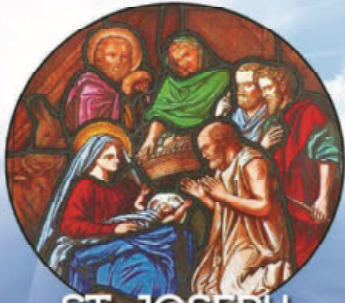


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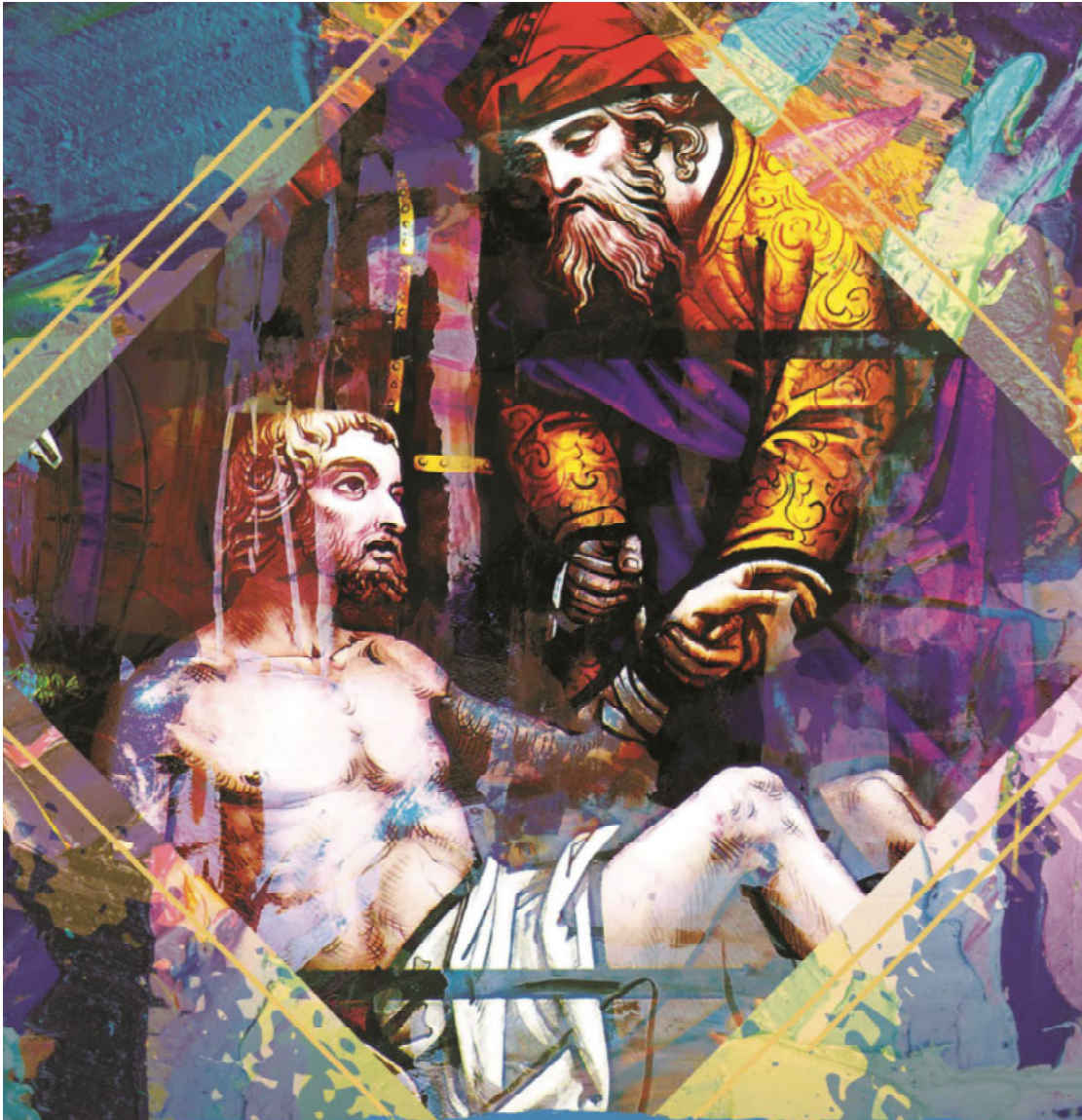


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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:33

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.” (*Dt 50:14*)

Psalm:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (*Ps 69*)

Second Reading:

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.

(*Col 15:15*)

Gospel:

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” (*Lk 10:36-37*)

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Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday July 10th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation: 7:00 A.M. (C) & 4:00 P.M. (G)

Monday, July 11th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, July 12th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

4:30 P.M. Novena & Communion Service (C) Deacon Alfred

Wednesday, July 13th: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, July 14th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, July 15th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Saturday, July 16th: Vigils 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation: 3:00 P.M. (P)

~ WEEKLY PRAYER ~

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Wednesday: St. Henry

Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Friday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at 562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.



Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network**



July

The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

For the month of June, let us unite in prayer for our country and the gift of our freedom, remembering that freedom was won by a high cost.

