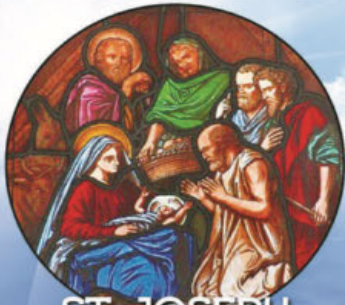


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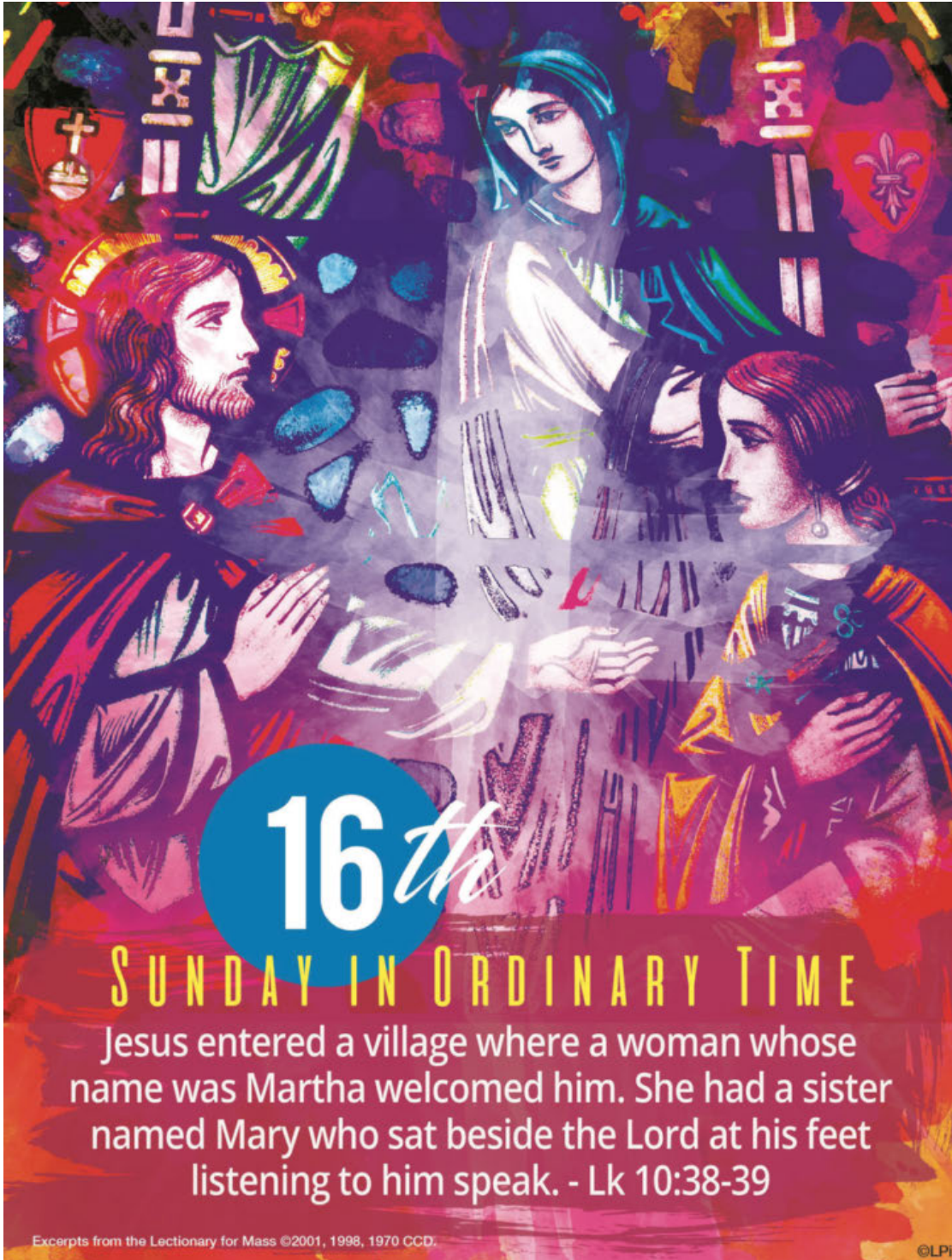


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## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### 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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**Mass & Reconciliation Times**

*Sunday July 17th: Sixteenth 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 18th:** 7:00 A.M. (L); 10:00 A.M. Chateau St. James

**Tuesday, July 19th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

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

**Wednesday, July 20th:** 5:30 P.M. (L)

**Thursday, July 21st:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Friday, July 22nd:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Saturday, July 23rd:** 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 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:** 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 Makhluf, 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.

**Sacraments & Services**

**BAPTISM:**

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-St. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.-St. Joseph & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & 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.



