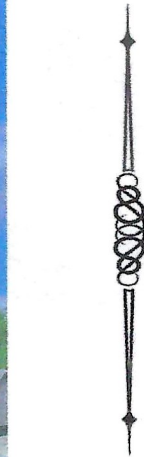


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Rev. Mr. Michael Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart	Sunday Morning	9:00 am
St. Francis	Saturday Evening	4:00 pm
	Sunday Morning	11:00 am

WEEKDAY

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 AM (Check Parish Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

Office Telephone: **636-1047**
Office Secretary: Mrs. Tina Hunt

Office Hours:

Mondy -Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Call Rectory for an appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Rectory 6 mos.
prior to your tentative date.

CONFESSIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm (Also by appointment)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis 636-1047

Christian Formation:
Children ages 4-15 years

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sacred Heart 9:00 am Mass
St. Francis 11:00 am Mass

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Parishioners, WELCOME! Please call our Parish Secretary as soon as possible to register.

Parish Website: <https://stmargueritedygroveton.org>

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

The success of casinos and state lotteries is a witness to our hope that somehow, we might strike it rich without effort. The chance of a lifetime, the unhopd-for occasion, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. In order to attain that treasure, we must take the risk of a speculator and sell *all* that we have in order to buy that which holds the promise of greater wealth. Woe to those who label as foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to appreciate the search for real wealth. "Ask yourself", says Cardinal Newman, "if the kingdom would disappear, would you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that you would change, it is because you have risked nothing for Christ and his Kingdom."

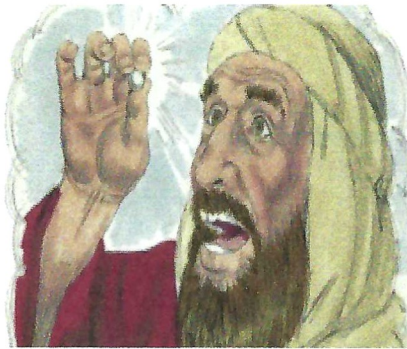
A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand made by baptism. Social, professional, and



even family life, are all lived within parameters. Only the Christian life is absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise.

Selling all for Christ does not denigrate freedom. Sacrifice and detachment are the necessity consequences of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. More than any great cause, Jesus excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adventure of holiness. (St.

Andrew Bible Missal)



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Your chief desire ought to be to slay your selfish will so that neither seeks nor wants anything but to follow the gentle Truth, Christ crucified, by seeking the honor and glory of His name and the salvation of souls.

Those who live in this gentle light do just this. Therefore, they are always peaceful and calm, and nothing can scandalize them because they have done away with what causes them to take scandal, their self-will. They trample underfoot all the persecutions the world and the devil with which can hound them. They can stand in the water of great troubles and temptations, but it cannot hurt them because they are anchored to the vine of burning desire.

They find joy in everything. They do not sit in judgment on my servants or anyone else, but

rejoice in every situation and every way of living they see, saying "thanks to you, eternal Father, that in your house there are so many dwelling places!" And they are happier so see many different ways than if they see everyone walking the same way, because this way they see the greatness of His goodness revealed. In everything they find joy and the fragrance of the rose. This is true not only of good things; even when they see something that is clearly sinful, they do not pass judgment, but rather feel a holy and genuine compassion, praying for the sinner and saying with perfect humility, "Today it is your turn; tomorrow it will be mine unless divine grace holds me up." (St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogues*, Paulist Press, 1980, pp.189-190)



Bringing Home the Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
July 26, 2026

Fishing for Treasures

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly, waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend, the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free, the hobby that gives you so much satisfaction, the creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of the happiness that so many go looking for

and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have; for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All those are the buried treasures of which the gospel speaks; for some, these are the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are tastes of eternal life, buried treasures, and hidden pearls. †

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil.

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work for good for those who love God.

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

[Jesus said,] "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."

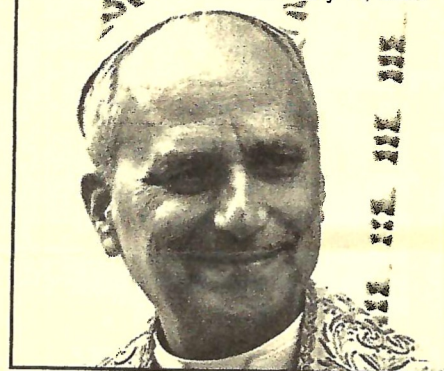


**Gospel treasures
find us when we're
not looking.**

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

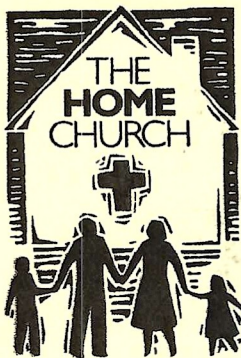
General Audience, Rome,
January 14, 2026



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS
REFLECTION

- How comfortable am I with waiting?
- Do I believe that good things come to those who wait?



