



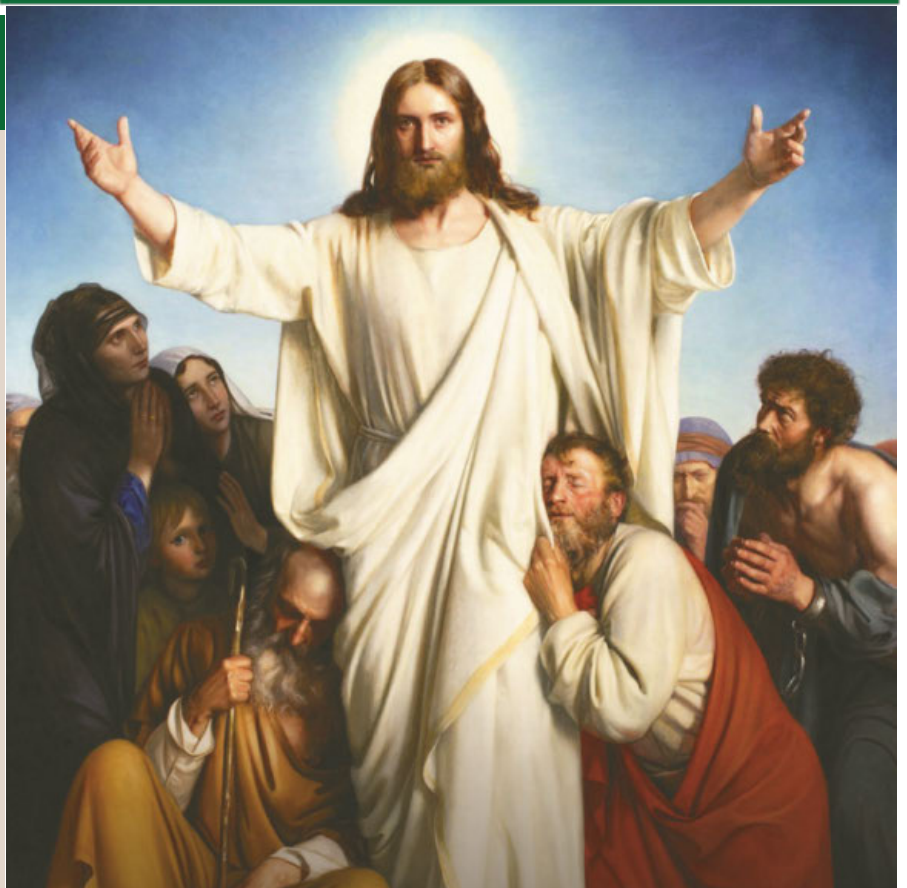
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

### ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open (July Schedule):**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday: Closed**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm

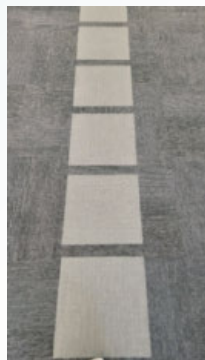




**The Ladder:** I like DIY (do-it-yourself) projects. I don't mind climbing up tall ladders to accomplish a task, but there is one "ladder," a horizontal one, I saw in use over the last few weeks that I thought was never meant for me!

While doing physical therapy, I've gotten used to the people that were also doing physical therapy all around me. We all have our own "tracks" and do our own individual exercises. It's young and old and everyone in between. It's the gathering of the wounded and those on the road to healing. In that sense, it's awesome and cool to see everyone working toward a common goal of healing after surgery or an injury. And, as I've said, EVERY STAFF member at Gilboe's is so awesome. They are the best physical therapists and cheerleaders around.

Now Gilboe's is somewhat segmented into different areas. I usually start in the gym near the front of the building facing Mack Avenue. There I spend time doing this or that exercise. For the longest time, though, I would be intrigued by the people who would be "sent" to what they call "The Ladder." The Ladder is a series of squares on the carpet where the routines help you renavigate and build balance in various circumstances. Here's a picture:



While on the hamstring curl machine or doing the hurdles, I often heard some physical therapist tell their patient, "Okay, let's head on over to The Ladder." For a while, I only saw "little old ladies" do these most intriguing steps on The Ladder. They would walk forward and then backward and then from side to side. To me, it was like sobriety test #2. Sobriety test #1 was the hurdles (and I would often fail by knocking over one of the hurdles

every time). I figured The Ladder was something only for older people. I never saw anyone but those much more advanced in years than me doing these fancy foot routines.

