

Queen of Peace Parish



Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

MASSSES:

Tuesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Sunday: 10:00 am

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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Chicago, IL 60656

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thur.: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSSES:

Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction: 5:45 pm



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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July 20, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

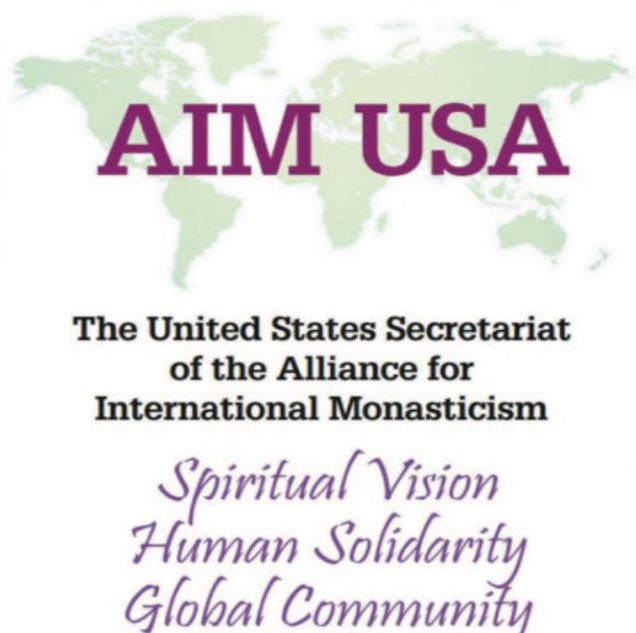
Next weekend on July 26-27, 2025, our parish will host a speaker for the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM USA). This is the organization our parish will be supporting for this year's Summer Mission Appeal.

Once a year, as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan throughout the United States, each parish in the diocese welcomes a member or an associate of a religious community involved in missionary work.

Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB from St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, IL will be this year's representative who will share with us some of the work of AIM USA. AIM USA has formed an alliance between 140 US and Canadian monasteries with over 450 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America and Eastern Europe. These Benedictine and Cistercian women and men form centers of prayer, education, health and agriculture in some of the poorest regions of the world.

Please respond to this appeal with openness and generosity.

Fr. Rich Yanos



A Prayer of AIM for Monastic Life

O loving God,
We ask your blessing,
on all monastic men and women,
especially those who live and work
in the most destitute parts of the world.

Help us to become people of prayer and peace.
May we be visible signs that strangers
can live together in God's love.
Give us hearts wide enough to welcome
the traveler, the outcast, the neighbor.

Enable us to listen to and learn from
the people we serve, especially the poorest.
May our communities be models of wise stewardship,
of dignified human labor, of sacred leisure,
and of reverence for all living things.

Above all, O God, may a monastic presence
in the world be a constant witness of justice,
compassion and hope to all. Amen.

by Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB



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The mission of AIM USA

The Alliance for International Monasticism promotes cooperation and solidarity among monasteries throughout the world. AIM responds to the needs of monasteries in the developing world by supporting mission communities in their birth, growth, development, trials, and difficulties.

AIM USA connects monastic communities of men and women in the United States and Canada who follow the Rule of Saint Benedict with over 450 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

The AIM USA secretariat provides spiritual, educational, and financial assistance to monasteries in developing countries to enable them to be centers of life for others.

Monasteries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe enrich their brothers and sisters in the United States and Canada with global vision, fresh insights into monastic life, cultural diversity and gospel witness of service to the poor.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Mannella & Dymphna Families
Belanger & Killmer Families
S.I. For Matthew

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church

Albert Corrado
Wayne J. Greco
Jadwiga Pankowska
Jozef Pankowski
Przemyslaw Pankowski
John & Frances Pelz
Celia Rutili

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Anderson Family
Homes & Westdale Families
Robert P. Reilly, Jr.
Maria & Matthias Rempala
Mary Sparacino
Joseph Portenlanger

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Maria Carrozza
Ralph & Virginia Conenna
Lois Costabile - Birthday Remembrance
Stanislaw Kurda
Michael Jarosz
Samuel Moretti
Jack Schneider
Diane Shuksta & Family
Katie Szpinalski
Andy Walczak

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Maria Biancorosso
Concetta Caranfa
Maria Colletto
Giuseppe Giacalone
Angela & Cristina Greco
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Randy Oberheim
Chris & Tadeusz & Family

Monday, July 21, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Clotilde Cozzone
Tony Parisi
Jozef Rebacz
Giuseppe Cappellutti
Carmela & Biagio Minelli
Pablo E. Gomez
Michael Gomez

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

S.I. for Matt, Mike, Nicole & Damian

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Don Feist
Roman Godlewski
Joseph Rossi
Steve Weber
Fernando Lising

