

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023



Parish is staffed
by **The Divine
Word Missionaries**

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Leon Ngandu SVD

Secretary

Mrs. Carol Ali Jenkins

Housekeeper

Deirdra M. Humphrey

Catechetical Leader

Danielle Bennette Dukes

Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Evening Mass
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass
7:30am
Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass
Schedule
4:00pm Saturday Mass
10:00am Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm
and by appointment.

Parish Mission Statement:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council

Eric Pepin

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Eric Johnson

Environment Ministry

Eric & Sabera Pepin

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Prayer Corner

Mass Intentions:

Perry Glenn, Lorraine Magee, William J. Neylan Jr., Bishop Fernand Cheri, Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn, Katherine Florent, Connie Green, Gladys Maugerite Epps Cheri, Brenda Savoy, Margie Faciane, Annie P. Oliver, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr..

(Donation \$5.00)

The Sanctuary Candle: Burns this week for

Parishioners of Our Lady Star Of the Sea

Offered by: Our Lady Star of the Sea

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Henry McCloskey, Matthew McKendall, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau Jr., Lucien Peters, Gloria & Raymond Lewis, Ginger Lewis, Erin Palmer, Sylvia Barrois Tiara Jenkins, Henry & Margie Pratcher, Hallie & Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel III, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, Marilyn Johnson and Helen Steward.

Weekly Income for July 22-23 2023

Saturday & Sunday	\$769.30
Parish Assessment	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Candles & Poor Boxes	\$814.25
Air Conditioner Donation	\$700.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$100.00
Baptism	\$20.00
Offertory Online	\$1,221.00
Parish Assessment Online	\$15.00
Building Fund Online	\$50.00
Total	\$3,799.55

Thank You: for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$6,100.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5,7-12	Rom 8:28-30	Mt 13:44-52
Monday	Ex 32:15-24,30-34		Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28		Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35		Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21,34-38		Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37		Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1,8-17		Mt 14:1-12

Pastor's Corner

**God is Good all the time!
And all the time God is Good.**



**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME JULY 30, 2023**

Theme: Our Personal Relationship with God is the Kingdom of God that We Must Look For

Since Sunday, July 16th, we have been reading Ch. 13 of Matthew's Gospel called the "Mystery Sermon". This is a collection of Jesus' seven parables about the kingdom of God. Today we heard the last three (the parables of the hidden treasure, pearl, and net).

The parables of the hidden treasure and pearl define the kingdom of heaven as the treasure of fine pearls that we must look for. Our first reading identifies it as "Wisdom". In the Old Testament, Wisdom stands for God. So, Solomon did not ask for a long life for himself, nor for riches, nor to end the lives of his enemies (see the parable of the weeds of last Sunday), but he asks for his personal relationship with God (see 1 Kings 3: 7-12). Therefore, the kingdom of heaven that you and I need to look for is our one-on-one relationship with God.

Notice the little distinction between the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl. In the first parable, the person was working in a field that did not belong to him. His work did not consist of looking for that treasure. He found it by chance. While, in the second parable, the merchant not only was looking for the pearls, but also, he knew which one he needed, the fine ones. The first case concerns all those who have not yet started a personal relationship with God. Maybe we come to Church, but we did not know that God expects each one of us to be in a one-on-one relationship with him. This is the treasure that we discover today. In the second case, Jesus speaks of those who already have a personal relationship with God. If you and I already have one, Jesus here calls us to deepen and strengthen it. If we do it, then at the end of time, we will be selected among the "good fish", meaning the righteous who will enjoy the glory of eternal life in heaven as the last parable (the parable of the net thrown into the sea) teaches us.

Our personal relationship with God is the key to going to heaven. We must do everything that it takes to have it and strengthen



Parish Guidelines

Registered Parishioners:

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

CCD & RCIA

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Danielle Bennette Dukes for more information.

Funerals:

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.


Baptism:

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

Marriage:

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.


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Mass is livestreamed every Sunday.
Our Church Instagram @ [olsschurchnola](#).
Our church also has a [Zoom Account](#) for meetings. Please email kmetaxas@arch-no.org to schedule a meeting using our church Zoom Account.
Fr. Emanuel's weekly reflections on **YouTube channel** – **Emanuel Tanu**.

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