JULY 17, 2022

## Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide  
Prayer Network



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.

### 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 July, 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.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:



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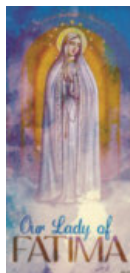
Host family: July 20-27th David & Lynne Bourg. Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque - 225-206-2929

### Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family July 17th-23rd Jackie Copponex (St. Michael); Regina Falcon (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 562-7129

### Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.



## Rest In Peace

### Audrey Jacob Roussel

August 21, 1928-July 1, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in Audrey's honor on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial following the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

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

~Amen~

## Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

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.

## Pray For Those In Need

Robert "Bean" Montelius  
Braylee Lambert  
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Betty Brignac  
Cathy Nosacka  
Elsie Batiste  
Wayne LeBoeuf  
Brandon Louque

Nolan Guidry  
Hubert Brignac  
Russel Louque  
Evantae Isom  
Anniston Cancienne  
Sherry Rome  
Janine Kosztolanyi

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 17, 2022:

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

### Monday, July 18, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Marcel & Adele Roussel, Joyce Stone & Donna Zeller, Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, July 19, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Jerry A. Bourgeois Sr.

### Wednesday, July 20, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)  
Bradley & Jason Bourgeois; Gwen, JB & Frank

Rizzuto; Russell & Patrick Dupuy, Sam & Kathleen Andermann, Gina Troclair, Carlo & Aline Mancuso & Daughter, Verlin Simon, Floyd J "Monk" Ordeneaux & Family, Norman & Audrey Zeringue, April Marie Oubre, Wilfred Laiche Jr. Family, Moise Oubre Sr. Family, Nancy Oubre, Louviere Family & Guidry Family, Myrrh H. Poche, Special Intention, Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, July 21, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Louis Tramonte Sr. & Aydele Family

### Friday, July 22, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Johnny Matherne, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, Zeke Roussel, Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, July 23, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)  
Kenny Pham, Clayton Deslatte & Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Beatrice Bowman; Ella & Andrew Louque, Andy & Sandra; Lois & Neil Simon, Eusebe & Hilda Lambert, Charles & Helen Roussel & Wanda Remondet, Mabel & Oneal Cambre, Jane Cunningham Oubre, Angele Gandy, Myrrh H. Poche, Rose Rouillier, Souls in Purgatory

### 6:00 p.m. (G)

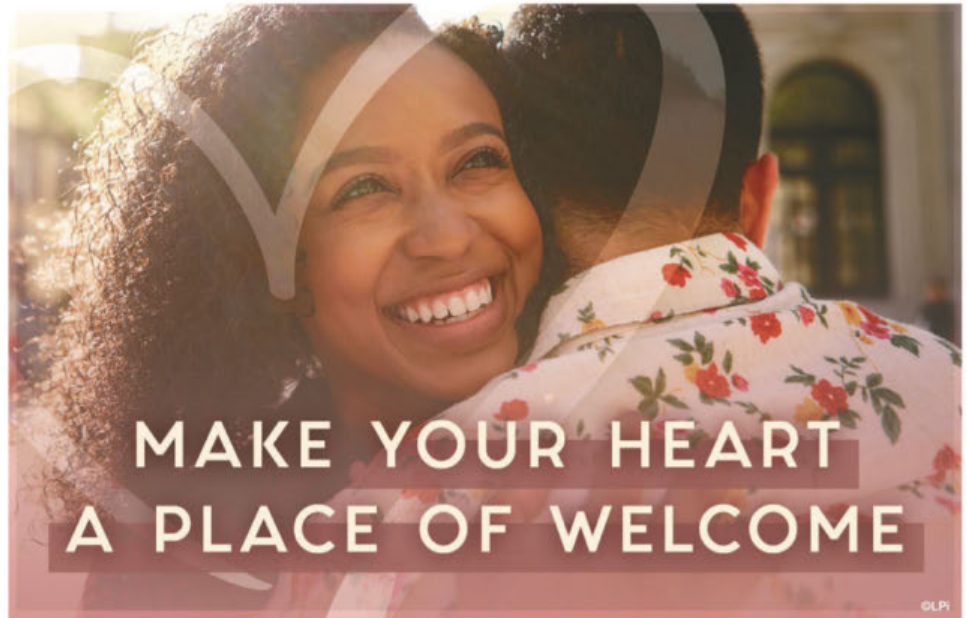
Matthew P. Daigle, NJ & Byron Madere, Anna Mae & Joe Bourgeois, Allie M. Bourgeois, Alvy & Rezette Jenkins, Dale & Joyce O. Hymel; Laura & Harold Tregre Family & Becky; Frances Troxler, Clarence & Mary Ann Torres Marse, Souls in Purgatory

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE A 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!

