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JULY 21, 2024 • SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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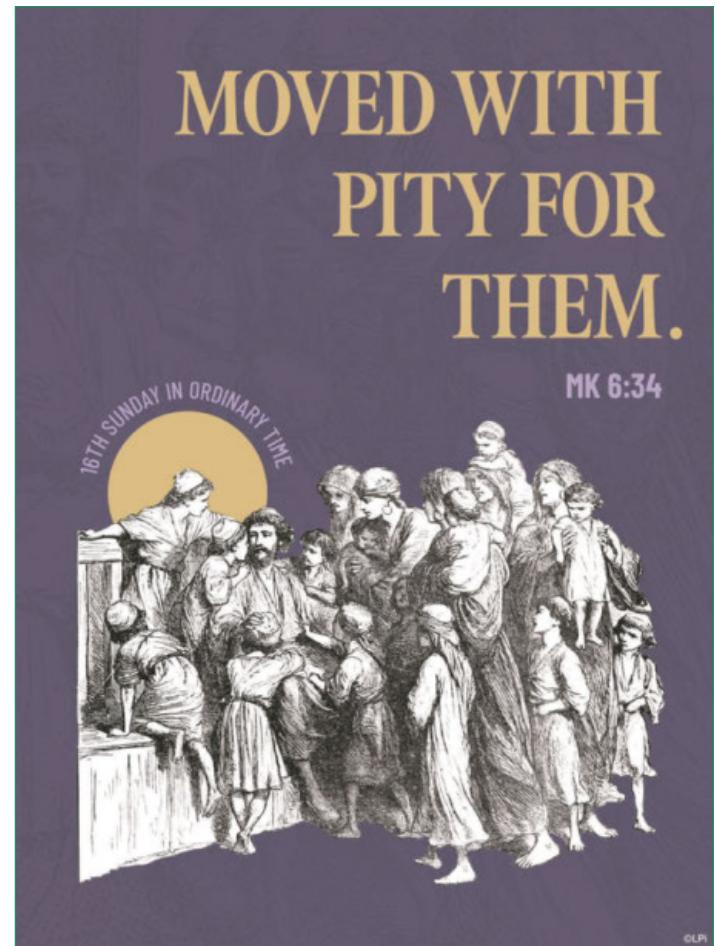
Maria Immacolata Church

“Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God”



Readings for the Week of July 21, 2024

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| Sunday | Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34 |
| Monday | Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / John 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| Tuesday | Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Matthew 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 / Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17 / Matthew 13:1-9 |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 / Matthew 20:20-28 |
| Friday | Jeremiah 3:14-17 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Matthew 13:18-23 |
| Saturday | Jeremiah 7:1-11 / Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11 / Matthew 13:24-30 |
| Next Sunday | 2 Kings 4:42-44 / Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15 |



Mission Statement: *Maria Immacolata is a Catholic community under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Jesus, celebrating with vibrant liturgy our calling to conversion and growth as we reach out “to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8)*

| Clergy / Staff | | Church Mass Schedule | Sacrament of Baptism |
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| Pastor | Rev. Joseph “Joey” Pilola ext 14; jpilola@htdiocese.org | Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am CCD/Youth Mass: 5:30 pm Monday ... Communion Service - 12:10 pm Tuesday - Friday Mass - 12:10 pm | Celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. The Baptismal Seminar is held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Church. Parents are asked to contact the church office for more information. |
| Deacon | Dcn. Chris Prestenback cprestenback@htdiocese.org | | |
| Deacon | Dcn. William “Bill” Dunckelman wdunckelman@htdiocese.org | | |
| Business Manager | Cynthia Percle ext 11; cpercle@htdiocese.org | Care Centers Mass Schedules Terrebonne Place .. 1 st Tuesday -10:00 am | Sacrament of Matrimony Couples entering marriage should be registered in a church parish before calling for an appointment. Couples are asked to contact the church office at least eight months before the date of the wedding. The diocesan guidelines including the Pre-Cana Conference must be fulfilled. |
| Administrative Assistant | Pam Zierolf ext 10; pzierolf@htdiocese.org | Parish Ministries & Organizations Parish Council Members President: Ellen Dillard Vice President: Camille Boudreax Secretary: Jan Yakupzack Kathleen Abboud Cecile Allemand Patrick Dunbar Lynn Foret Sandy Matzke Barry McNamara Gayle Prince Adeline Rodrigue A.C. Vitter | Sacrament of Penance Private confessions 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses or by appointment. |
| Coord. of Youth Formation | Fern Tabor ext 15; ftabor@htdiocese.org | Finance Council Members Chairperson: Jay Walker Blake Aucoin Michelle Gauthreaux Casey Liner Cynthia Percle Charles Theriot George Robichaux | Sacrament of the Sick Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is sick or in the hospital. |
| Coord. of Youth Formation | Michael Disalvo mdisalvo@htdiocese.org | Baptismal Seminar Facilitators John & Cathy Telford | Parish Registration All parishioners are urged to register and be an active part of a faith family of friends. To register, please visit our website or call the parish office. Your commitment to a faith community will enable you and your family to participate fully in the Sacramental Life of the Catholic Church. |
| Music Director | Blake Guidry | Altar Server Trainers TBA | |
| Maintenance Technician | Doyle Prince | Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Mike Rodrigue | |
| Janitor | Katrina Doiron | | |
| Parish Mission Statement | | | |
| Maria Immacolata is a Catholic community, under the patronage of Mary, Mother of Jesus, celebrating with vibrant liturgy our ongoing calling to conversion and growth as we reach out “to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.” | | | |