Then one day, after doing my routine in the gym, trying to push myself on the hamstring machine, I GOT SENT to The Ladder. "Wait," I thought, "that's only for little old ladies. I'm three times their size in height and weight." After doing the macho hamstring curls, I felt like I was walking the hall of shame to THE LADDER! "That's not for me!" "OH, yes, it is." So to The Ladder I went.

Suddenly, I found myself FAILING at the footwork those little old ladies I've watched for weeks do with ease. This is crazy! You had to walk in such a way that you would advance two squares and then back one. And if that wasn't hard enough, then I advanced to the sideways routine. You would move diagonally to the left, then to the center, then advance diagonally to the right. I quickly found I couldn't talk and do this all simultaneously. I was getting a headache just trying to make it all happen.

Then, yesterday while at The Ladder, let's say her name was Julie (another parishioner and physical therapist) wanted me to do the sideways routine backward. Until now, Josh and Joe only had me doing this routine going forward. "I was shouting in my head, 'BACKWARDS? You want me to do that sideways routine backward? ARE. YOU. CRAZY. I can't even do that going forward without trouble. And you want me to do that while you're also talking to me? I can't multi-task anymore and can't do this like the 79 and 89-year-olds do. I'm only 59! Let me talk to the manager!'" I was going to need Tylenol not only for the knee pain but for the ensuing headache I was getting from my little brain going into hyperdrive. I did it; but boy, it was tough!

**Vacations and Mass Attendance:** Yes, my dear friends, it's that time of year when summer vacations kick into high gear. Please remember though we can never take a vacation from our relationship with God or going to Mass. Many times people will use the "excuse" they didn't know how to find the mass times for parishes near their vacation spots. Well, let me take that "excuse" off the table! One of the easiest ways to find this information is by visiting [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org), [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com), or [thecatholicdirectory.com](http://thecatholicdirectory.com). It couldn't be

easier! Using either the website or app, you can search by zip code, area code, diocese, or city to find parishes and all the relevant information and schedules you might be seeking.

So, before you head off for vacation, please bookmark the above websites or download their app. Many families will spend quite a bit of time researching their destination points. Finding a place to celebrate the Eucharist on the weekends and weekdays with your family should be an essential part of that research!

And, NO, there is no "automatic dispensation" while you are traveling. As tempting as it is to sleep in on Sunday morning while traveling and enjoying all the summer fun, you need to ensure that your participation in the Eucharist is planned into your schedules and activities.

If you genuinely believe you cannot attend a Saturday evening vigil Mass or a Sunday Mass while traveling, please talk to your parish priest before your vacation. A dispensation can be granted for a legitimate and valid reason.

**Vacation, attending Mass, and the Reception of Holy Communion:** This time of year also tends to surface the question of whether it is permissible for a Catholic to receive communion in a non-Catholic liturgy. The question is often asked because families find themselves vacationing with family or friends of other faiths.

While attending a liturgy or service in another Christian Church or ecclesial community is permitted, attending such a service or liturgy does not fulfill a Catholic's Sunday obligation. Only attendance at a Roman Catholic or Eastern Rite Catholic Liturgy fulfills your Sunday obligation.

Further, Catholics are not permitted to receive communion in other Christian ecclesial communities; these communities have not preserved the fullness of the Eucharistic mystery, especially because they lack the presence of validly ordained priests and bishops.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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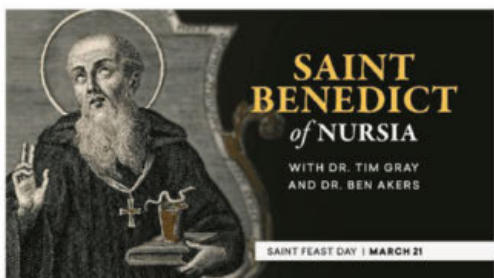
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 09, 2023



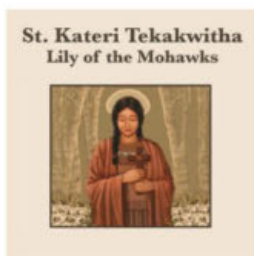
## The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



## Saint Benedict

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



## St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Listen to this powerful audiodrama to learn more about the holy life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. Her heroic endurance and courage in following Christ despite ridicule offer a model for all Christians today.

