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WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.

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JULY 09	4:30 P.M.	58
JULY 10	7:00 A.M.	60
JULY 10	9:30 A.M.	<u>59</u>
	TOTAL	177

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FIRST READING

"Please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree." (Gn 18:3-4)

PSALM He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING In accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones. (Col 1:25-26)

GOSPEL

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part." (Luke 10:41-42)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

MAKE YOUR HEART A PLACE OF WELCOME

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Food for Thought

- Still on our fathers/men.

A man is the most beautiful part of God's creation.

He sacrifices his dreams for just a smile on his parents' faces.

He spends his entire pocket money buying gifts for the lady he loves just to see her smile.

He sacrifices his entire youth for his wife & children by working late at night without complaint.

He builds their future by taking loans from banks & repaying them for his entire lifetime.

He struggles a lot and still has to bear scolding from his mother, wife, and boss.

His life ends up only by compromising for others' happiness.

If he goes out, he is careless.

If he stays at home, he is lazy.

If he scolds his children, he is a monster.

If he doesn't scold them, he is an irresponsible man.

If he stops his wife from working, then he is an insecure man.

If he doesn't stop his wife from working, then he is somebody who lives on his wife's earnings.

If he listens to mom, he is mama's boy.

If he listens to his wife, he is his wife's servant.

If he does not play, he is too serious, stern, and stiff.

If he plays, he is a joker who never matures.

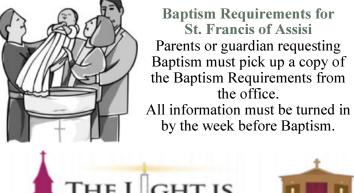
If he dresses well, he is extravagant and a possible womanizer. If he doesn't dress well, he is a loser who is not a gentleman.

If he helps his wife, he is taken for a fool. If he doesn't help his wife, he is cruel and wicked.

Respect and celebrate every man in your life. You will never know what he has sacrificed or is sacrificing for you.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

"Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen July 17-Rev. Mikel Polson July 18-Rev. Bala Rayapati July 19-Rev. Francis Renfroe, SJ July 20—Very Rev. Louis Richard, VF July 21-Rev. Michael Richard July 22—Rev. Msgr. Robert Romero July 23-Rev. Mario Romero July 24—Rev. David Rozas "For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins." (Hb. 5:1)



Baptism Requirements for St. Francis of Assisi Parents or guardian requesting Baptism must pick up a copy of the Baptism Requirements from the office.

by the week before Baptism.



Can a priest reveal what he has heard to others?

No. A priest can never reveal the sins a person has confessed. This is known as the "Seal of confession," which admits of no exceptions (CCC 1467).

If a priest were to violate the seal of confession he would be automatically excommunicated (CIC 1388).

Over the centuries several priests have died and many have been imprisoned because they refused, even under threat of torture and execution, to break the inviolable seal of confession.

This is one of the most beautiful aspects of the sacrament and of the priesthood: the priest who hears our confession, in order to protect the secrets we have whispered to God through him, will allow himself to be imprisoned, tortured or even killed.

That's how seriously he and the Church take the seal and the sacrament.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	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
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday:	y: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest	
Wednesday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	
Thursday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Friday:	St. Mary Magdalene	
Saturday:	St. Bridget, Religious	
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest	

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.

