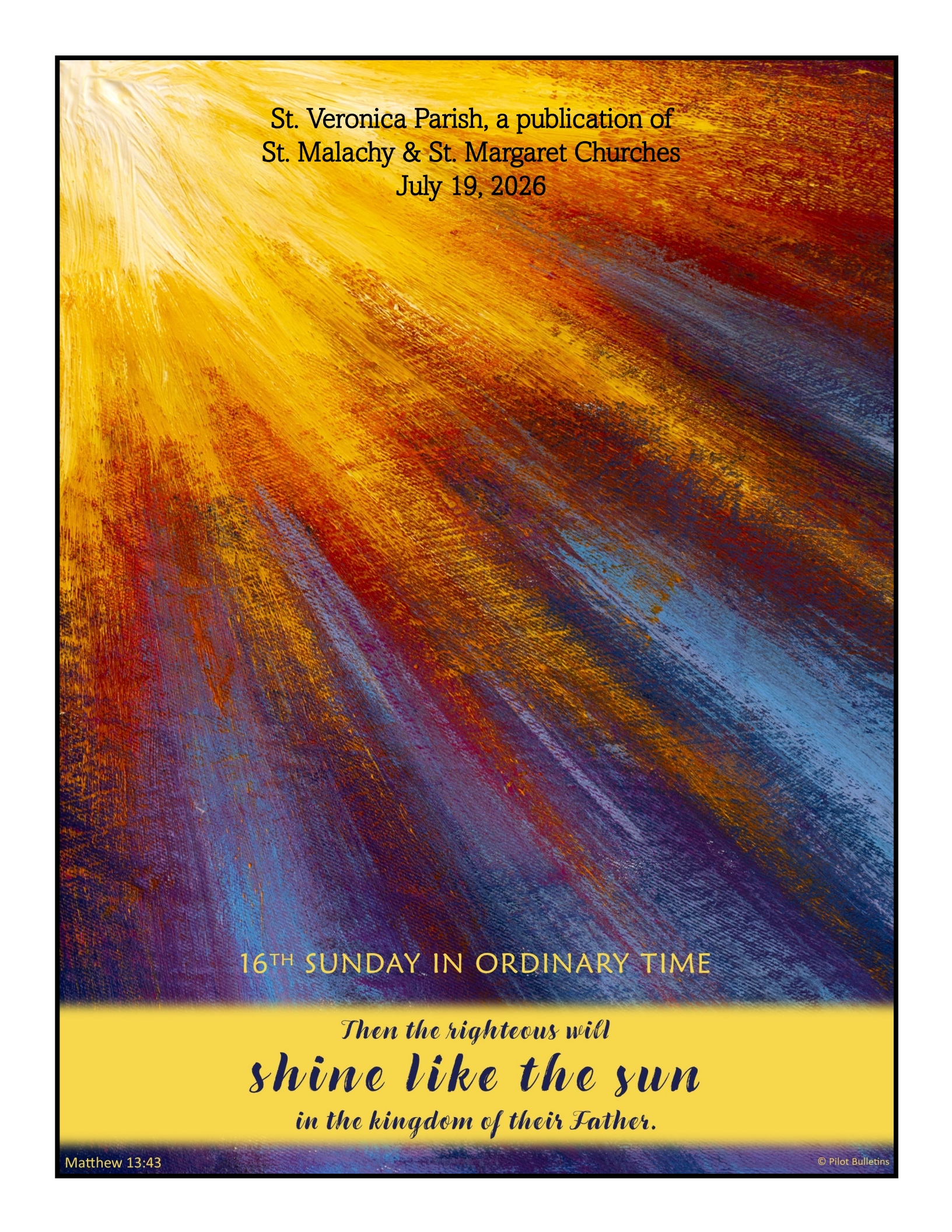




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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Then the righteous will
shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.*

"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three more parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. A few thoughts about the first parable of the good seed and the weeds. What are weeds? I googled it. "A weed is a plant considered undesirable in a particular situation, a plant in the wrong place". It's simply a plant that grows where it's not wanted. One person's wild flower might be another person's weed. We call dandelions weeds even though they can be used for food. A dandelion in a garden, when viewed differently, when cultivated, becomes a delicious salad green at the fanciest restaurants in the world. There are places in the world where orchids grow so freely that they are considered weeds. The parable teaches us more about God than the seeds or the weeds. The farmer (God) let the seeds and weeds grow together. God is patient, kind, and loving to everyone – wherever they are planted. The servants wanted to go and pull up the weeds, and the farmer (God) says, "Well, let's not be too quick to judge. Let's give it some time." He looks out for all of us and gives us time to grow in holiness. What a wonderful God we have. Imagine how different our world — even our churches would be — if every time we saw something that we didn't think belonged, every time we perceived a weed among the wheat, we took the Master's attitude rather than the servant's. Love transforms a weed in our eyes into a valued plant.

