



St. Jerome Norwalk

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(10 AM live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM Mass

Confession available after 9 AM Mass
and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at 5PM
on the last Tuesday of every month
starting on
July 29th

Wednesday

8:00 AM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

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Pastor's Desk

Introduction:

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the themes of hospitality, listening, and the importance of cultivating a heart open to God's presence and to those around us. Both stories emphasize the significance of welcoming others—not just as a duty, but as an encounter with God Himself.

Genesis 18:1–10a — Abraham's Hospitality:

In this passage, Abraham receives three visitors, whom he recognizes as messengers of God. His immediate response is one of generous hospitality: rushing to serve them, offering water, food, and rest. Abraham's hospitality is not merely courteous; it is a profound act of faith and openness to God's presence.

Key points:

Abraham's hospitality exemplifies reverence and readiness to serve God through service to others.

His willingness to welcome strangers reflects the openness necessary to encounter God.

The promise of Isaac symbolizes hope and God's providence, rooted in Abraham's trust and hospitality.

Luke 10:38–42 — Martha and Mary:

In the Gospel, Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Martha is busy with the many preparations, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to His words. Martha's concern for hospitality leads her to frustration when Mary chooses to listen instead.

Key points:

Martha's busyness highlights the importance of service, but also the danger of missing the essential: listening to Jesus.

Mary's choice to sit and listen signifies the importance of contemplative prayer and attentiveness to God's word.

Jesus gently reminds Martha that "one thing is necessary," emphasizing that our relationship with Jesus should be our priority.

Connecting the Readings:

Both stories teach us that true hospitality and service involve more than external acts; they require opening our hearts to God's presence. Abraham's welcoming of visitors prefigures our openness to divine encounters, while Martha and Mary show us the balance between active service and contemplative listening.

Practical Application:

Are we like Abraham, eager to welcome others and serve as an expression of our faith?

Are we like Martha, busy with duties but forgetting the importance of listening to Jesus?

Do we carve out time to sit at Jesus' feet, to listen and reflect on His Word?

How can we create space in our lives for both active service and contemplative prayer?

Conclusion:

This Sunday, let us be inspired by Abraham's hospitality and Mary's attentiveness. May we learn to open our homes and hearts to others, welcoming Christ in all we do, and prioritizing listening to His voice amidst our busy lives. In doing so, we encounter Christ Himself and grow in faith, hope, and love.

God bless

Fr. Hygi

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of July 19/20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Giovanni Casale; Jim Russo; Ann and Wally Regan; Franco Ialeggio;
Kimberly Benincaso; Maria Parurzynska; Reynaldo Santos; Matti Kosonen**

Monday, July 21st Charles Bittman

Tuesday, July 22nd Christopher Hauptman

Wednesday, July 23rd Roberta Gilhuly

Thursday, July 24th Sina Giglio

Friday, July 25th Robert Rohr

Weekend of July 26/27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anna Vona; Ruben Santos; Mason Murren

Loss Group Meeting

July 19, 2025

1-2:30pm

Church Hall

All Parishioners are welcomed to join.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of July 13

In-Pew	\$5,464
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,501
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$9,964</u>
Budget	<u>\$6,850.00</u>

Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.

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Most needed items: Breakfast Cereals, Tuna fish, Canned or Packs of Peaches, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter and Strawberry Jelly, Dried or Can Beans, Spaghetti & Ziti (pasta) and Tomato Sauce.

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Mass Times

Weekday - Monday- Friday 9AM

Wednesday 8AM -

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction.

Weekend - Saturday 4pm

Sunday - 8AM & 10 AM

Holy Day of Obligation - 9AM and 7PM

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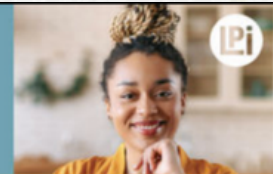
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