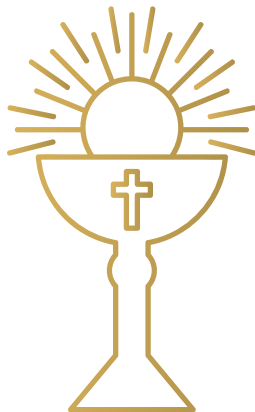
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WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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MASS INTENTIONS](#)

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FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions
available for August*



**Flower
Intentions
June 18 - 24
for
Shirley Wirth
(Birthday)**

Mass Intentions

Sat. 7/18 5:00pm Erica Mitchell (L)

Sat. 7/18 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (L)

Sun. 7/19 8:00am Shirley Wirth (L) (Birthday)

Sun. 7/19 10:30am Jack Hutcheson †

Mon. 7/20 9:00am Tom Eischen †

Tue. 7/21 9:00am Twila Swick †

Wed. 7/22 5:30pm Cooper Mitchell (L)

Thur. 7/23 9:00am Randa Slade (L) (Health & Healing)

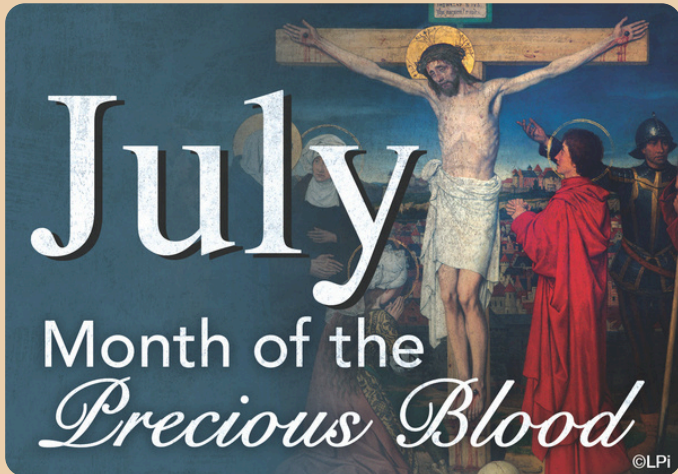


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ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**Collection through
July 12, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$14,395.05
Plate:	6,350.00
Green Envelopes:	\$ 5,665.49
Total:	\$26,410.54



Donate Today!

Click on the link below

[Diocesan Development Fund](#)

Or Scan the QR code

To date, our parish has
152 donors who have pledged **\$73,105**
toward our goal of
204 donors and our goal amount of
\$83,921
Thank you!

*If you have not yet made your pledge,
please add your gift, whatever the
amount, in unity with those
who have already given.*

*The diocese and Church in southern
Missouri needs your participation.*

*Please complete and return
your DDF pledge envelope
next Sunday, if you were not able to
do so today.*

OR

Use the link or QR code on the left.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers needed for the following times

Tuesdays

Noon-1:00pm

1:00-2:00pm

Thursdays

9:30-10:30am 2:00-3:00pm

11:00am-Noon 4:00-5:00pm

Noon -1:00pm 5:00-6:00pm

*We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.*

**If you are available for any of the specified time slots,
please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com**



OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, whether unbaptized adults or baptized Christians from another tradition who are drawn toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you have been talking with someone about our Faith, please invite them to attend.

Next Inquiry Session

Tuesday, July 21st

6:30-7:30pm

In the Heritage Room

(lower level of the Church)

Classes start Tue. Aug. 11th

**For more information, please contact
the Church office. (417) 334-2928**

**This journey involves
prayer, catechesis, and
participation in the life
of the Church,
culminating in the
reception of the
Sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, Confirmation,
and the Eucharist.**

**Our summer sessions
are the first part
of the Inquiry portion
where those who have
questions about the
Catholic Faith are
encouraged to attend
with absolutely no
commitment required.**

Special Collection for Venezuela

Sat. July 25th

&

Sun. July 26th



Bishop Rice, along with Bishops across the United States, are asking parishioners to participate in a special collection for emergency humanitarian aid for the people of Venezuela, following the two earthquakes that hit there late last month resulting in the death of thousands and leaving even more displaced and without shelter.

All funds from this special collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Venezuela, which will provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies & trauma assistance as well as medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded.

Please keep praying for the people of Venezuela as they work to rebuild their lives.



How Sweet the Sound Retreat

A lyrical reflection on
"Amazing Grace"

Wednesday, July 29th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Our Lady of the Lake
(In the Church)

Explore the text and reflect
on each verse of this piece
by Sarah Hart.

Let its message touch our hearts
and draw us closer to God.