We are saddened to have learned of the passing of Fr. Fabian Ezenwa C.S.Sp. May God grant him perfect peace. Amen. He was called to the Lord at the age of 56 this past year. He was a member of the Spiritans Religious Order from the Province of Nigeria, South East. When he died, he was the Vice Rector of the Spiritan International School of Theology. He had lived in both of our rectories here in Burlington during his time as a Chaplain of Lahey Hospital before and after 2020.



The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney

"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am **St. Margaret**

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**

George & Alma Desrosiers Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**

Janice McDermott 5th Anniversary

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am **St. Margaret**

Herman, Olga & Paulo Sousa Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**

Mary & Andrew Hartigan Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**

Joseph & Camille Presti Memorial

Monday, July 20

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Jack Enos Memorial

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 am **St. Margaret**

Maria Auxilio Serrano –Maciel
1st Anniversary

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Paul & Betty Phelan Memorial

Thursday, July 23

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**

The Macumber Family

Memorial

Friday, July 24

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**

Special Intention for Our Parents

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am **St. Margaret**

Bill Lincoln 10th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**

Helen Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**

William Lynch Birthday Memorial

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am **St. Margaret**

Armand Lauzon 5th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**

Edna Boyle 17th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**

Francis & Anne Herlihy
Memorial



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
**Michael Brouillette, Carol Donovan
Anthony Albano, Meaghan Mulcahy
& Marianne Dow**

Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY July 19	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 July 20	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
TUESDAY July 21	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
WEDNESDAY July 22	Saint Mary Magdalene 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 July 23	Saint Bridget, Religious Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
FRIDAY July 24	Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Mt 13:18-23
SATURDAY July 25	Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
SUNDAY July 26	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of July 12, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$8,938

Online: \$3,297

TOTAL: \$12,235

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$12,235

Deficit -\$3,918

Month to Date: \$26,045

Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$4,607

Online: \$447

TOTAL: \$5,054

Holy Father & Apostolic Works

TOTAL: \$441

There was a mistake with these envelopes. They should have been printed for October 4th and they were printed for July 12th.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

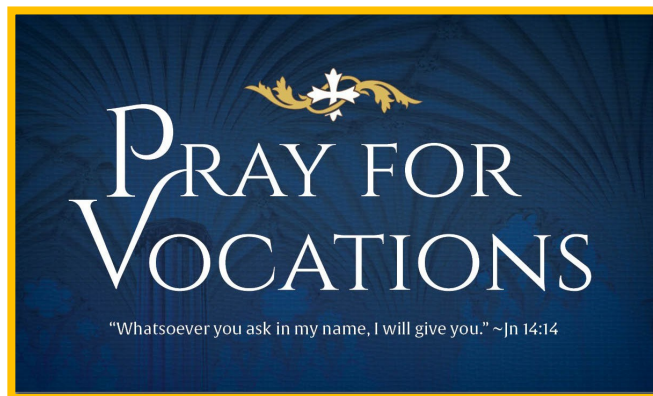


All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators

of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

St. Veronica Parish will be having a training on Sunday, July 26 at 1:30. Please go to www.VIRTUSonline.org to register.



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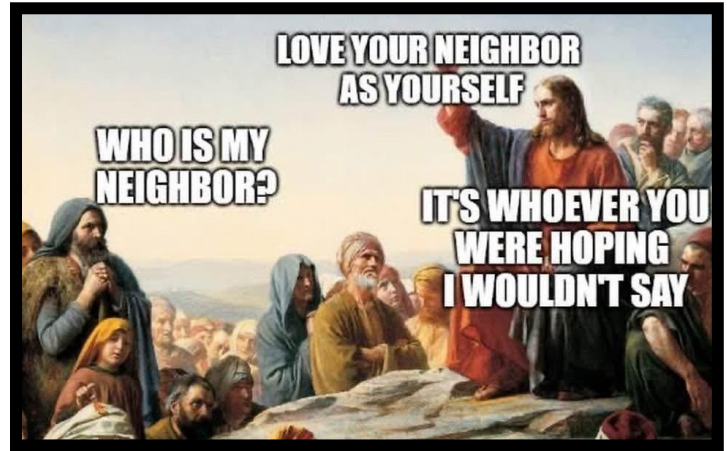


Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org



Saints Joachim and Anne

1ST CENTURY

FEAST DAY: JULY 26

Not mentioned in the Bible, Joachim and Anne are first named as the parents of Mary in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which may date from the second century. In this story, they are old and childless, like the Old Testament Hannah, mother of Samuel, when angels deliver the news that Anne will conceive a child. Anne was an especially popular saint in medieval England, and her feast was celebrated in the West by 1350; Joachim's feast was authorized or suppressed by various popes, but was joined with Anne's in 1969. They are the patrons of married couples; Anne is also the patron of childless women, expectant mothers, and miners.



“Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!”

—Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013



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SECOND COLLECTION FOR VENEZUELA

On June 24th two large earth quakes, both with a magnitude registering over 7.0, hit Venezuela. Archbishop Henning issued the following statement on June 25th.

"Today, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following yesterday's devastating earthquakes. We especially hold close our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here in Boston who may be anxiously awaiting news of family and friends back home. May all affected by the earthquake's aftermath find comfort in knowing that the local Church stands with them in prayer and solidarity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."

A Second Collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Venezuela will be taken here at St. Veronica this weekend.

Please make your checks out to **ST VERONICA PARISH** and in the memo section either write **Earthquake** or **Venezuela**.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT OUR HOSPICE HOUSE

Sawtelle Family Hospice House provides compassionate care and support in a warm, comfortable residential setting for individuals at the end of life. Volunteers play an invaluable role by assisting our staff and offering a comforting presence to patients and their families during a deeply meaningful time.

From the moment loved ones arrive, volunteers help create a welcoming environment by greeting visitors, offering refreshments, and providing a listening ear or friendly conversation. Behind the scenes, volunteers also support the home by baking, stocking groceries, watering plants, and helping with other tasks that make the house feel warm and inviting.

Whether offering a kind smile, a helping hand, or simply your presence, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Join our volunteer team and help make a difference! Please call or email Maureen Burge at (781)901-6561 or maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org for more information.

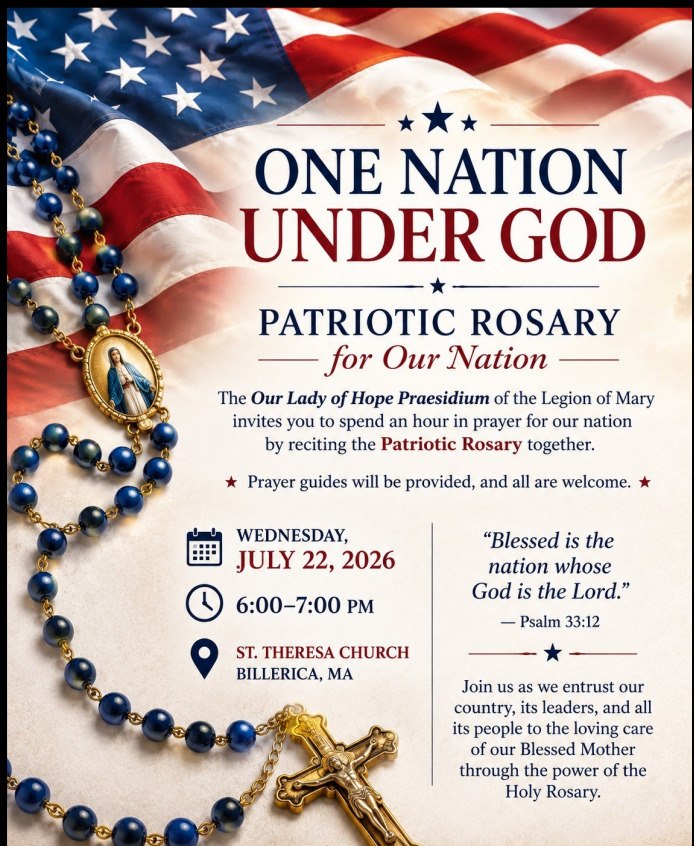
THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673**.

When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

The Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.



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ONE NATION UNDER GOD

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PATRIOTIC ROSARY

— for Our Nation —

The *Our Lady of Hope Praesidium* of the Legion of Mary invites you to spend an hour in prayer for our nation by reciting the **Patriotic Rosary** together.

★ Prayer guides will be provided, and all are welcome. ★

 **WEDNESDAY,
JULY 22, 2026**

 **6:00–7:00 PM**

 **ST. THERESA CHURCH
BILLERICA, MA**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

— Psalm 33:12

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Join us as we entrust our country, its leaders, and all its people to the loving care of our Blessed Mother through the power of the Holy Rosary.



FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: JOHN

Saint John was "the disciple whom Jesus loved" in the gospels. He wrote the Gospel According to John.

The picture is from a medieval copy of the gospels. It shows an eagle; the symbol of Saint John.



It seems that all of the apostles stayed in the Holy Land for about twelve years after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. After that, they spread the gospel in foreign lands.

John was the only one of the apostles who was not put to death. He died peacefully in Ephesus (in what is now Turkey) around the year 100 A.D.

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues:
K = R and X = E.

Crossword solution from last week

B	O	A	T	B	S
O	T	G	R	A	I
D	I	E	D	E	N
I	A	W	A	Y	G
E	A	S	Y	D	N
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H	E	E	D	N	O
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D	S	E	E	D	E

MAX KXBZG HY ZHW FTR

UX EBDXGXW MH T FTG

PAH LHPXW ZHHW LXXW

BG ABL YBXEW.

ANSWER. The reign of God may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

GOSPEL: MT 13, 24-43 or 13, 24-30



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Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

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Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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