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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

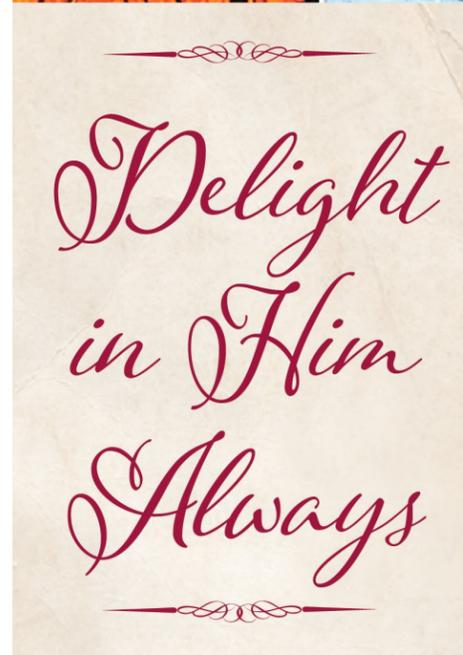
- SUN 7/26** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- MON 7/27** Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
- TUE 7/28** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
- WED 7/29** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- THR 7/30** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
- FRI 7/31** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
- SAT 8/1** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
- SUN 8/2** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. Martha
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



WELCOME

We are happy to welcome RT Dowden into full communion in the Church. RT received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Sunday Mass on July 19th. We are happy to have you join us, RT, and pray for continued growth in your faith. Thanks to Father Jaison for administering these sacraments.

Bishop Toups' Visit

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Family Center, 6:30pm
Please RSVP
Call the office: 283-5367
Monday—Thursday, 9am - 3pm

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE CANCELLED

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Donnie Henry, Landon Parnell, John Nicklebur, Jeffrey Cotton, Linda Passons, Michele Holmes, Charlotte Floyd & family, Christine Clack, Veronica Shutter, Rachel Gore Straley, Dillon Britton, Vanessa, Kenny & Lauren DeVille, Donnie Vezena; Amanda Crowder, Wayne Cook, Auroa Satito, Albert Carrillo, Robbie Covington, Mary Ann Fournique, Sarah LeBeouf; Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Ted Koch, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Audrey Douzant, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi, all healthcare workers

Rest of the soul: Juan Antonio Robles

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Rules to block the Spread of the Coronavirus

- ◆ Strict limit of only 35 people per Mass in the Church
- ◆ Overflow in Parish Hall, communion distributed
- ◆ No physical contact on the Church grounds
- ◆ Must wear face masks
- ◆ Temperature will be checked
- ◆ Hand sanitizer must used when entering and exiting
- ◆ Mandatory 6 feet social distancing
- ◆ Social distancing if sitting in pews with non-family
- ◆ No hand holding or touching at the Our Father or the Sign of Peace
- ◆ The Church will be disinfected before & after Mass
- ◆ Limited singing by the Assembly
- ◆ For Holy Communion, follow the Ushers' guidance
- ◆ Communion is received **only** in the hand
- ◆ The Ushers will guide you for dismissal
- ◆ No congregating after Mass

COMMUNION

(drive-thru under the porch at the Family Center)

Saturday, July 25 from 5:20 to 5:35 pm
Sunday, July 26 from 9:50 to 10:10 am

CCE Registration

Keep your eye on the bulletin for further announcements.

Exploring the Catholic Faith

If you would like to become Catholic or would like more information about the Catholic Church, consider the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* program. Each year thousands of people around the world enter the church, traditionally during the East Vigil. We will be continuing to prepare people to join the Church, though we do not know yet what part of the process will be virtual and what will be in person. Contact the OLOP office at (409) 283-5367 or Maureen Peltier at (713) 582-9838 or maureen@mpeltier.com for more information.

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.