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# Welcome, Fr. Adam Nowak



We are pleased to welcome Fr. Adam Nowak.

He is appointed a member of the In Solidum team of priests who will pastor St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Basil the Great, St. Lucy and St. Veronica. He will live and serve primarily here with us at St. Joan of Arc. He comes to us after serving as Priest In Solidum at St. Damien, St. Thomas More, Sacred Heart and St. Hugo of the Hills, where he lived and primarily served. Here's a bit about him from his blog and the Office of Priestly Vocations' website.

Fr. Adam was ordained on June 8, 2019. He graduated from Sacred Heart Major Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Bachelor of Philosophy and from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas (Rome) with a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. Prior to entering seminary, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Religious Studies from the University of Detroit Mercy. He was also the coordinator of youth ministry for a parish before seminary. Fr. Adam has a heart for ministry to young people and a passion for mission, having participated in numerous national and international missions.

## What is the greatest gift about being a priest?

The greatest gift of being a priest is being with others in the most intimate moments of their lives: in the confessional, when a loved one dies, at a wedding, etc. The absolute love that people have for their priests can be beautifully overwhelming at times!

## How can people at your parish best support you?

They can support me with prayer and encouragement! Being a priest is amazing but not always easy. A few words of encouragement and a reminder of one's prayers can make a big difference in the day of a priest.

*Please keep Fr. Adam  
in your prayers.*



## How do you see the Holy Spirit working in the Archdiocese of Detroit?

It's very clear to me that the Holy Spirit is working overtime in our Archdiocese. As we move toward Families of Parishes, I can see how the Holy Spirit is raising up lay leaders and priests as we realign for mission.

## Describe the first moment you knew God was calling you to the priesthood.

I never really thought about the priesthood until I was at the end of high school and beginning of college. My friend, now Fr. Mario Amore, had decided to enter seminary. I was so ignorant at that time that I didn't even know that men still did that. However, I began to ask God what He wanted for my life and after a lot of prayer and quiet time, I finally heard Him saying in the quiet recesses of my heart, "be a priest."



July 9, 2023

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

What does a restful day look like to you? Maybe it's a lazy day poolside with a good book and a cold drink, or perhaps a dark room, cozy blanket, and a good movie. Lazy days like these are hard to come by; truly restful days in our busy world are even fewer and farther between. Although "taking a break" every once in a while from the cares of the world is certainly good for everyone, in today's Gospel Jesus is referring to true rest that only he can provide. Jesus asks us to take up his yoke and learn from him "and [we] will find rest for ourselves." Our burdens will be lighter because he shares them with us. Jesus says: "I am meek and humble of heart." Imagine the strength to be found in that meekness, that humility! We will know true rest when we surrender ourselves to Jesus and live in the freedom only he can provide.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In order to find rest in the Lord, we must remember that "[we] are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in [us]," as Saint Paul writes to the Romans. Therefore, Jesus is inviting us into union with him, as well as with the Father and the Holy Spirit. How do we yoke ourselves to Christ? By living out our baptismal promises, celebrating the sacraments, and through our lives of faith, we allow Jesus to work through us and lead the way. Let us make an effort this week to hand over our worries and anxieties to Jesus. And let us never forget that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

**PRAISE** Share your worries and anxieties with Christ through prayer. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise using today's psalm:

*The Lord is faithful in all his words*

*and holy in all his works.*

*The Lord lifts up all who are falling*

*and raises up all who are bowed down.*

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*





# Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 16 A

### Reading One – Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

### Responsorial – Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

### Reading Two – Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

### Gospel – Mt 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd

stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."



# PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUMMER STORYBOOK HOUR

Parents and caregivers, bring your preschool and elementary-age children for a story, snack and fun faith-related activity. (And a little coffee break for you!)



## When?

Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am  
on: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2

## Where?

The Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the  
Sr. Carol Center.

## Respond

Let us know by the Tuesday before  
each session if you're coming.

Leave a message at 586-772-1282  
or respond at [sjascs.org/storyhour](http://sjascs.org/storyhour)

Siblings of all ages are welcomed.



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## Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, July 10th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, July 11th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, July 12th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

9:00 AM Story Hour in the Emmaus Hall

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, July 13th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, July 14th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Parish Center Closed—Summer Hours

#### **Saturday, July 15th**

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Michael Thomas Hoenicke

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, July 16th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***July 9, 2023 – Working for a Living***

At one time, being employed as a lifeguard was, arguably, one of the “cooler” ways to make a living. Especially for people of a certain age, it was a great way not only to earn a paycheck, but also to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors. And it was a good social outlet.

