

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2021



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Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

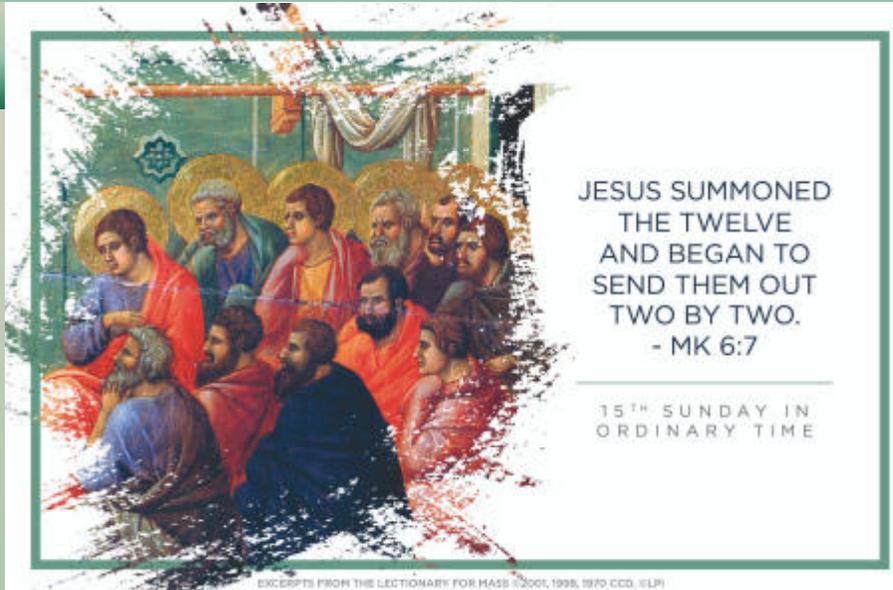
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Letona has resumed the Confession Schedule,
7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Another option is to call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona.

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Greetings on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary time!

"That's offensive!" It is stunning how this phrase is used more frequently about even the smallest things in today's world. Everyone is offended at something. But, has anyone ever said this whenever you've spoken an uncomfortable truth, or proclaimed your faith in Christ? If yes, then fear not, you are not alone. If not, why not?

Our first reading is from the book of the prophet Amos. It is a short book, but full of powerful words. Amos was not very well liked by the people of Israel. Yet, God sent Amos to preach to Israel because they had fallen so far from God's ways. The name Amos means "burden bearer" and he had quite a burden to carry.

God entrusted this simple farmer, a dresser of sycamore trees (figs) and shepherd, with a message that would be highly unpopular. He had to address to the people God's grievances against them, against their pride, lust, materialism, greed, infidelity, and many other personal and societal sins people would rather not discuss. Amos also included a warning about God's coming judgment if they continued with their rebellious and disobedient lifestyles.

Eventually judgement befell Israel and Judah because the people did not heed his words, the Assyrians and the Babylonians attacked Israel and Judah, destroying the temple and sending the people into exile.

But rather than end his preaching there, the prophet Amos also spoke about the day when all of Israel would be united again. Through all this, Amos remained pure of heart, humble, and unafraid. He reflects the fatherly love of God.

The priest of the temple in Bethel, Amaziah, took offense at Amos' words. Imagine, a priest being offended by God's word! Yet this is what happened.

"Jesus warns the apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called, not necessarily to be successful, but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to it by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory." (Dr Scott Hahn)

There may be some teachings of Christ and His Holy Bride, the Church, that you take issue with. Rather than rejecting it outright, study it, learn why that teaching is there, and do not be afraid if that means something has to change within you. It might not be easy, but he will see you through the conversion. Just remember, everything Jesus teaches us, and wills for us, is out of love and for our salvation.

Some leave the Church because of the poor example of her priests and bishops, and especially the horrific abuses which have come to light. Even though historical wrong cannot be righted by keeping it hidden, nether can it be righted by leaving of the Church. I do not blame anyone for taking offense at the Judas' who have betrayed the Holy Church. Judas had the best teacher, the best pastor, and the best of friends, Jesus himself, and look what he still chose to do. Because of human fallibility and brokenness, some, even within the church, will do evil things. We don't leave the church because of the betrayal of Judas, we remain in the Church because of the love of Jesus Christ.

