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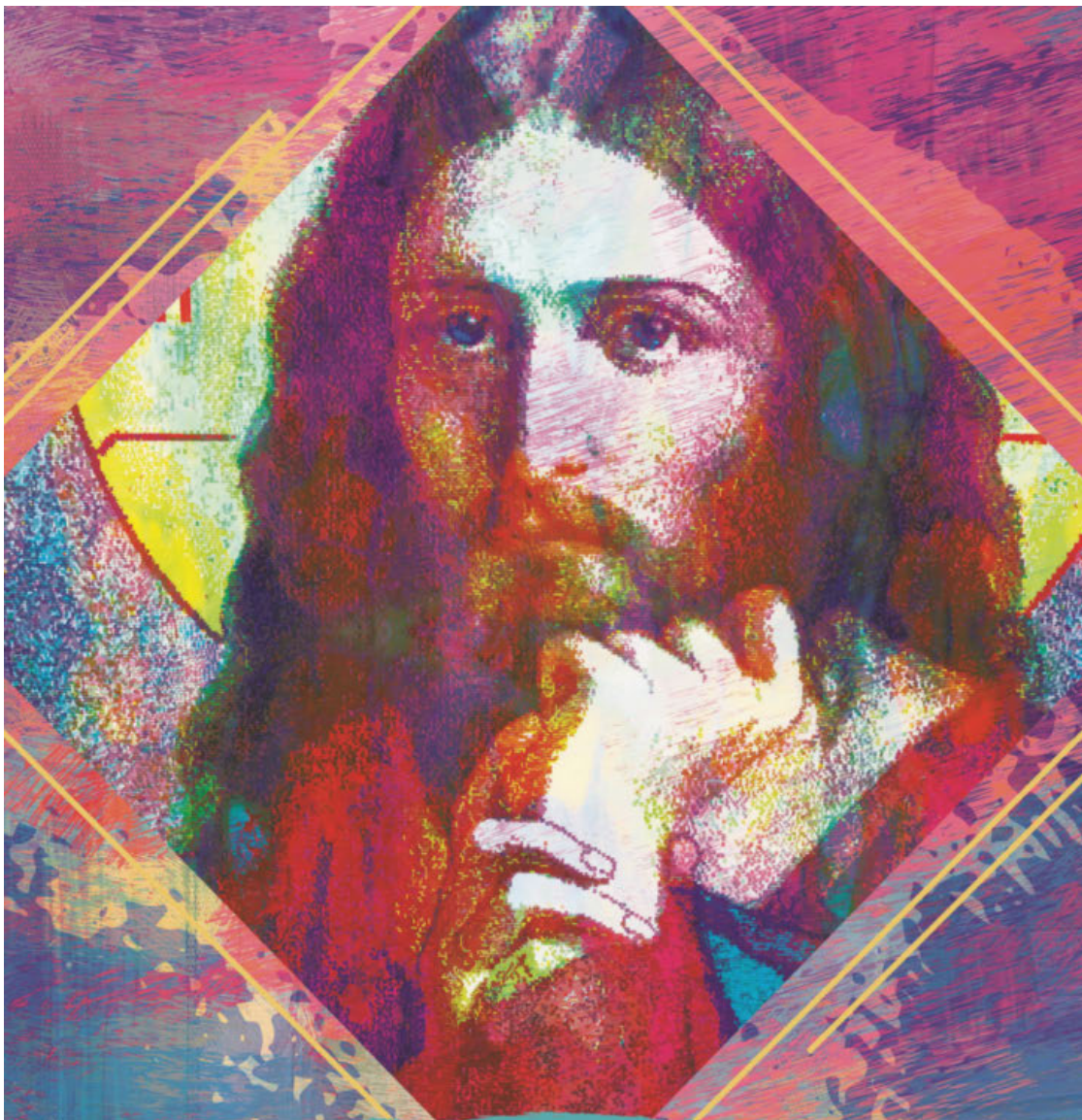


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SACRED HEART

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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21

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### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun?

*(Ecc 2:22)*

#### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

*(Ps 90)*

#### Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

*(Col 3:1-2)*

#### Gospel:

“God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’” *(Lk 12:20)*

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**Mass & Reconciliation Times**

*Sunday July 31st: Eighteenth 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, August 1st:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Tuesday, August 2nd:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

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

**Wednesday, August 3rd:** 5:30 P.M. (L)

**Thursday, August 4th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Friday, August 5th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Saturday, August 6th:** Vigils 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

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

~ **WEEKLY PRAYER** ~  
**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022**

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Next Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022**

**Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

**Monday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

**Thursday:** St. John Vianney, Priest

**Friday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

**Saturday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration for the week**

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

**Sacraments & Services**

**BAPTISM:**

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. Seminars are held the 3rd Sunday of odd number months. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751). Baptisms are scheduled once classes are complete and paperwork is turned in.

