

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 18, 2021



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Gospel Meditation—Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

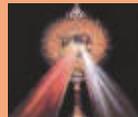
Weekly Bible Study With Father JT



Thursday, July 22nd
Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1 Peter 5:5b-14

These Three Virtues!



Eucharistic Adoration with Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Intention for the week of July 23rd

For Migrants & Refugees

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy.

We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Archdiocese Family Life team on Monday, July 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss. We'll be praying on the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim as part of National Natural Family Planning Week from July 25th to July 31st.

You can register through
bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021 or visit bostoncatholic.org/nfp
for more information.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, July 18th

7:30 a.m. Thomas Wooten, Memorial

9:30 a.m. Albertina Cordeiro, 5th Anniversary

Monday, July 19th

8:00 a.m. David O’Neill, Memorial

Tuesday, July 20th

8:00 a.m. David O’Neill, Memorial

Wednesday, July 21st

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 22nd

8:00 a.m.

Friday, July 23rd

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25th

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Sophie, Tony, Tim & Paul, Memorial

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, July 17th

4:00 p.m. Walter Campbell, Jr., Memorial

Sunday, July 18th

11:00 a.m. John Riley, 21st Anniversary

Saturday, July 24th

4:00 p.m. Diane Barry, Memorial

Sunday, July 25th

11:00 a.m. Roseann Marra, 26th Anniversary and Dale White, 19th Anniversary

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, July 18th

8:00 a.m. Ernest DeVincent, Memorial

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 a.m.

7-11-2021	
Saints Martha & Mary	\$2,674.63
Sacred Heart	\$4,574.25
St. Rose of Lima	\$884.00

The Steward’s Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you’re probably thinking, thank goodness I don’t have any sheep – dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it’s exhausting. Don’t we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we’re tired, we’ve done enough, we’ve given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can’t we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break – maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn’t leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that’s the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?



St. Isidore Pray for Us

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas, Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson, Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn, Janet Macedo, Kevin O’Hara, Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Joseph Drolette, Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver, Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Alan Douillette, Maryann Wilson, Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, Marianne Cokely, Claire Rousseau, Vivian Lee, Brian Martin, Mickey Clark, Eva Jackson, Brenda Soares and Robert Burke

To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.

Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

Now hiring: Sacramental Coordinator

St. Isidore Parish is looking for a Sacramental Coordinator to join our faith formation team and oversee both one-year programs for First Eucharist and for Confirmation. The Sacramental preparation sessions will be held at St. Isidore Parish Hall at Saints Martha & Mary Church on Sundays. The First Eucharist program is scheduled to meet once a month following and including the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation program is scheduled to meet once or twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to join our Faith Formation team and prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, as well as prepare our teens for Confirmation.

This is a part-time benefits eligible position. For a full description of the responsibilities, please refer to the job posting on the Archdiocese of Boston website at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/sacramental-coordinator-pt-st-isidore-parish-lakeville-middleboro-rochester-ma> All interested applicants are asked to please email their cover letter and resume to michellesylvia@cranberrycatholic.org. I look forward to growing our Faith Formation team together!

Michelle Sylvia

July Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in **bold print**.

Junipero Serra	Kateri Tekakwitha	Bridget
Elizabeth of Portugal	Bonaventure	James
Maria Goretti	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Joachim and Anne
Augustine Zhao Rong	Apollinaris	Martha
Benedict	Lawrence of Brindisi	Peter Chrysologus
Henry	Mary Magdalene	

Word Search and Saint Martha Art Work © 2016 RealLifeAtHome.com

Coffee, Donuts, Hospitality and Socials!



Post-pandemic we are looking to revitalize our Hospitality Ministries at our Churches. We are looking for organizers and helpers. In the past this has been “Coffee and Doughnuts” at Sacred Heart and Martha and Mary and “Coffee Social” at St. Rose. We are planning to have each church take different weekends for parishioner hospitality time. If you are interested in heading up, or helping out, with this effort in either Sacred Heart or Saints Martha & Mary please let Holly know at 508-947-0444. Please also let Holly know if you wish to help at St. Rose where a committee is already organizing!

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

Rest a While

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31

This passage always resonates with me as the perfect message kicking off the summer as we travel to far off places or maybe just seek solitude in our own backyards. It is a reminder that we all need to slow down and reflect upon our lives. I often retreat to the ocean when I feel the need to find solitude. We all need to find that special place where we can be alone with our thoughts and invite the Lord to listen in. I like sitting on the beach, watching the tide go out and pondering life. The hymn "All That is Hidden" keeps running through my mind. The tide slowly ebbs away and reveals the hidden shoreline. Concealed treasures soon become revealed and life to me suddenly becomes clearer: It is with time that all things become known.

As we begin to rebuild our parish after the pandemic, there will be many things running through our minds. We ask ourselves what will our parish look like down the road? Will changes overwhelm me? Right now pretend you are sitting on the beach and watching the tide come in... we are at high tide now and are about to watch the tide recede to reveal its treasures. So too with the plans for rebuilding. It will unfold, like the tide, to reveal many treasures on the shoreline. But as we await the tide ebbing and the future unfolding I invite you to come in and take a swim! Embrace the sea of change, embrace the future!

God tells us to be patient. He does not want us to be concerned with all that we don't know or worrying about our futures. The Lord knows our future and will take care of us. When we are uncertain about what lies ahead we can put our trust in the Lord and know that whatever is invisible to us now will, in time, be revealed. By worrying about tomorrow we ruin the today. Life is a journey and we must savor every bit of it.

- God Bless, Holly Clark

Do You Want To Become Catholic? Do You Need To Complete The Sacraments?



After many months of being hindered by Covid restrictions, we are pleased to announce the restart of the St. Isidore Parish Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA). The RCIA is designed for those who are interested in becoming part of the Catholic Church. It is also for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist. In addition, it accommodates those that have been baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic. The RCIA process is an individual journey leading to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Guided by Scripture and the Catechism, the process includes learning many aspects of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, would like to complete the Sacraments, or simply get more information, please contact the parish office at 508-947-0444, and ask for Holly Clark. Please note that our St. Isidore Parish website, accessed at cranberrycatholic.org, has more information under the heading of "Newcomer" and "Liturgy and Sacraments". All are welcome to inquire.

Vocations Prayer Group

The St. Isidore Vocations Prayer Group has been re-established and will once again gather after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays at Saints Martha & Mary.

Please join us in praying for religious men and women, priests, deacons and marriage.



A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Eve

4:00 p.m. Middleboro (Confessions 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lakeville

8:00 a.m. Rochester (Confessions 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Lakeville (Confessions 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Additional Confessions

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21–15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Observances for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene

Friday: St. Bridget, Religious

Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.



Thrift Shop News

The hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!

The Thrift Shop is currently accepting donations!
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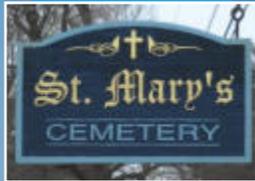
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