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity.
(Ephesians 2:13-14)



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

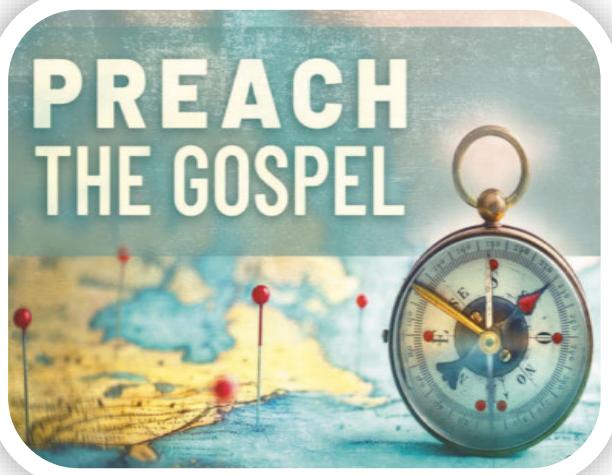


When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mark 10:34)



PRAYER TO THE SHEPHERD

My Good Shepherd, There are so many things I don't understand about the paths where you lead and the pastures where you release me. But I believe that you are a Good Shepherd. I have known your protection and provision in so many ways. Please keep me under your care. Amen.



LIVE THE LITURGY *Inspiration for the Week*

The crowds continue to follow Jesus, and when he sees them, he cannot help but be filled with love for them. Let us take our cue from these devoted disciples of Mark's Gospel, and never, ever stop seeking our Lord.



A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PROTECTIVE CARE DURING HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Observances for the Week of July 21, 2024

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| Sunday | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday | Saint Mary Magdalene |
| Tuesday | Saint Bridget, Religious |
| Wednesday | Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest |
| Thursday | Saint James, Apostle |
| Friday | Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Saturday | |
| Next Sunday | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.

Amen.

OUR LADY,
HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

EUCARISTIC ADORATION AND THE ROSARY

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church on Wednesday nights between 5pm and 7pm, **and** Thursday mornings between 8am & noon.

The Rosary is also prayed during Adoration on Wednesday nights **and** on Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

Fr. Joey is available for confessions on most Wednesday nights. **Everyone** is encouraged and welcome to join us for Adoration and praying the Rosary.



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

A Deserted Place

In one of my favorite shows, “Parks and Recreation,” there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry’s efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

“I always say, it ain’t government work unless you do it twice,” he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It doesn’t mean that we don’t enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to “come away to a deserted place.” He inhabits a human body, so he knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it’s hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It’s important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it’s important for us to follow him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away.

The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

“He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ (Mark 6:31)

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK Personal Reflection and Response to Scripture

First Reading

We hear Jeremiah prophesy that the Lord will bring justice and security to Judah and Israel from the unjust shepherds (false rules) who led them astray. How do you help family or friends who need to make better choices?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Ephesians that in his death and resurrection, Jesus established peace and reconciliation between all believers, Jews, and Gentiles alike. How do you know you are at peace with a friend or loved one?

Gospel Reading

Although Jesus wanted the Twelve to rest after their successful mission of preaching and healing, the crowds of people made it challenging to do so. Who could you encourage this week to rest well from their hard work?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Psalm 23)*

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOW THAT MY CHILDREN ARE GROWN AND HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES I CAN'T BE THERE TO PROTECT THEM ANY MORE.



