

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish July 19, 2026



*Buckwheat Harvest* by Jean—Francois Millet

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND WEEDS

He replied, "No, if you pull up the weeds  
you might uproot the wheat along with them.  
Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn'. " Matthew 13: 29-30

**Parish Office: (508) 650—3545****99 Main Street, Wayland, MA****GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT**

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit..

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world. In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

**Mass Times**

**Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann**  
**Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin**  
**Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann**

**Confession**

**Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM**  
**St. Ann**  
(or by appointment)

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday—Tuesday**  
**9:00 AM St. Ann**  
**Wednesday—Friday**  
**9:00 AM St. Zepherin**

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**  
**4:00 PM**  
**PEOPLE OF**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 19**  
**10:30 AM**  
**DONALD RIDER**  
**MONDAY, JULY 20**  
**9:00 AM**  
**MILLIE CHOINSKI**  
**RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES**

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday—Thursday**  
**9 AM—3 PM**  
**Friday 9 AM—12 PM**

**Parish Calendar**

**TUESDAYS OF**  
**JULY & AUGUST**  
**NO 9:00 AM DAILY MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**  
**7:00 PM**  
**ROSARY GROUP**  
**AT THE PARISH CENTER**  
**(CALL THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS)**

**THURSDAY, JULY 23**  
**7:00 PM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**ST. ANN CHURCH**

**WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE**  
**IS OPEN,**  
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**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP IN**  
**FOR A BIT TO PRAY!**



### *The Honored Ambassador Before God (Part V) . . .*

A few weeks ago, I was at a cookout with some of my brother priests. One colleague sat down on the bench across the table from me and began talking virtually non-stop about everything from a relic of St. Carlo Acutis that was coming over, to his own trip to Rome, to a woman he met when stationed in Alaska, to his avocation of writing music, to . . . you name it. Every so often he would say, “I’m so glad I met you!” The guy was an absolutely amiable fellow, and delightful enough; being an introvert, I like meeting a chatterbox like this, because it relieves me of the burden of having to talk. But I couldn’t help thinking every time he said this, that while I’ve certainly met him, I’m not sure he’d really met me.

The value of silence isn’t just the quiet itself. Ultimately, the significance of silence for prayer is that it opens the ears of our soul to be able to hear God speak to us—so we can meet Him. Prayer is a conversation, but it becomes awfully one-sided when one party (us) does all the talking without ever giving the other party (God) a chance to reply. We may wonder why our prayers go unanswered when the reason very well could be because we didn’t wait around for the answer.

Part of the challenge here is knowing what to listen for. How does one discern God’s movement in the heart from one’s own inner-voice? The first step would be to acquaint oneself with Scripture, to gain an understanding of God’s vision and voice, to learn to recognize the sort of things God would want for us—and from us—as a compass for distinguishing His will from ours.

In addition to aural silence and silence of the eyes, this requires kinetic silence: stillness. The ideal posture for prayer of course is kneeling; but sometimes to be able to remain still one has to sit. Keeping both feet on the floor, in a comfortable but erect posture, keeps us alert and open. Deep breathing from the diaphragm also aids in calming the body and mind, opening oneself up for prayerful listening.

And when the mind starts to get distracted (as it often will), recall attention back to the silence with a single phrase from the Bible. *Be still and know that I am God*, from Psalm 46 is a good one; or *Blessed are the pure of heart*, from the Beatitudes; *Come, Lord Jesus*, from the Book of Revelation—or even *Come, Holy Spirit*. Hinduism calls such phrases mantras; in the Christian spiritual tradition they’re called centering prayer. The repeated phrase serves as something of a touchstone, bringing one’s mind back to God and re-centering the attention on the prayer.

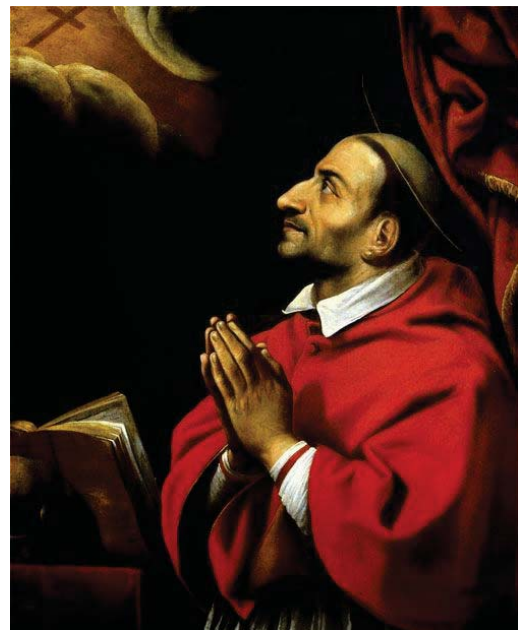
This sort of receptiveness is essential for mature prayer.