**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:**

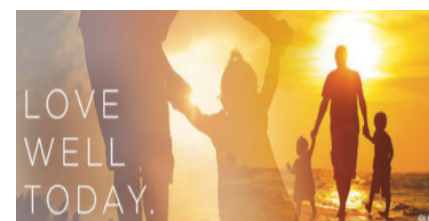
For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

**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 31, 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.

### August Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

*August is the month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray this prayer in honor of Mary, placing our families, our sick, our lonely and our concerns in her care, trusting she will present them to Her Son, Our Lord Jesus.*

### Prayer to Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially those so deep in our heart.

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

Angele Gandy (SM)  
Kenny Pham (SJ)  
Harold & Laura Tregre Family & Becky (SH)  
Dale Petit (AC)  
Christie Marie Melancon (LC)



### In Loving Memory

**Lois Ann Chenier**

April 18, 1934-June 18, 2022

A funeral Mass was held in her honor at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

**Albert Thomas Laiche**

May 29, 1942-July 11, 2022

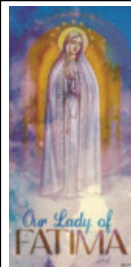
A Mass of Christian burial was held in his honor on Friday, July 15, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery following the Mass.

**Deborah Marie Webb**

March 27, 1955-July 14, 2022

A memorial Mass was held in her honor on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church with inurnment 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~



### Traveling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Host family: August 3rd -10th Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque 206-2929

### Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family July 31st-August 6th Lori Taylor (St. Michael); Marie Keller (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.

## Pray For Those In Need

Robert "Bean" Montelius  
Braylee Lambert  
Damien Powers  
Betty Brignac  
Cathy Nosacka  
Nolan Guidry

Hubert Brignac  
Russel Louque  
Anniston Cancienne  
Sherry Rome  
Janine Kosztolanyi  
Glenda Accardo

## Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

Courtney Mistretta  
Kelsi M. Roussel  
Erin M. Bourgeois  
Caroline Melancon  
Kristen Levron  
Kara Poche

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.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 31, 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, August 1, 2022: 7:00 a.m. (L)

Lorraine Giardina, Zeke Roussel, Donald Lambert, Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, August 2, 2022: 7:00 a.m. (L)

Warren & Ken Laiche & Julie Carpenter

### Wednesday, August 3, 2022: 5:30 p.m. (L)

Doris L. Martin & Family, Joseph & Scott Accardo, Ewell & Georgina Poirier & Family, Claude & Melda Petit & Sons, Lt. Col. Joseph A. Lucia III & Joseph A. Lucia Jr., Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Grady Poche & Richard Roussel, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois; Gene-

vieve, Norman & Richard Leonard; Aaron, Pedro, Rose & Dalton Berthelot; Gwendolyn L. Tregre & Harold J. Tregre, M/M Nolan Bourgeois Sr., Levi Laiche, Sam & Kathleen Andermann, Verlin Simon, Floyd J "Monk" Ordeneaux & Family, Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Bernice & Chester Bourgeois, Angele Gandy, Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, August 4, 2022: 7:00 a.m. (L)

Daniel & Evelyn Millet

### Friday, August 5, 2022: 7:00 a.m. (L)

Donna & Leroy Wescovich, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, Eunice Berthelot, Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, August 6, 2022: 4:00 p.m. (P)

Aline Schexnayder Family, Clifford & Pete LeBlanc; Cindy, Armanee & Benoit Kliebert; Roland "Shawee" Roussel & Rosemary L. Roussel & Family; Roman & Elia Lambert & Family; Kenny Pham, Myrrh Poche,

Milton & Elsie Martin, Nolan & Carol Marse, John Lowman Jr., Craig Trosclair, Drusilla Carbo, Jerry A. Bourgeois Sr.; Jody, Barry & Brian Duhe; Henry Sr., Ethel & Ronnie Champagne; Christie Marie Melancon & Family; Cleve & Nora Fauchoux; Alfred & Stella Roper; Helen Roussel, Angele Gandy, Jerry Louque, Rose Rouillier, Donald Lambert, Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, August 6, 2022: 6:00 p.m. (G)

Special Intention, Rita & Amedee Boe, Yvonne & Scotty Bourgeois, NJ & Byron Madere, Anna Mae & Joe Bourgeois, Donald Blank, Roy Mohon Sr., Karla Millet, Michael Mohon, Ronald (Toodie) Roussel, Ida & Pat Roddy, Sheldon Roussel, Kenneth Pelham & Shelly Manual Long, AJ Laiche, Clarence & Mary Ann Torres Marse, Gerald Laroze & Donna, Mrs. Walter Bourgeois & Family, Souls in Purgatory