BUT YOUR PRAYERS CAN.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.” For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. “Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!” And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied. What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve. — Father John Muir



JOHN 20:18

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

What do Catholics call the eve of a feast day?

(See answer on inside back cover under Liturgical Ministers Schedule)

Saint Angela of Foligno | January 7



St. Angela of Foligno (c. 1248 – January 4, 1309) was born to a life of privilege and wealth. Like other women of her class, she was married, had a family, and entertained. She was absorbed with earthly things. However, near the middle of her life Angela became consumed with fear of damnation and the fires of hell. She made a confession but driven by shame she omitted some sins, and her torment became greater. A vision of St. Francis assured her of God's immeasurable mercy. She confessed again, was freed of her torment, and began to use her wealth and position for charity work.

Unfortunately, not long after, her mother, husband, and sons died. She gave up all her earthly possessions and began a pilgrimage to nearby Assisi. When she arrived, she was overcome by an ecstasy, and embarrassed monks, not understanding, asked her to leave the town. Angela returned to Foligno and became a lay penitent, inspired by Franciscan ideals, caring for the sick and poor. She attracted other women to her, but she insisted the community remain open, to be in the world caring for those in need. The Third Order of St. Francis came from communities like Angela's.

Angela, like St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, experienced many ecstasies, and was often in prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Her visions, theological teachings, and path to holiness were written down by those around her, compiled into the Book of Visions and Instructions. Sometimes called the "Teacher of Theologians" Angela's first life as a wife and mother gave her unique insights into the divine and the incarnation. Her path to sainthood was not through perfection but through penitence and charity. She experienced periods of certainty and doubt, temptation and steadfastness. She was beatified in 1693 and canonized in 2013. St. Angela of Foligno, pray for us!

"How do you know that the Sea of Galilee is friendly?"



"It waves."



FUN FACT!
A lot of special things occurred at the Sea of Galilee. It's where Jesus called Peter and Andrew to be his disciples and where Jesus walked on water!

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Rest in the Generosity of God



I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:4)

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The giving of alms, an act of charity, is one way to show our love for our less fortunate neighbors. Share your coins in the Poor Box.

July 1st – July 7th

Envelopes: \$150.00 / Poor Box \$158.12



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Stewardship and Operational / Facility Improvements Collections
July 1st – July 7th

1st Collection for General / Stewardship

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| Envelopes | \$ 7,239.00 |
| Online | \$ 5,385.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,110.51 |
| Total | \$13,734.51 |

2nd Collection for Operational / Facility Improvements

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| Mass Collections | \$1,886.00 |
| Online | \$1,030.00 |
| Total | \$2,916.00 |

Liturgical Ministers Schedule July 27th and 28th, 2024

Saturday, July 27th, 4:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola

Mass Coordinator: Gayle Prince

Lector: Sue Breaud

Commentator: Gretchen Autin

Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Ann Hipp, Cathy Kosier, Gary Labat Sr., Lee LeCompte, Gayle Prince, Adeline Rodrigue, & Jan Yakupzack

Altar Servers: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Sunday, July 28th, 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola

Mass Coordinator: Graham Calderara

Lector: Judy Haydel

Commentator: Mary LeBouef

Extraordinary Ministers: Stephanie Bourgeois, Cindy Courville, Michelle Haydel, Dickey Haydel, Penny Hernandez, Andrea LeBlanc, & Carlin Martin

Altar Servers: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola

Mass Coordinator: Craig Walker/ Margaret Kohman

Lector: Yolanda Trahan

Commentator: Robyn Hornsby

Extraordinary Ministers: Cecile Allemand, Bob Keife, Margaret Kohmann, Craig Walker, Sidney Sissac, Ken Trahan, & Yolanda Trahan

Altar Servers: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Children's Church: No Children's Church



Sunday, July 28th, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joey Pilola

Mass Coordinator: TBA

Lector: Ron Domangue

Commentator: TBA

Extraordinary Ministers: Marcy Anthony, Scott Anthony, Mona Chadha, Patty Rivero, Rae Stark, Chris Thibodeaux, & Kristen Thibodeaux

Altar Servers: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Children's Church: No Children's Church

(Catholic Trivia Answer: A Vigil)

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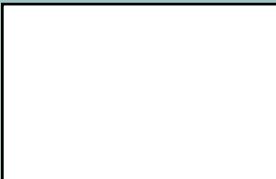
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