(All materials will be provided)

Presented by
Dorene Oesterreicher

ALL ARE WELCOME



**DUE TO THE DIOCESAN
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
TAKING PLACE AUGUST 15, 2026**

**Vigil Mass for the
Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Aug. 14th at 6:00PM**

**NO SATURDAY MASSES
ON AUGUST 15, 2026**

**A SUNDAY EVENING MASS
WILL BE ADDED ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
TIME: 6:00PM**

**Volunteers
needed**

**For the
Altar Linen
Ministry**

The care of the altar linens, which embrace the Body and the Blood of Christ, is a very special ministry.

Each week a person from our ministry soaks, washes, and irons the purificators and corporals used at Mass. They also wash the terry cloth towels that are needed to clean the chalice and other items used at Mass.

The time commitment would be about
2 hours per week,
but only for one month per year
since we rotate volunteers.

We would be happy to train
anyone who would like to volunteer

If you're interested, please contact:
Kathy Yanko (Ministry Coordinator)
314-307-0836 or
the parish office (417) 334-2928



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

Want to attend but don't want to drive?

**Our Lady of the Lake
will be taking a chartered bus
to West Plains.**



**NO COST
TO RIDE**

**DEPART FROM OLL
SAT. AUG. 15TH AT 6:00AM**

HOWEVER...

You will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31
(unless all seats are filled before then)

Cost to Attend the Congress

There is a registration fee of
\$10 per person or
\$25 maximum per family
(parents with minor-age children).

The registration fee includes:

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG



Scan QR CODE
(Congress)

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote



Scan QR code
to reserve bus seat(s)



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

**REGISTRATION
CLOSES
ON JULY 31**

UNLESS ALL SEATS
ARE FILLED
BEFORE THEN



JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING

at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress



**DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU**

70
YEARS
1956-2026



Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE
for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30am: Doors to the West Plain Civic Center Open
- 10:00am: Opening Eucharistic Procession and Opening Prayer (inside the Civic Center)
- 10:45am: Keynote Presentation with Dr. Scott Hahn
- 12:00 noon – 2:45pm: Breakout Sessions | Lunch | Exhibit Hall Open
- 2:45pm: Keynote Presentation with Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- 4:00pm: Keynote Presentation with Bishop James Conley
- 5:15pm: Closing Eucharistic Celebration – Sunday Vigil Mass

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

It's that time of the year again.

Beginning **July 1, 2026** the NEW 2026-2027 Code of Conduct will be made available.

EVERYONE THAT WORKS OR VOLUNTEERS* AT THE PARISH NEEDS TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FORM (ANNUALLY)

**(which include the following ministries)*

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage:

<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

- Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**
- Select the **Prevention and Protection tab**. The documents may be found there.

OR

- **Click here** to access the form

**The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local
Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera**

For NEW volunteers

- To begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS.
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))
For Organization Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact
Nickie Rivera
Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the
Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,
Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection,
Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.org
or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of creating a safe environment
for all to worship, learn, and grow in their faith.*

OLL Games

Join us July 23rd OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

JOIN THE FUN!



OLL Train - The Missouriians
BIG Winner Eva -109
Ed -210 Joe 217
Lil' Winner Remy -252



It starts with fellowship!
Then the set up...
And before you know it,
we become the
Swoop Crazy Niners



Swoop - The Crazy Niners
Big Winner Butch -102
Margaret -125 Julie W -106
Sharron -235 Dan -305 Jeannie -326
Harry -346 Sharon A -436
Lil' Winner Sharon S -446



OLL Train - Summer Heat
BIG Winner Julie J -211
Judy E -299 Mary -365
Lil' Winner Anne Marie -381



Mahjong
Susan C -50 Judy O -25
Joyce -25 Brenda -0 Monnie -0
Gary sat-in to see about Mahjong



Bragging Rights!
Julie J went out 7 times ...
ONCE AGAIN

Around 50 disciples from OLL, OLC, & OLO attended Steubenville Youth Conference held last week in Springfield

Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Our conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

“From Outward Appearance to Inward Conversion”

Bishop Rice’s homily highlights from last weekend’s Steubenville Youth Conference



Last weekend, I joined about 50 disciples from OLL, OLC, and OLO as we traveled to the Steubenville Mid-America Conference in Springfield. Together with more than 4,000 teens from across the Midwest, we gathered to encounter Christ in a powerful and life-changing way. The speakers were outstanding, Team Priest Fr. Fernando Camou’s personal witness was deeply moving, and Bishop Rice’s presence and preaching were both inspiring and challenging. It was a blessing to witness transformation unfolding in real time. With that in mind, I wanted to share a few key takeaways from Bishop Rice’s Sunday homily on the “Parable of the Sower.”