Patience with the Weeds

The Redemptorists

At some point in our lives, most of us have asked, “Why does God allow evil people to get away with so much?”

It challenges our belief in a God who is both all-good and all-powerful. If God is good but not powerful, maybe he can’t stop evil. If he is powerful but not good, maybe he won’t.

Jesus helps us wrestle with this tension through the parable of the wheat and the weeds. (See Matthew 13:36–43.) A man sows good seed in his field, but while everyone is sleeping, an enemy sows weeds. When the workers offer to pull up the weeds, the master says no—because doing so might uproot the wheat too.

This is a deep insight into God’s mercy. Evil is real and painful, but God doesn’t deal with it by force. Human lives are closely intertwined with each other. Uprooting evil abruptly could harm the innocent too. So God waits, and watches, with patience and hope. This applies not just to the world “out

there,” but to our own hearts. Sometimes, we are the wheat—trying to live by God’s word. Other times, if we’re honest, we act like weeds—hurting others, giving in to selfishness or pride.

The good news is that God doesn’t give up on us. He delays judgment so that we might repent and be transformed. The same mercy we want for ourselves, he extends to others. Like the prophet Jeremiah in the first reading, we cry out for restoration. And God promises it—in his time, not ours.

So today, let us thank God for his patience. Let us turn away from sin and open our hearts to his grace. May we be wheat in his field, bearing fruit in the heart of the Church, reflecting more and more the goodness of the eucharistic Lord whom we worship. †

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give up on us.**

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Restoring Hope: Healing When You’ve Been Hurt by the Church” by Paige Byrne Shortal

When someone says, “No thanks!” to the Church, we may find ourselves confused, hurt, or even angry. Such rejection may threaten us, challenge our values, even cause us to question our own faith. Sometimes we blame ourselves for the decisions of our loved ones, particularly our children. If you think you might be responsible for someone’s rejection of the Church, then talk to a confessor, spiritual director, or counselor. If you are guilty, confess your sin, ask for forgiveness, accept that forgiveness, and move on. Anything less is a lack of faith in the good God who knows you through and through and who still loves you and forgives you.

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PRAYER

God of wisdom, change our minds to know the good, our hearts to desire the good, our wills to do only good. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 27–August 1

Monday, Weekday: Jer 13:1–11 / Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday, Weekday: Jer 14:17–22 / Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday, Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus:
Jer 15:10, 16–21 / Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Thursday, Weekday: Jer 18:1–6 / Mt 13:47–53

Friday, St. Ignatius of Loyola: Jer 26:1–9 / Mt 13:54–58

Saturday, St. Alphonsus Liguori: Jer 26:11–16, 24 / Mt 14:1–12



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Mass Intention's

Sacred Heart

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

9:00 AM † **For the intention of all Parishioners.**

St Francis Xavier Church

Wed, July 29, 2026-No Mass

Thursday, July 30, 2026

9:00 AM † **Helen Carver**, req. by Carl Ladd.

Friday, July 31, 2026

9:00 AM † **Rev. Robert Simard**, req. by Carl Ladd.

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026

4:00 PM † **Linda Jean Reynolds**, req. by *Armstrong Charron Funeral Home.*

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

11:00 AM † **Geraldine (Gerry) Major**, req. by *Armstrong Charron Funeral Home.*
 † **Danielle Cormier Stark**, req. by Shirley Berube.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of: **Ernie Gaudes.**

From: **Aug. 2 through Aug. 8, 2026**

Requested by: **His Wife, Bobbie.**

The Church remembers:

July 26: St's Martha, Mary & Lazarous.

30: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop.

31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest.

Aug. 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal update

as of 7/15/2026

Summary Report Grand Total,

\$ 6905.00 collected.

Our Parish goal is \$ 15,440.00

There's still time to give!

The Sanctuary Lamp

You can request a Sanctuary lamp for a loved one throughout the year by calling the Parish office @ 1-603-636-1047.

The recommended donation is \$10.00.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass †

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Parish Financial Report

For the week ending 7/19/2026

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
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Offertory: \$ 1862.00	\$ 319.00
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Fuel: \$ 350.00

Debt: \$ 50.00

Prop. Insurance: \$ 667.00	\$ 119.00
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Donations: \$ 500.00

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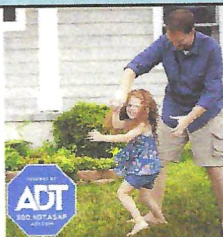
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