Some days the Lord may call on you and send you to preach by word, example, or with your life, in places where you may never have spoken of Him before. To people who may take offense at Him. But he will help you to know what to say, and to learn how to speak His words. He will help you so that sharing His word won't be so difficult.

Jesus' own encouragement to us "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me" (Mt 11:6)

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

Character Builds Families

Symbolism of Medal

Because the Jubilee Medal of 1880 has all the important features ever associated with the Medal of St. Benedict, the following description of this medal can serve to make clear the nature and intent of any medal of St. Benedict, no matter what shape or design it may legitimately have.

On the face of the medal is the image of Saint Benedict.

In his right hand he holds the cross, the Christian's symbol of salvation. The cross reminds us of the zealous work of evangelizing and civilizing England and Europe carried out mainly by the Benedictine monks and nuns, especially for the sixth to the ninth/tenth centuries.

Rule and Raven

In St. Benedict's left hand is his Rule for Monasteries that could well be summed up in the words of the Prolog exhorting us to "walk in God's ways, with the Gospel as our guide."

On a **pedestal to the right** of St. Benedict is the poisoned cup, shattered when he made the sign of the cross over it.

On a **pedestal to the left** is a raven about to carry away a loaf of poisoned bread that a jealous enemy had sent to St. Benedict. (saintbenedict.com)



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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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For our Deceased

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| Clayton Hansen | Frank Machnik | Ellen Henthorne |
| Marcella Hirt | Wilda Paulson | Walt Weber |

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

"Whoever humbles himself and becomes like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us that "one virtue the devil fears most is humility... because humility is the virtue that makes us like Jesus." How can we grow in humility? Perhaps we can accept the humiliations that come our way with patience. Instead of defending ourselves, we can choose silence and offer them to God instead. (Daily Companion for Women)

How waffles evolved from communion wafers

The earliest waffle irons were invented in the Middle Ages, in order to cook communion wafers. Our humble waffle has its origins in the most sacred rite of Catholicism, the Eucharist.

Batter between two iron plates

As early as the 9th century, Europeans began to use communion wafer irons (fer à hosties) to bake the Eucharistic hosts used in Mass. These molds were made up of two iron plates with long handles. The plates were often engraved with a cross, an image of Jesus, or the Crucifixion. A batter made of flour and water was poured between the plates, and the wafers were cooked over an open fire.

The emergence of non-religious wafer irons

With the emergence of communion wafer irons came tools to make wafers simply for eating. These wafer irons (moule à oublies), were much larger than the ones used to make communion wafers. They were engraved with more ornamental, decorative designs than the ones that graced the communion wafers.

According to HistoricFood.com, during the late medieval period to the early Renaissance, these non-religious wafers were served at the issue de table, the ceremony at the end of a state dinner.

"Wafers may originally have had a quasi-Eucharistic significance in that they echoed the Holy Communion. The spicy comfits were intended as 'stomach settlers' to calm the royal digestion, though like both hippocras [a drink made from heated spiced wine] and wafers they later became luxurious treats consumed at all manner of celebratory occasions by those who could afford them," reads the post at HistoricFood.com.

From wafers to waffles

For centuries wafers continued to be served as desserts, served flat, rolled, or in a cone shape.

The waffles we smother in syrup and whipped cream are derived from Flemish and Dutch wafers of the early modern period. They too were made by pouring batter between two metal plates, not at all unlike the waffle irons of today.

(aleteia.org)

For more fun and education watch on Aleteia.org "Ever wonder how the wafers for Holy Communion are made?"

Family Builder Idea:

Talking to the Lilies with my toddler
Summer brings new blossoms every day. This week we had the blooms of lilies and roses. Walking with my two yr old toddler, Thea we stopped to admire the bright yellow lilies in my neighbors garden. After allowing Thea to pick one blossom, I began to shoo her away. As we walked away she turned and said "Bye" to the lilies. Immediately, I was reminded of what I have read in a book, the author referred to animals and plants as living creatures they are, rather than as "things" or "its". Seeing markings on the ground she would say "someone was here" verses "something". This is the most Franciscan I have heard. So when Thea said goodbye to the lilies I realized she is living out a deeper spiritually than her mother. (franciscanmedia.org) This week let's practice more hellos and byes.