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Pray For Those In Need

Robert "Bean" Montelius	Brandon Louque
Braylee Lambert	Nolan Guidry
Damien Powers	Hubert Brignac
Betty Brignac	Russel Louque
Cathy Nosacka	Evantae Isom
Elsie Batiste	Anniston Cancienne
Wayne LeBoeuf	

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner



**Please pray for
all expectant
mothers
especially
those listed:**

Hailey P. Waguespack
Jaci Boughton
Courtney Mistretta
Kelsi M. Roussel
Erin M. Bourgeois
Caroline Melancon
Kristen Levron

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love.

Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

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Pat & Ida Roddy (SJ)
Roger Louque, Sr. (SH)
Murphy Petit (AC)
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Rest In Peace

Cedric Michael Roberts ~ 1953-2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in his honor on Friday, June 24, 2022 at St. Joseph Church, burial followed in St. Michael Cemetery.

Irving J. VanCourt, Sr. ~ June 17, 2022

Funeral services were held for Irving at St. Michael Church on Saturday, June 25, 2022 with burial following in St. Michael Cemetery.

Nathan "Peanut" Lacombe, Jr. ~ June 04, 1948-June 24, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in Nathan's honor on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at St. Joseph Church. Burial followed the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 10, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) St. Michael Parishioners
10:00 a.m. (P) St. Joseph Parishioners
5:00 p.m. (G) Sacred Heart Parishioners

Monday, July 11, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
Jerry Grob, Vera & James Riviere,
Jonathan P. Bourgeois, Joe & Ethel Martin,
Ferrel Bourgeois, Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 12, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
Charlie & Lil Duhe,
Wednesday, July 13, 2022:
5:30 p.m. (L)

Pat, Eldess & Daryl Broussard;
Raymond Sr. & William Ledet;
Sally Rodriguez, Doris L. Martin & Family,
Derek Zimmer, Malcolm Fauchaux,
Irwin Montz, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois,
Sam & Kathleen Andermann,
Chester J. & Bernice P. Bourgeois,
Levi & Iris Laiche, Gerald Accardo,
Hilda Lambert, Christie Marie Melancon &
Family, Charlene Folse Pollet,
Celine & Frank Musgrove, Myrrh H. Poche,
In Thanksgiving, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 14, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
Floyd & Eunice Berthelot

Friday, July 15, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
Darren "Pete" Laroze,
Lawrence & Delia Lambert,
Richard & Charmaine Zeringue,
Kirk Zeringue, Leroy Wescovich,
John W. Lowman Jr., Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 16, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)
M/M Charles Detillier Sr. & Peter Louque,
Cherie Bourgeois, Hollie Bourgeois,
Nancy Hyver, M/M Ernest Veron,
M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia,
Kenny Pham, Ferrell & Derik Millet,
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Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Nora Fauchaux,
Alfred & Stella Roper, Karl Oubre,
Jane Cunningham Oubre, Angele Gandy,
Myrrh H. Poche, Souls in Purgatory
6:00 p.m. (G)
Clarence Becnel, Rezette Jenkins, Clarence &
Mary Ann Torres Marse, Souls in Purgatory

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has



a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and

acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

African American Mass: The Office of Black Catholics is sponsoring an African American Mass on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in St. Joseph Cathedral. Most Rev. Bishop Michael Duca will be the Celebrant with Rev. Joshua Johnson as the Homilist. The Theme is "Celebrating Our Catholic Faith and Culture". Music will be provided by Diocesan Gospel Choir. For more information contact Deacon Alfred Adams @ 225-910-6080.

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SHARING THE GOSPEL
 Jesus wants you to love your neighbors. He wants you to help your neighbors. You could help the people who live next door, or the people that go to your church. But Jesus wants you to think bigger than that. Jesus wants you to help people all around the world - no matter where they live, and no matter what they believe.

PRAYER
 Dear God, show me how to help others around the world.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
 Ask your parents if your family could give money to help the missions in another country.



KIDS CORNER

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| CARE | LEAVING | SAMARIA |
| ROBBERS | PRIEST | TREATED |
| ATTACKED | WALKED | NEIGHBOR |

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WHAT JESUS DOESN'T SAY

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content

of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

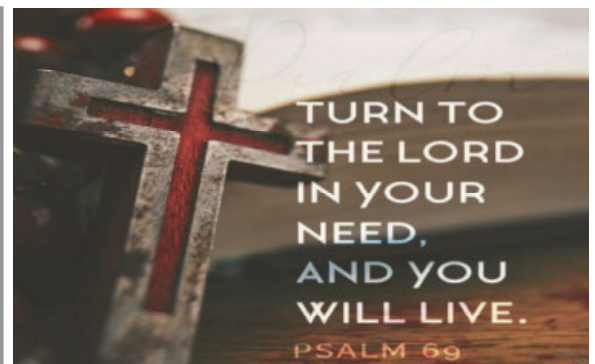


The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges His hearers—and us—to go and do the same!



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