Bishop Rice opened his homily with a humorous but pointed observation about modern culture. He noted how obsessed the world has become with outward appearance; anti-aging products, cosmetic procedures, filters, and even the endless search for ways to prevent hair loss. With a smile, he joked that men will try almost anything to keep their hair, and that society pours billions into staying wrinkle-free and “forever young.” The teens laughed, but the bishop’s message was clear: we spend enormous energy trying to look good on the outside while often neglecting the far more important work of becoming good on the inside.

This contrast sets the stage for the heart of his homily. Bishop Rice reminded the youth that while the world is fixated on preserving the exterior, Jesus is focused on transforming the interior. He then turned to the Gospel of the day and invited the young people to consider the condition of their hearts. God, he said, is always sowing seeds of grace. The question is never about the generosity of the Sower, but the readiness of the soil.

He challenged the teens to ask themselves: ***What kind of soil am I?*** Are they rocky soil that receives God’s Word with excitement but quickly fades when life becomes difficult? Are they thorny soil, where distractions, temptations, and cultural pressures choke out spiritual growth? Or are they rich, fertile soil capable of bearing fruit “thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold”?

Bishop Rice emphasized that authentic discipleship cannot be passive or inherited. Faith must be chosen, nurtured, and lived intentionally. He urged the youth not to let the powerful experiences of the conference remain within the walls of the arena. He said, ***“If all of this stays here, then what was the point?”*** The true measure of the weekend is not the emotion of the moment but the transformation that follows once they return home.

He encouraged them to cultivate their hearts through daily prayer and challenged them to replace “look maxing” with “faith maxing” or “Catholic maxing.” In other words, he invited them to take intentional steps to deepen their interior lives: attending daily Mass when possible, spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, and praying the rosary. These spiritual practices keep the soil of the heart soft, deep, and receptive. Holiness, he reminded them, is not complicated; it is found in daily fidelity, small acts of love, and openness to God’s grace. Even the smallest seeds, when planted in good soil, can bear an abundant harvest.

His homily was both challenging and hopeful. It honored the powerful experiences of the weekend while calling the youth to a long-term, life-changing response. As they left the arena, Bishop Rice’s words echoed: *the seeds have been planted, now it is time to grow.*

FREDBIRD ASKS YOU TO HELP PATIENTS IN NEED!



Join us at the 23rd Annual
St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drives

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, July 24, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR VISIT

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**Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward
by email to see a movie on us! rcblood.org/July**

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All presenting donors will receive a free
commemorative St. Louis Cardinals
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Parishioners are invited to attend
Prince Caspian



Prince Caspian continues the story of the four Pevensie children, who discovered the land of Narnia after walking through a magical wardrobe in the first book of the series, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and now return to the land of Narnia to help the rightful king and heir, Prince Caspian, take the throne!

Special rate: \$15

**Please use the code: OLL
when you call (417) 419-9229
or stop by the box office**

**This special rate is only available
for the following dates!**

July 21-25

Showtimes are

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. at 2:00pm

Fri. & Sat. at 2:00pm & 7:30pm

No shows on Sunday & Monday

Hillside Theater
(formerly the Welk Theater)



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and Conference Center,
Cape Girardeau**



For information & to register,
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Please join Bishop Rice and area clergy
in celebrating the Mass of
**ORDINATION to the SACRED
ORDER OF THE DIACONATE**



(Front) **Howard Mohn**, Holy Trinity Parish, Marshfield; **James Haston**, St. Lawrence Parish, Monett;
Steven Reddin, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City; (back) **Kevin Haverly**, SS Peter & Paul Parish,
Pulaskifield; and **Mike Wilson**, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City.

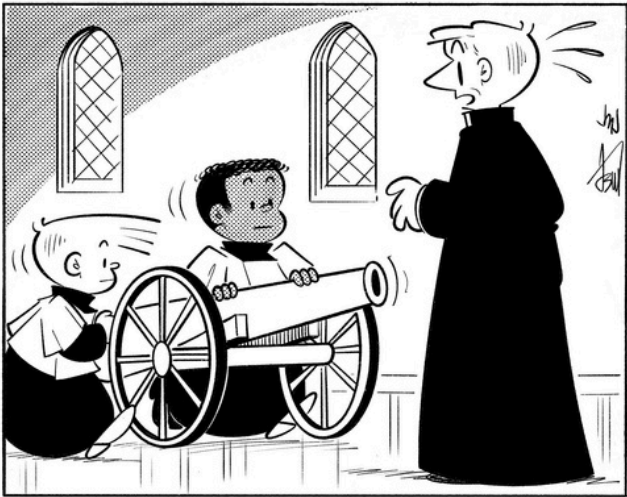
Saturday, JULY 25TH | 10:30 AM



St. Mary Catholic Church, Joplin

Lunch reception to follow. Please RSVP by July 17 to
selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com or call (417) 623-3333,
so that the PCCW may adequately plan for the meal.