Attend in person	Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's Tue—Fri 8.30 am
6pm Sat. St. James, Camp Douglas	
8am St Michael's Indian Creek	On the Web
10am St Paul's New Lisbon	• YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time with Father Letona	• Like our parish page on Facebook
10:00 am	Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
Readings	• www.mjpcatholic.com
Am 7: 12– 15	• In person for private prayer
Eph 1: 3 –14	Sunday 11am– 7pm
	Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm

St. James Schedule July 17

Lector

Joe Madejczyk

Money Counter

Joe Madejczyk

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St. Michael's Schedule July 18

Lector

Terry Tiber

Ushers

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

Offertory

Bob & Sherry Conant

Money Counters

Marge Shie/Kevin Quist

St. Paul's Schedule July 18

Lector

Jim Nicksic

Ushers

Tom Heindl

Money Counter

Lisa Vinz and volunteer

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Saint of the Day July 14th Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday. Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was canonized in 2012 (franciscanmedia.org)

Announcements for Tri-Parish

Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

July 13 Saint Teresa of the Andes

St Teresa of the Andes: The Story of the First Chilean Saint

July 25 Saint James *The Way of Saint James (documentary)*

St Paul's

St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot if **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

St James

St. James is looking for a housekeeper.

This is for one day per week for about 2-3 hours. They can contact Kris Madejczyk stjames@mwt.net if anyone is interested.

Rummage Sale

August Thursday 19 thru Saturday 21st

You can drop off items after **Mass on May 1st**, and **all Saturdays after Mass**, Sue Librettie will be at the church the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2:30 until about 4 pm to collect items as well.

We will accept small furniture items. Please be generous in your donations as this will be our only fundraising event this year. Thank you.

We cannot accept: TV, electronics, microwaves, clothing, cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, work out equipment.

General Announcement

1. Can you please plan on picking up your bulletin at Mass each Sunday. The bulletin folding team has been wonderful these past many months (over a year) and we do appreciate them, but as we are now returning to Mass the bulletin is available for your collection.

Also, we can mail out a handful to those who are homebound in our parishes. Please contact Jean 608-562-3125 for arrangements.

2. Our Mass Intentions for the year are filled, Please if you have a Mass intention be aware that it will not be placed on the calendar until January 2022, Thank you so much.



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, July 10

@ St James 6pm

For the People

Sunday July 11

8 am @ St Michael's

Joanne Thede by Friends

10.00 am @ St Paul's

Special Intention George & Mary Tormoen (63rd Anniversary)

Monday July 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 13

Living & Deceased members of Bunker & Wyss families by Pat Wyss

Wednesday, July 14

Deceased Members of Oscar Hemmingway & Machnik families by Frank Machnik

Thursday, July 15

Special Intention for Michael & Becca Weber by Denis Weber

Friday, July 16

Living & Deceased members for Marx family by Sheila & Jim Marx

Saturday, July 17

@ St James 6pm

Don & Phyllis Timmel by Joe & Kris Madejczyk

Sunday July 18

8 am @ St Michael's

For the People

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+James Georgeson by Great Grandson Morgan James

STEWARDSHIP CORNER —June 27, 2021

Offertory	\$ 54.42	Envelopes	\$ 960.00
Total	\$ 1014.42		

St. James

Saturday, July 10

For the People

Saturday, July 17

Don & Phyllis Timmel by Joe & Kris Madejczyk

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 27, 2021

Offertory	\$ 232.00	Cemetery/improvements	\$ 0.00
Envelopes	\$ 255.00	Total	\$ 487.00

St. Michael

Sunday July 11

Joanne Thede by Friends

Sunday July 18

For the people

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 27, 2021

Offertory	\$ 47.00	Envelopes	\$ 410.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00		
Improvements	\$ 400.00	Total	\$ 857.00



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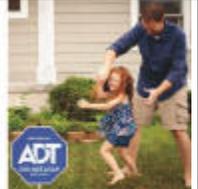
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