*The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” - Lk 10:41-42*

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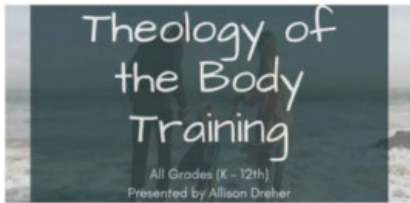
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Administrative Committee Meeting:**  
Wednesday, July 20th beginning at 6:30 P.M. the Administrative Committee will meet at the Pastoral Center.

**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.



**Theology of the Body Training by Allison Dreher**

**Session 1: Mon. July 18,  
2:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Session 2: Tues. July 19,  
8:30am-12:30pm**

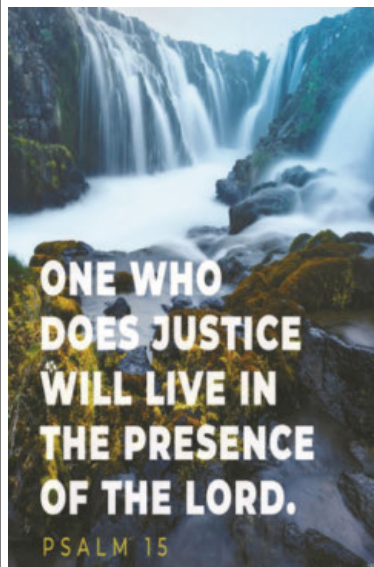
Allison Dreher will provide formation in St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body for teachers, staff, catechists, youth ministers and anyone interested who works with any grades Kindergarten through high school seniors. This training will provide guidance to create lessons for any age level. An overview of Pope Saint John Paul II's teachings will be explored as well as how these teachings fit into the developmental psychology of children. No training manual will be provided but there will multiple resources available for you to peruse so that you can determine the program that works best for your situation (Ascension Press, Ruah Woods, etc.). Catholic Sexual Morality (CSM) credit or Enrichment credit will be awarded to those who complete the course in its entirety.

**READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!**

**SHARING THE GOSPEL**  
God created work for each of us to do, and it is important to do it. But Martha was upset because she forgot to stop and make time for Jesus. Mary had the right idea. She took a break from her work to listen to Jesus. Time with Jesus is precious, so we need to make time to rest and enjoy his love.

**PRAYER**  
Dear God, thank you for reminding me to stop and enjoy time with you.

**MISSION FOR THE WEEK**  
Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.





**KIDS CORNER**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

- |           |                      |           |         |        |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| journey   | woman                | listening | Martha  | chosen |
| village   | Mary                 | servng    | anxious | better |
| jnreyou   | <u>j o u r n e y</u> |           |         |        |
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We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## BE READY FOR GOD TO “STOP BY”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope

with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

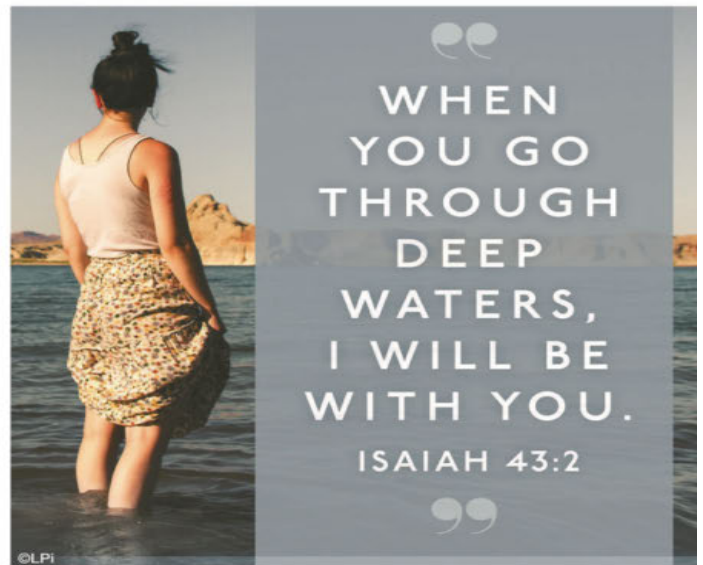
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

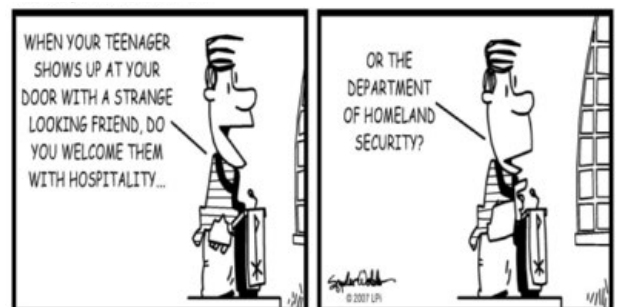
Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply

two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



*Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?*

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