Even if we’re preparing to enter into vocal prayer, it’s important to begin by transitioning from the ordinary experience of life lived in the outside world to the numinous\* experience of converse with God. St. Charles Borromeo once gave this wisdom for priests who aren’t able to stay focused in prayer: “a thousand thoughts fill his mind and distract him from God. But what was he doing in the sacristy before he came out for the office or for Mass? How did he prepare? What means did he use to collect his thoughts and to remain recollected?” (He might as well have been speaking directly to me with that!) And if priests—who are professional prayers—struggle with remaining in God’s presence during prayer, there’s no need for the average person to feel discouraged by being distracted.

But that doesn’t mean it’s OK to be scatter-shot in prayer. That’s what makes praying boring and unfruitful. Take the time to clear your mind by sitting for a few moments with the silence and the stillness. Focus on breathing from the diaphragm; return to the centering prayer to train your mind. Then you can speak to God in a tranquil and peaceful disposition—and be ready to listen to the still small voice that spoke to Elijah, to hear what God has to say to you. “Stay quiet with God,” St. Charles counsels; “Do not spend your time in useless chatter.” Let your prayer be a dignified dialogue with the Lord, speaking truly like an honored ambassador before Him.

~ Fr. Ren

*\*Numinous is a groovy word to describe a spiritual experience or supernatural encounter*



*St. Charles Borromeo—  
patron of bishops, seminarians and catechists*

# MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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## Readings To-Go!

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 19, 2026

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!

## Coffee & Donuts!

After 8:30 AM Mass!  
Presented by our  
Hospitality Committee  
(would you like to be a host family?)  
St. Zepherin Parish Center



**NOTE  
SCHEDULE  
CHANGE!!**  
Upcoming dates:  
**AUGUST 9TH**  
**AUGUST 30TH**

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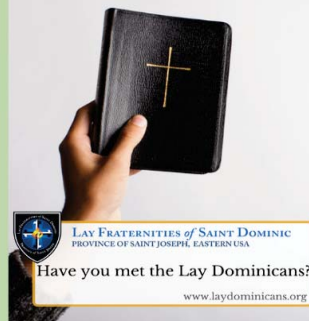


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Monthly meetings normally  
take place on the 3rd Sunday of  
the month in St. Ann's Hall  
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to visitors at any time.

Next meeting: **JULY 19, 2026**

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(ADJUSTMENTS WHILE FR. FLEMING IS AWAY)

**MONDAY 9 AM @ ST. ANN**



**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**  
**9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN**



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## READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

|                             |                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>July 19    | <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>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                  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>July 20    | <b>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</b><br>Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42                                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>July 21   | <b>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b><br>Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50                  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>July 22 | <b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b><br>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                                        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>July 23  | <b>Saint Bridget, Religious</b><br>Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17                                             |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>July 24    | <b>Saint Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest</b><br>Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Mt 13:18-23                                                 |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>July 25  | <b>Saint James, Apostle</b><br>2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28                                                    |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>July 26    | <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>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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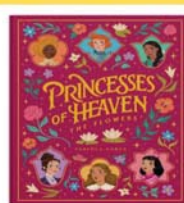
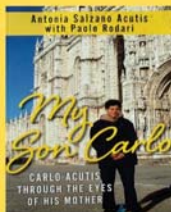
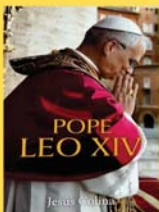
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*You may still remember Father Deo, who was with us for a couple of months last summer. He would often tell me about how dangerous his situation in Egypt was, how he couldn't go out in public without a police escort or wear his clerical clothes for fear of being attacked.*

*Persecution of Christians is still a very real experience throughout our world today, especially in Africa, China, and the Middle East. Nigeria has been designated an area of particular concern for religious persecution of Christ's followers. Our Lord's words from this past Sunday's Gospel are every bit as pertinent today as they were two thousand years ago.*

*Bishop Robert Barron has written a book titled "What Do Their Deaths Demand?", shedding light on this problem, so sadly unnoticed. Proceeds go to the non-profit organization, Aid to the Church in Need.*

*I would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to this important project of protecting religious freedom and basic human rights in the world. To learn more about what they do, visit them at <https://www.churchinneed.org/>*

*And please do pray fervently for God's protection of these people and for an end to religious persecution.*



In 68 countries,  
Christians saw  
their property  
damaged or  
destroyed  
(including church  
buildings).



In 33 countries,  
Christians were  
either displaced  
or forced to flee.



In 45 countries,  
Christians were  
banned from  
publicly  
displaying  
religious symbols.

**Christians  
are at risk  
around the  
world.**



In 73 countries,  
Christians  
suffered  
religiously  
motivated physical  
or verbal attacks.



In 32 countries,  
Christians faced  
discrimination in  
government,  
education, and  
the justice  
system.

These figures reflect research from the last five years.