Thursday, July 24, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Wieslawa Karczmarczyk

Friday, July 25, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Eugene Swieton

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
Jude & Minn Families
Mannheim & Luther Families

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church

John Carrozza
Frank Centineo - 1 Month Death Anniversary
Robert Cisek
Marie & Dennis Egan
Florence Jassak
Angeline Komperda - Anniversary Remembrance
Donna Les
Donna Mietus
Robert Schu
Mary & John Smolen
Frederick Tomzik

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Stanley Worytko - Death Anniversary
Regina Swiecicka
Eugene Swieton
S.I. For Family
S.I. For Matthew
S.I. For the Gumkowski Family

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Margarita Aspi
Maria Carrozza
Dominick Di Cristofano
Frank Di Vito
S.I. Nieves Garcia
Stanley Jachym
Michael Jarosz
Leo, Gertrude & Joseph Novak
Donato Parente
Geicznek Piroaska
Andy Walczak

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Vita Colletto
Walter Hyrc
Iolanda Lucchesi
John & Frances Pelz
Helen Busi
S.I. For Nieves Garcia

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 07/26 4:30 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M.B. Glynn - WB F. Klus - B Celebrant / D. Sulimowski - C M. Pollowy - O C. Bobka - WO L. Feist - Cup B M. Meo - Cup O	S. Martinez Q. Szura AJ Orlando	A. Cisek
SUNDAY, 07/27 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	I. Rog - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / M. Egan - C G. Fornek - O J. Fornek - WO J. Kolaski - Cup B J. Nardi - Cup O	A. Czubek L. Parrillo-Hall B. Brennan	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY, 07/27 10:00 AM OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	E. Aspi - AB N. Mosk - AC D. Calabro - TB D. Sese - TB J. Villanueva - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Henderson - 1 st P. Peterson - 2 nd
SUNDAY, 07/27 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Hernandez - WB P. Partsch - B Celebrant / F. Pacia - C P. Tomzik - O M. Tomzik - WO U. Pawlowski - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	I. Francis C. Rodriguez M. Clancy	J. Sclafani

THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN AUSTRIA

Including visits to Salzburg, Oberndorf, Mondsee (the Sound of Music), St. Wolfgang, Swarovski Crystal Worlds, Bolzano (Italy), Innsbruck, Seefeld and more!

9 Days – November 30 – December 8, 2025



Brochures for this trip are available at both parish offices and in the kiosks in the gathering spaces of St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Please take one to see if you might be interested. All are welcome to join us. I look forward to seeing you if you might want to hear more about this exciting and different kind of trip.

Fr. Rich Yanos

Rosaries during Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week

"We pray that all married couples will cooperate with our God to create homes filled with the warmth of divine hospitality and open to the gift of children." All are invited to pray a Rosary for this intention, with Rosary Guild members Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

In the Living Rosary, we pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena.

Joyful Mysteries

Annunciation - Ted M.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries

Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

Prayer for Missions

God of mercy and compassion,
you who have called us your children,
we remember our brothers and sisters
around the world
who need our help, our love and,
most especially, our prayers.

Send your loving Spirit upon us
to help us be better missionaries
so that the Good News of your Son
will spread to the ends of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

with Fr. Robert Carlton

Fr. Carlton will conduct a four session Bible study
in the summer focusing on the person of Jesus
in the four Gospels. The schedule is as follows:

WEDNESDAY JULY 23 - 7-8PM - WHO IS JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK?

WEDNESDAY JULY 30 - 7-8PM - WHO IS JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW?

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6 - 7-8PM - WHO IS JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE?

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13 - 7-8PM - WHO IS JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN?

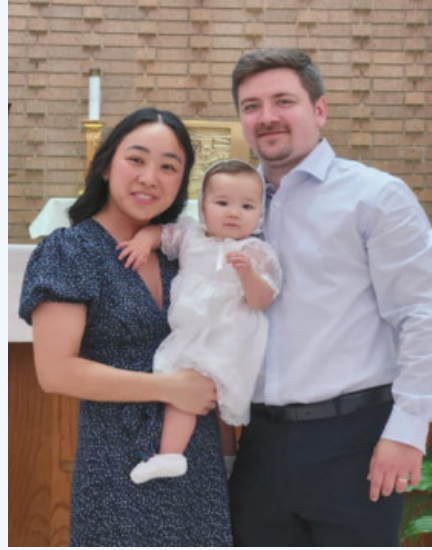
PLEASE EMAIL FR. CARLTON AT RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG TO REGISTER.
ALL CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SCHOOL ROOM 110.