LET YOUR LIGHT shine



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Oh no, fellas! I didn't mean THAT kind of canon!"



The "Canon of Sacred Scripture" is the list of books in the Bible that the Catholic Church recognizes as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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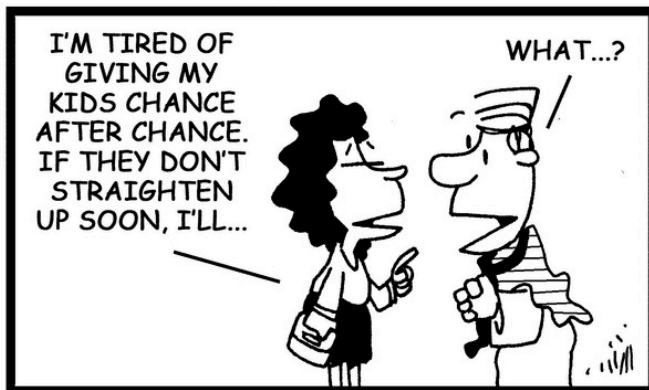
Question: When bishops from around the world gather in council to make decisions for the Universal Church, what is the council called?

Answer: An Ecumenical Council

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IT'S SUMMER TIME

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread — these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

Answer:

There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "*You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole.*" The boy responded, "*And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind.*"

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts.

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:

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:

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

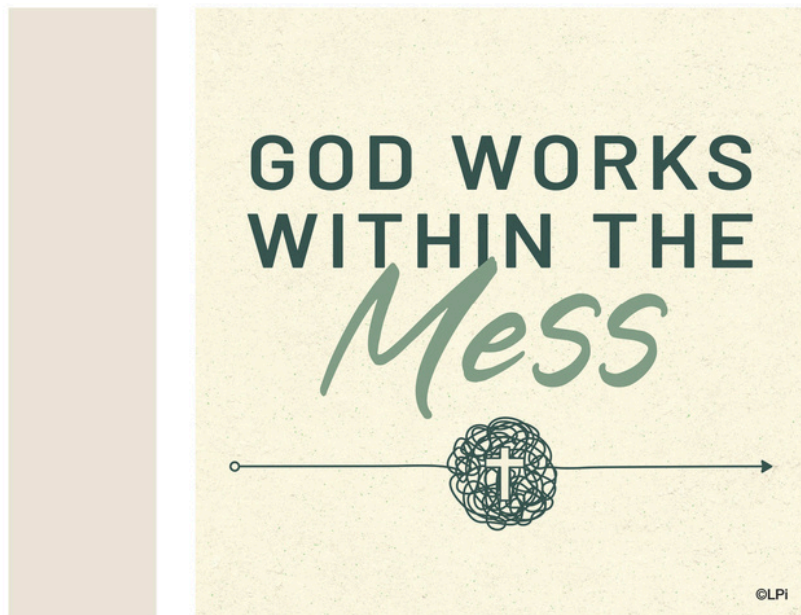
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
(Wis 12:16)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel:

"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."
(Mt 13:31-32)

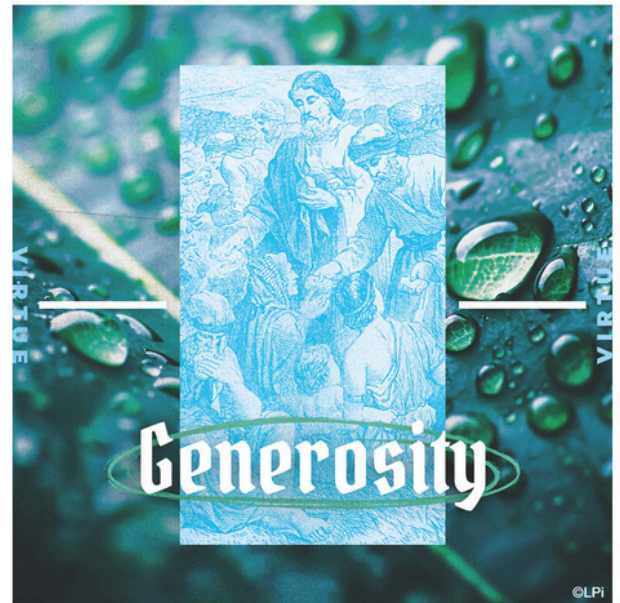
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

Observances for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
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