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to



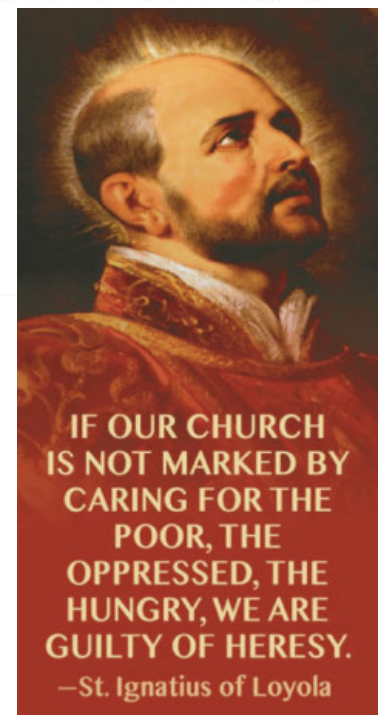
securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved

by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

*Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:13-15*

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**IF OUR CHURCH IS NOT MARKED BY CARING FOR THE POOR, THE OPPRESSED, THE HUNGRY, WE ARE GUILTY OF HERESY.**  
 —St. Ignatius of Loyola

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Come Lord Jesus:**

The *Come, Lord Jesus!* program is a small group bible study centered around prayer, the holy Eucharist, Scripture, and Christian witness. The program was developed by Father Conley Bertrand who resides in Lafayette, LA.

Charmaine Ordeneaux has started a local group in her home at 9 am on Wednesday's. Volume I, Be My Witness, A Catholic Study of the Sunday Gospels will be used. The hour meeting begins with prayers of thanksgiving and petitions followed by reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading. Please bring your bibles. Materials will be provided. If you would like to join the group or ask questions, please call Charmaine at 225-869-8638.



Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think

He's calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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).

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

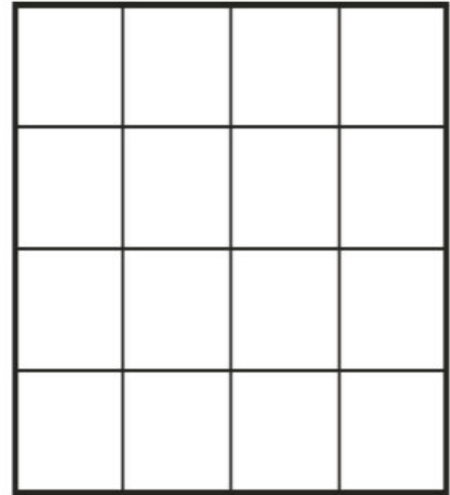
**SHARING THE GOSPEL**  
When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

**PRAYER**  
Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

**MISSION FOR THE WEEK**  
When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.

**KIDS CORNER**

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**Back To School Dates:**

- August 1:** Stop and Drop from 1:00-2:30 for Grades 1-7 and siblings in Daycare-K
- August 4:** First Day of School Grades 1-7 Daycare through Kindergarten Stop and Drop 1:00-3:00
- August 8-9:** Staggered entry for PK3, PK4 and K

**August 10:** All students attend in PK3, PK4, K

**August 8-10:** Staggered entry for Daycare

**August 11:** All Daycare attend

**August 18:** Back to School Night for parents 6:00 P.M. Come meet your child's teacher and gain valuable information about your child's classes

**August 25:** CHASA information night 6:30 P.M. All are invited to learn more ways to become involved in CHASA, Chanel Home and School Association. A short presentation will be given at Back to School Night.



## WHAT WE STORE IN THE BARN

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the

outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he

is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



If you are not Catholic, please accept this invitation to inquire (no obligations) about becoming a Catholic. For more information, please contact the Pastoral Center at: 225-869-5751 or Lisa or Ernie Sieber @ 225- 266-0569

RCIA IS A process of initiation into. . .

- ... a relationship with Jesus
- ... a relationship with the Catholic faith Community
- ... a perspective on life

#### Have you ever wondered, "What is the question?"

Questions emerge from within our lives ... "What is really important?" "What is really valuable?" "Why do bad things happen?" "What is the point to anything?"

Jesus Christ gives us the insight and hope we need to cope with life's questions. Jesus makes it possible for us to see purpose and promise far beyond our immediate experiences. Jesus invites us to fullness of life but He does not force us to accept it. Jesus honors the free will created in us and waits for each of us to open our lives to Him.

You might find it curious to know that not everyone understands Jesus the same way. Not all Christian religions interpret Jesus and His message the same way. You are wise to want to seek answers for your questions. The Catholic Church recognizes that faith and questions about faith are not to be taken lightly. The Catholic faith is an entire approach to life, which holds a personal relationship with Jesus, and His Gospel is at the very core. The Catholic Church invites you to consider RCIA if you are open to Jesus, His message, and His community of followers.

#### RCIA ...

- ... stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
- ... is the Catholic Church's preferred method for welcoming new Catholics.
- ... weaves instruction, prayer, community, and ritual into one process.



### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

*Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts.*

July 17, 2022	(SM)	(SJ)	(SH)
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*Are our hearts open to what really matters?*



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