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BROOKFIELD, CT



JULY 13, 2025



"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

CONFESSIONS Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM (With Eucharistic Adoration) Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We'd love to have you! Call the Parish Office to learn about our O.C.I.A. Program.

*To add parish events, to the calendar, contact Bulletin@stjosephbrookfield.com

Saint Joseph Church

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOU BELONG HERE

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon

Tues

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7:45 AM

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Mass Morning Prayer

Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration Knights of Columbus Meeting



Mass Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer

Mass

Thurs 7:45 AM 8:30 AM



Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life



8:00 AM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM Mass Confession Rosary for Persecuted Catholics Mass



7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION

We invite you to stay at the end of Sunday Mass – following the closing hymn – and join us in praying three "Hail Mary's" for Peace: in our World, in our Families and in our Hearts. We also pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, for healing and reparation in our Church. The Prayer to St. Michael can be found on the back inside cover of the St. Augustine Missal.





Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Jul 13, 2025 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the love of God

What would happen if you and a whole bunch of other people really took to heart these words of scripture: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself"? What, in other words, would be the result if you and I and lots of others put God first in our lives? There would be mutual respect between people. The love of God would be lived out. Violence would disappear. No one would lack what they need. It sounds too good to be true, but with God all things are possible. Do your part and give it your all.

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (105). "Return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul."

Monday, Jul 14, 2025

Fight violence with a secret weapon

One look at the daily news reminds us: It's a cold, cruel world out there. Innocence is slaughtered every day. The harshness of the world can make us tough, self-protecting, and cold at the center: "Not my job. Not my problem." But the violence of our generation really is our problem, and the job of responding to it can only be ours. We have one great weapon in the war against cruelty. Today, unwrap the gift of kindness. Use it liberally, especially with those who "trespass against you."

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). "Pharaoh then commanded all his subjects, 'Throw into the river every boy that is born to the Hebrews.'"

Tuesday, Jul 15, 2025

Small mercies

You know the story: Pharaoh ordered all the male Hebrew children to be cast into the Nile to check the burgeoning Israelite population. One mother followed his command but with a twist: Trying to save her little boy, she floated him out onto the river in a basket. Pharaoh's daughter, at the river to bathe, saw the little boat, gave the baby back to the mother, whom she paid to nurse and raise the child, until she was able to adopt the child as her own. She called him Moses, which means "drawn out." A tragic tale for the rest of the unlucky babies, but also one that shows how God's care shows itself in small ways. Where are the little signs of God's love floating through your life?

Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). "She called him Moses; for she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' "

Wednesday, Jul 16, 2025

Your attention, please

You're not looking for God in the supermarket. You don't expect to see God in traffic. You don't usually have a religious experience while doing homework, standing in line at the bank, eating cereal, or watching TV. In the same way Moses was most certainly not expecting to have a divine encounter at work the day of his first encounter with God, during another monotonous shift keeping an eye on the sheep. Yet when he climbed up to see that now-famous burning bush, God was waiting for him. Look more closely: Could that be God trying to get your attention?

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Thursday, Jul 17, 2025

We've been introduced

It makes a difference whether you know someone's name. To be introduced to a person involves learning their name. It puts you on personal terms. That's true even when it comes to God. When Moses asked God who he should say sent him, God says to tell them, "I AM sent me to you." Jesus, too, refers to himself as "I am" in the Gospel of John. We believe in a God who we can know on an intimate, personal level. Don't be afraid to call God by name. You've already been introduced and on a first-name basis long before the day you were born.

Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). "This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: I AM sent me to you."

Friday, Jul 18, 2025

Image adjustment

The Bible is replete with various images of God, from God as a judge and executor (Exodus 12:12) to God as a woman baking bread (Matthew 13:33). Often these images seem contradictory—a violent God killing firstborn children versus a God who nourishes with patience and care. Frequently these likenesses are used to describe a perceived attribute of God. What images describe your experience of God? If loving, just, and merciful don't come to mind, perhaps it's time to get to know God better. Scripture is a good place to start. *Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Saturday, Jul 19, 2025 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY No time to wait

There are few things more Jewish than matzo, and nothing more Catholic than the Eucharist. In both cases it's odd to remember that the unleavened bread was purely unintentional. The bread was flat on the day of the great Passover because there was simply no time for it to rise. God doesn't mind making use of what's available, no matter how untimely it seems to us. God chose a young girl, Mary, not yet married, to be the mother of the world's great passover from sin, Jesus. When it comes to salvation, why wait? *Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). "Since the dough they had brought out of Egypt was not leavened, they baked it into unleavened loaves."*

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Peace be with you!

Mercy is defined as compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom one has the power to punish or harm. In today's Gospel, Jesus asked the scholar which character in the parable acted as a neighbor to the injured man. The scholar correctly responded, "The one who showed mercy." Jesus replied, "Go and do likewise."This is just one example of the many moments in our lives when we are called to rise above our personal wants and desires to selflessly embody Christ for others. For the sensitive Christian, opportunities abound daily to fulfill Jesus' guidance: "Go and do likewise."

I am writing this note on Tuesday in anticipation of a wonderful visitor from Florida, Diane Voyentzie, who was a parishioner here for many years. You may or may not know Diane, but you have likely seen the mark she has left on our parish. She is a talented artist whose paintings have graced our beautiful church for years. Diane created the scenes behind each of the 14 Stations of the Cross, the mural of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane near the candles, and the niches behind the statues of Mary and Joseph in our sanctuary. She is here to paint niches behind the statues of Mary and Joseph in the Holy Family Adoration Chapel and, if time allows, to add gold stars above the Tabernacle. We are truly blessed to have her, and if you have a moment on Sunday, please stop by the chapel to admire her handiwork. Thank you, Diane, from the bottom of our hearts.

Please keep our beloved Fr. Larry Carew in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. Larry is facing some medical challenges, and the best way we can show our love and support is through our prayers for his swift healing and recovery.

Jather O'heilf



What did the King James Bible say to King James? *I've got more pages than you!*

What kind of light did Noah have on the ark? *A floodlight*

Where do we find baseball in the Bible? In Genesis 1:1: "In the big inning…"

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we *see*, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?©LPi







Monday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha 7:45 AM - Chloe Boyle, req. by the Conlon Family Tuesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure 7:45 AM - Frieda Serpa, reg. by family Wednesday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 7:45 AM - Tom Wichert, req. by Jim & Carol Steffen Thursday, July 17 7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners Friday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis 7:45 AM - Eleonore Durando, req. by the Vitetta Family Saturday, July 19 8:00 AM - Sharon Ballard, reg. by Maria Fernandes 5:00 PM - Anne Hall, req. by Joseph & Marilyn Roginski Sunday, July 20 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM - Dr. Martha Moulton, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell 9:00 AM - Christine Gallagher, req. by Jim & Pat Tharrington

11:00 AM - Michael Dore, req. by Rita & Gene Golaszewski

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT: Baby Albert Docktor, Johnathan Iamartino, Wendy Ricard, Fr. Joseph Pettit



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This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.



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