But, as with so many other things in recent years, the tide seems to have turned.

A recent story in *The Detroit News* described the difficulty many communities are having in finding, training, and retaining lifeguards for their pools. The story pointed to a number of factors for the problem, from the pandemic to the fact that fewer people are taking swimming lessons as children.

As a result, the story said, employers are paying higher wages, offering bonuses, staggering hours, and opening later in the summer than they used to. One community in metro Detroit, the story said, decided to shut down its pool entirely this year.

While this particular story focused on lifeguards, there has been an overall change in the labor market observed over the last couple years. Media has chronicled the so-called “great resignation” across numerous industries, and almost everyone has observed or been impacted by a shortage of labor in one way or another.

The need for workers will never entirely go away, and, in the scheme of things, that is good.

Honest work is one way we can bring ourselves closer to God. It makes us keenly aware of life’s burdens, and of Christ’s message of relief.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest,” Jesus says in today’s gospel passage from St. Matthew. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 10, 2023 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Anna Marie Wilson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 11, 2023 Saint Benedict, Abbot (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of July and Paul Rothrock
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 12, 2023 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Raymond Stangelwicz
6:00 p.m.	A Special Intention for Kathlyn Caffrey
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 13, 2023 Weekday, Saint Henry (Green/White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for the Dobrzecowski Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 14, 2023 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary & Frank Fleming
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 15, 2023 Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
4:00 p.m.	The deceased members of the Sloan Family, Bonnie Batche, Blair Zernick, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, A. Joseph Rademacher, Mary Stonestreet, Joe DiTrapini, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Gordon and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, and for Pam Haisenleder.
6:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Howard
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 16, 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Philip D'Agostino
12:00 p.m.	Joan Hardy, Felician King and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow and Pam Haisenleder

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a  
Matthew 9:18-26

#### Friday, July 14

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30  
Matthew 10:16-23

#### Tuesday, July 11

Genesis 32:23-33  
Matthew 9:32-38

#### Saturday, July 15

Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a  
Matthew 10:24-33

#### Wednesday, July 12

Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a  
Matthew 10:1-7

#### Sunday, July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

#### Thursday, July 13

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5  
Matthew 10:7-15



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

**Lisa Miller**  
**Dolores Holme**



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### A Ballad of Flesh and Spirit

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes — flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration — it would seem like a joke.

I'll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It's either too long or it's too short. It's frequently painful. It's riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, "made of ever so many partings welded together."

But it's also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things — good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another — the love passing between them, the Third Person himself — has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

*"Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."  
— Romans 8:12*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



## Announcements

### Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage

*Terra Sancta Pilgrimages*, with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz, will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Jordan, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Galilee.

**November 28-December 12, 2023.**

This life-changing 14-day experience of walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass & Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer, spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians.

Cost is \$5,200 (all expenses included, round-trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and tax).  
Registration is first come, first serve.

**Orientation Meeting—which is mandatory-** for the registered is 2:00 pm Sunday, August 27, at St. Joseph Chapel, 400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48341

In 2024 our trips (11-days long) are April 15-25 and November 11-21. For more information contact Pilgrimage Coordinator -Patti Giangrande, OFS:  
248- 514-1747 or  
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### Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

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### Women Invited to 'Learn, Pray, Share, Celebrate' on Feast of St. Dominic

Are you a woman aged 19 or older considering God's call for your life? If so, the Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to a special event to "Learn, Pray, Share, and Celebrate" as you learn more about vowed Dominican life or association with us.

The event begins with lunch on Monday, August 7, 2023, and concludes at about 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, the Feast of St. Dominic. Participants have the opportunity to: engage with St. Dominic's ways of prayer and with the early women of the Order; celebrate the Feast of St. Dominic with the Adrian Dominican Sisters through common prayer and Eucharistic Liturgy, and visit with Sisters and with other women who are discerning a call for their lives.

This special event is hosted at Weber Retreat and Conference Center on the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse Campus, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan, and is offered at no charge. Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>.

For more information, email Sister Katherine Frazier, OP, at [kfrazier@adriandominicans.org](mailto:kfrazier@adriandominicans.org) or call or text her at 260-229-3045.