"he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? " Matthew 26: 40

## HOLY HOUR

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

-Ven. Archbishop  
Fulton Sheen



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Marguerite  
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## JUSTICE IS KIND

A kindergarten size soccer goal and two scruffy soccer balls – different sizes. That was enough for my 3- and 6-year-old grandnieces to decide grown-ups should quit talking and play. Since their progressive schooling encourages children to make up their own games, how a ball could wind up in the net was unclear. Distracting the keeper with shouts like, “watch out for the bear!” might do. The 3 year old preferred penalty shots in which she charged from 20 or 30 yards back to kick the ball. Her big sister soon decided to become a referee handing out yellow and red cards -- especially red cards.

BUT sending people back to the picnic bench left teams without any players. Rules changed. What about God’s rules? Are they like the World Cup video replays and tech enabled balls that can detect offsides within millimeters? Some people around Jesus surely thought that way. Lots of rules with a precise record of every infraction. Or perhaps some final penalty shots determine who makes it into the “God’s Kingdom” round. Today’s readings challenge such a FIFA version. Wisdom 12:16-19 insists that justice from a God whose power extends to all creation involves mercy, repentance. *“Those who are just must be kind,”* (v. 18).

Jesus continues to play with experiences of Galilean farmers in his parables (Matt 13:24-30). Like the girls imagining soccer rules, he sets up a scene in which “enemies” have crept into a carefully sown field and infested it with weeds. Some real hatred there? Or were his slaves suspicious that perhaps the master had planted contaminated seed? Either way, back-breaking work for them. Instead the master changes the rules. Treat the field for the growing season just as if it were all from that good seed. As imagined, the harvest will be sufficient to clear away the weeds and fill the barn with wheat. Did anyone ever harvest that way? No evidence. Perhaps Jesus only asks us to try playing with kid friendly rules.

Pheme Perkins, PH.D.  
Joseph Professor Emerita  
of Catholic Spirituality  
Boston College





Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al- might-y

Fa- ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be- got- ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa- ther, you take a-

way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-

way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the

high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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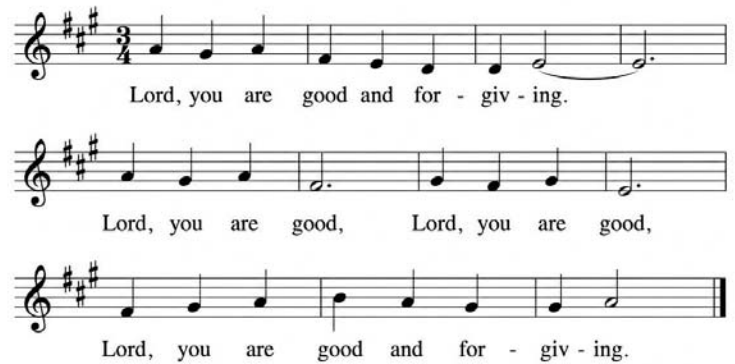
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## LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING

Psalm 86

Tony Alonso



Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

Lord, you are good, Lord, you are good,

Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

1. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to my voice in supplication
2. All the nations you have made shall come; they will bow down before you, O Lord. And glorify your name for you are great and do marvelous deeds, You who alone are God.
3. You, O God, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in mercy and fidelity; Turn and take pity on me, O give Your strength to your servant.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## ALLELUIA

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

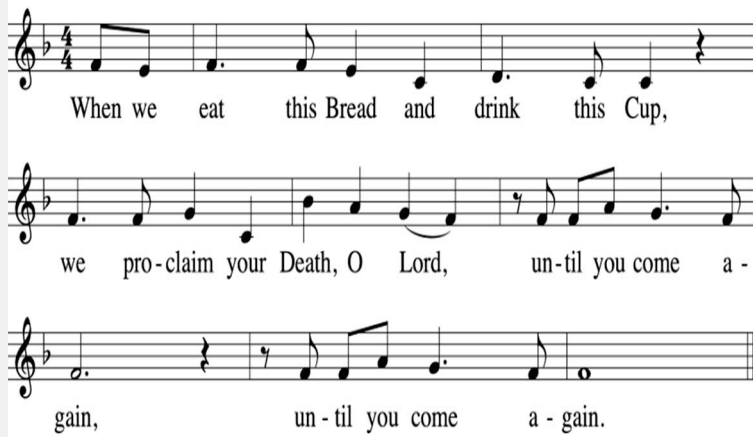
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - est.

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## AMEN



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## LAMB OF GOD



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Lord, you are good and forgiving. Psalm 86:5

*"I was sick and you visited me . . ."*



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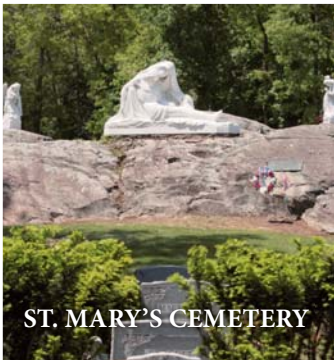
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