WITH JOYFUL HEART, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Giulia Mia Nieves



Evelyn Julita Tomczuk



Jack Michael McIntyre



GOLDEN
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JUBILEE
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

You are cordially invited to the
GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS
honoring the 50th anniversary
of the priestly ordination of
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Saturday, August 16, 2025 | 12:30 p.m.

Holy Name Cathedral
735 North State Street, Chicago

Free parking available at One Chicago, 14 West Superior Street.



SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

4:30pm SE	\$ 3,919.25
8:30am SE	\$ 2,644.50
10:00am OLMC	\$ 3,828.00
11:30am SE	\$ 3,422.00
Mail	\$ 3,641.00
Total Physical	\$ 17,454.75
Online Collection	\$ 3,173.01
Grand Total	\$ 20,627.76
Sacred Heart/ St. Eulalia Parish Sharing	\$ 2,173.00



This week's at
Our Lady, Mother of the Church



SANCTUARY LAMP
is in memory of

NICOLA TROIANO

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*



SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 20

School Support

July 27

Summer Mission Appeal

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

- † Sheree Maddex
- † Amparo Camba
- † Thomas Szczech
- † Carol Sparacio
- † Irene Abdon

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

OCIA

Becoming Catholic—order of Christian
Initiation of Adults. WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

For information contact the Parish
Office at 773-775-6660 or Fr. Carlton
at rcarlton@archchicago.org.



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. *Thank you.*

Bible Study

Wednesday in St. Eugene
School-room 110
from 10:00 to 12:00.

Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives. We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need. If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Any questions please reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586 or 773-848-4586.



Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net



The Friendship Club

Meets on the 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra by calling 773-398-4472 or email at dltimmreck@gmail.com





PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connolly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond

Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abigail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanislaw Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara

Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kevin Pemberton
Jackie Pomis
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Nancy Wesclitz
Dolores Wilk

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need. We ask this in the name of
Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Major Adamczyk
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins

Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel McLenighan
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen

Eric Norwood
Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about
this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

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 10:42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Friday:	St. James, Apostle
Saturday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize
rightly and wisely, with Your
heaven as my guide.
Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

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Liturgical Life

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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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

Second Reading:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?

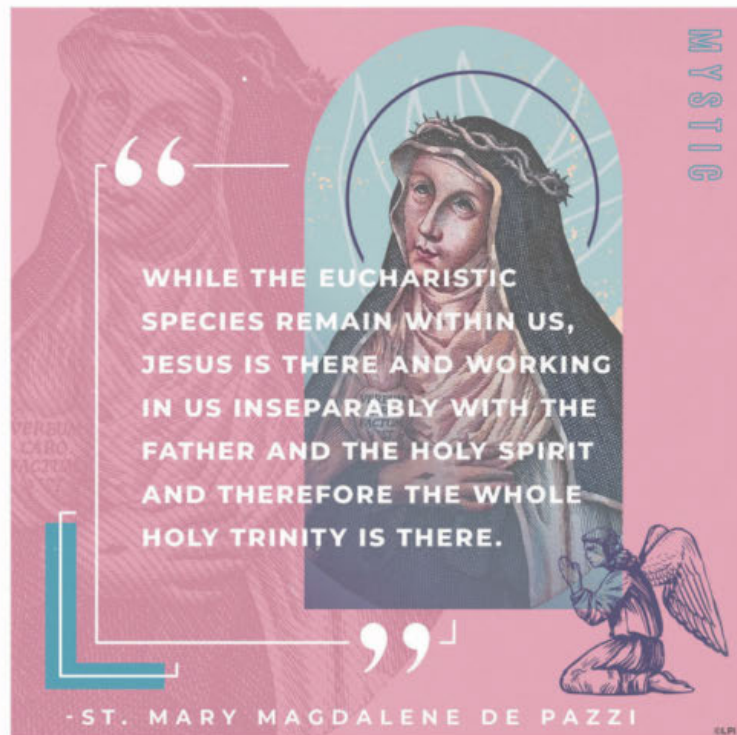
Gospel:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. How can you be present this week to an anxious friend or co-worker?



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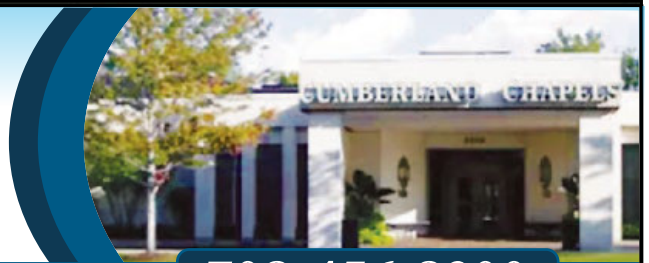
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