## Prayers Needed

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**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person

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# Bringing Home the Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

July 9, 2023

## Do You Know Who I Am?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**T**hat question usually means: “Do you know how important I am?” Reputation, status, and celebrity are extraordinarily significant in today’s society. Vulnerable, unsure beings that we are, we need to be reassured that we are important. And we are important, though usually not in the way society might perceive it.

Each of us is unique. Yet our personal uniqueness does not diminish the uniqueness of others, and there’s the rub! So often we think that it does. That’s when we might try to put others down or demand, “Do you know who I am?”

### Sunday Readings

#### **Zechariah 9:9–10**

Behold: your king is coming to you ....  
Humble, and riding on a donkey.

#### **Romans 8:9, 11–13**

If you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

#### **Matthew 11:25–30**

[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Often we don’t really know who we are. This is where humility enters the picture.

In today’s first reading, the king rides on a donkey. He doesn’t need a mighty warhorse to show others his importance or to reassure himself of his royal identity. Nor does he need military armaments like a chariot or bow to establish peace. He is secure with himself. He knows who he is—no more, but no less.

The Gospel portrays Jesus as “meek and humble of heart” (Matthew 11:29). He knows who he is. He is the Son of the Father, sent by the Father to do the will of the Father. All things are in his hands, because he received everything from the Father. He does not have to broadcast this or argue with others to convince them. He knows who he is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

And what about you? Do you know who you are? †

*Jesus knows who he is.  
He is the Son—  
no more, but no less.*



### A Word from Pope Francis

When a country is mindful of its roots, it keeps growing, it is renewed and it continues to embrace newcomers, new individuals and new peoples. All of us benefit from remembering our past. A people which remembers does not repeat past errors; instead, it looks with confidence to the challenges of the present and the future.

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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Are you grateful for your uniqueness?
- Do you use that uniqueness to make the world a better place?



# When Jesus Was Deported

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

Maria and Jesus picked up their two children, ages seven and ten, from school. On the way home, they stopped at the supermarket. When they got home, Maria took the children into the house as Jesus unpacked the car. When she peeked out the front window of their Philadelphia row house a few minutes later, the car trunk was open and Jesus was gone. He'd been picked up by ICE (United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement). Ten days later, he was deported.

More than at any other time in history, Church leaders are calling on local and national government leaders of all nations to care for immigrants and refugees. History has certainly seen anti-immigrant organizations, movements, and politics flourish; the anti-immigrant, anti-Roman Catholic Know-Nothing Party of the 1800s illustrates the point. But never before has our great nation of immigrants' descendants experienced the organized



removal of millions of undocumented immigrants. Many states are sending a strong message to immigrants: You're not welcome. Go home!

In May 2012, during the *ad limina* visit of United States bishops to the Vatican, Pope Benedict praised the US bishops for their extraordinary care for immigrants. Indeed, with the guidance of the bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign (JusticeForImmigrants.org),

some dioceses, religious orders, parishes, and individuals have begun to generously and gently accompany immigrants and immigrant communities, regardless of their citizenship status.

Some is a key qualifying word. Some lay faithful are at odds with the bishops over this polarizing issue, but we cannot refuse to see and understand that immigration and its reform are Catholic issues. Something very odd is at work here. How can American Catholics sing "Faith of our Fathers" in their Italian, German-, Irish-, Polish-, or Slovak-built churches and cathedrals on Sunday, and then deport Jesus on Monday? †

**Note:** This article was published in *Liguorian* magazine in January 2013. Pope Francis and the American bishops have continued to call ordinary Catholics to open their hearts and hands to welcome immigrants and refugees. Perhaps we can pray together the Prayer for Migrant Families (at left and found on the bishops' website: [usccb.org/prayers/prayer-migrant-families](http://usccb.org/prayers/prayer-migrant-families)).

## Prayer for Migrant Families

Good and gracious God, as we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



*Loving God, help us  
to welcome each other  
as we wish to be welcomed,  
to respect everyone  
as we wish to be respected,  
to love as we wish to be loved.*

**Amen.**

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

July 10–15

### Monday, Weekday:

Gn 28:10–22a / Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday, St. Benedict:

Gn 32:23–33 / Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday, Weekday:

Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a / Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday, Weekday: Gn 44:18–21,

23b–29; 45:1–5 / Mt 10:7–15

### Friday, St. Kateri Tekakwitha:

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 / Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday, St. Bonaventure:

Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a / Mt 10:24–33

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