



The Lord said to her...
“Martha, Martha, you
are anxious and worried
about many things. There
is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the
better part, and it will
not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a

little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

Reflect

How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?

"He who does justice will leave in the presence of the Lord." Psalm 15

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 19th: Weekday

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, July 20th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †Terry Kupovits by Carol Kupovits and the kids

Tuesday, July 22nd: Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:00am Mass

Wednesday, July 23rd: St. Bridget, Religious

12:00pm Mass †Kate Bingham by the EJHS Class of 1981

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, July 24th: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00am Mass †Theresa Mumich by Barb Mumich

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, July 25th: Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:00am Mass †Mary Renaud by Helen Richards

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, July 26th: Weekday

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, July 27th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass: For the intentions of Todd Nachazel
by Dan and Shari Nachazel**

Ministry Schedule for July 26th and 27th

July 26th: Saturday at 4:00pm

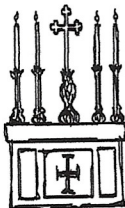
Lector: Dee Skrocki

Ushers: Bill Scott and Sue Shively

July 27th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Danielle Poindexter

Ushers: Tom Kupovits and Michelle Kupovits



**Future Dates of Parish Hospitality
Needed are volunteers for set up,
cooks and clean up. More dates upcoming!**

Fr. Matthew's 50th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 20th (App Night)

Sunday, September 21st (Breakfast)

Fr. Joe Graff visiting and Deacon Mark's Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 27th (App Night)

Sunday, September 28th (Breakfast)



St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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**Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or
by appointment**

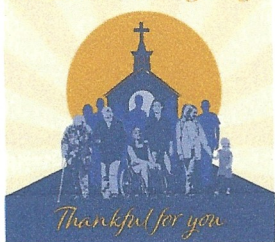


**Please call the office if
you or someone you
know should be
included on this list**

Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
Doug Drenth
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Joe Gaffney
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris
Joyce Hoult
Elaine Hurst
Carol Kerr
Janet (Mumich) Krussell
Bobby Kupovits
Anne Lacross
Ellie Maza
Betty McKinnon

Pat Messink
Barb Mumich
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
Jeremy Palmrose
Steve Paterka
Gretchen Peck
Keith Peters
Bart Petrich
John Petrowski
Abigail Ponchart
Lori Ponchart
Daniel Powers
John Powers
Tom & Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Betty Skrocki
Cindy Slack
Josh Spears
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
Boden Vron dran
Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

Mass of Thanksgiving



Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh is pleased to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in each vicariate of the Diocese of Gaylord in appreciation for the support of the Catholic Services Appeal. All those who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal in the past year are invited to gather for prayer, fellowship, and a brief overview of

how CSA dollars are active throughout our diocese.

Mass begins at 5:30pm with reception following. We look forward to seeing you then!

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/mtc> or call 989-705-3581 by Tuesday, August 5th, to RSVP if you plan to attend the reception.

Parishioners of the central vicariate of the diocese are invited to join Bishop Walsh on

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at

St. Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral

606 N Ohio Ave

Gaylord, MI 49735

CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

July collection items for St. Joseph are Peanut Butter, Jelly and Butter.



Additionally from all the churches they are looking for ketchup, mustard, and other condiments.

Thank you for donating!



Donation to the Diocese of Maiduguri-Bishop Oliver Doeme

After Bishop Oliver's visit on July 5th & 6th, we have received many envelopes back with support. We will continue to take donations for the next 2 weeks by placing an envelope in the collection basket with "Maiduguri" on the outside.

Thank you for all your support of the Universal Church!

All are Invited!

Rite of Admission
to Candidacy for Holy Orders

**JAKE
BELANGER**

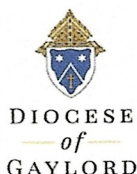


Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025
during the 5pm Mass

St. Mary's Cathedral

606 N Ohio Avenue
Gaylord, MI 49735

Reception to follow



ONLINE GIVING

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or down at the bottom that says, "Giving". The format is simple and easy. We currently have 31 parishioners using online giving. Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for June: \$3,909.00

Catholic Calisthenics: Why do I see bowing at Mass? Part 3: Bowing before the Eucharist

The fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in the procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with Himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God! Walking in reverence before and after reception with hands folded and an understanding of what you will and have received.

The *General Instruction* asks each country's Conference of Bishops to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. **In the United States, the body of Bishops has determined that "the norm... is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" and that a bow is the act of reverence made by those receiving (no. 160).**

Next week: Receiving Communion

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 12th and 13th

Envelopes.....\$1,847.00
Loose.....\$9,584.00
Building Fund.....\$75.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$11,506.00

Thank
You



Care & Share and Good Sam's Food Pantry Collection

The collection is on July 19th and 20th. Envelopes are in the gathering space. We split the donations 50/50. Please make checks to St. Joseph.

Mass Intentions

All Weekend dates are full.

Weekday Masses are available.

To schedule, stop by, call the parish office or drop information in the collection basket



Dear Padre,

“Lead us not into temptation...” God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

July 21
Weekday
Ex 14:5-18
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 22
St. Mary
Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

July 23
Weekday
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

July 24
Weekday
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,
16-20b
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

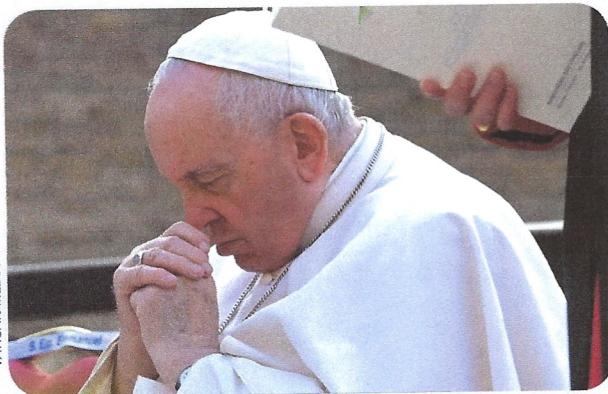
July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ex 24:3-8
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

July 27
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13



The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

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