

Harvest Time: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit."



Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

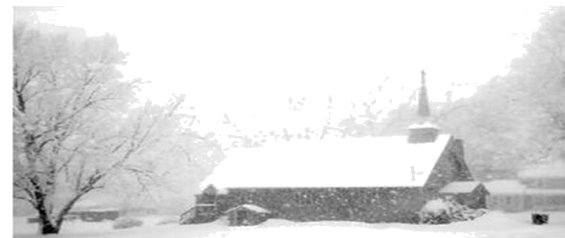
Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact our diocesan office of Healing & Prevention at **508-929-4363** (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

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Welcome to our parish!



*St. Augustine Mission
98 Church Lane
Wheelwright, MA 01094*



*St. Aloysius Church
64 Church St., PO Box 542
Gilbertville, MA 01031*

Mass Schedule

St. Aloysius Church: Saturday 4 P. M.

Sunday 7:30 A.M.

St. Augustine Mission: Sunday 9:00 A.M.

*For weekday Mass times please check the detailed schedule
inside the bulletin.*

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"We, the faith community of the St. Aloysius Church and St. Augustine Mission, as part of cluster 36 and the Worcester Diocese, who in union with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ, as we strive to fulfill our Baptismal covenant, by nurturing our individual and spiritual growth in our care for one another."

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 5
4:00pm - **Megan Rae Fitzgerald**
by Fitzgerald Family

Sunday, July 6
7:30am - **Brittini Motyka** by a Loving Family

St. Augustine -
9:00am - **Jeanne Brown** by Margaret

Monday, July 7
8:00am - **Wesley Laford** by the Laford Family

Tuesday, July 8
8:00am

Wednesday, July 9
8:00am

Saturday, July 12
4:00pm - **Christine & Steven Rucki**
by brothers

Sunday, July 13
7:30am - **Detour & Tacy Families**
by the Laford Family

St. Augustine -
9:00am - **Paul Rising** (25th anniv) by Margaret



*The simplest definition of freedom is this: it means the ability to do the will of God.
To be able to resist God's will is not to be free. In sin there is no true freedom.*
~ Thomas Merton

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"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...' " Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

Offertory Collection**

June 29, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$1,837.50

St. Augustine - \$156.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

St. Augustine - Holiday Fair News

It's hard to believe, but our Holiday Fair is in 5 months. Once again, Carol Irwin is in charge of our theme baskets. If you are interested in doing a basket, please let her know. We have a list of different themes if you're looking for inspiration. These have always been the highlight of our fair, so let's try to get as many as we can! Thank you!

July 5 & 6, 2025

Greetings from Fr. Don

Hello parishioners of St. Aloysius and St. Augustine,

Now that I have found Gilbertville and Wheelwright, I am looking forward to meeting all of you. I have heard many good things about you and these communities here in the town of Hardwick.

I thank Fr. Richard Lembo for his welcome and his exceptional hospitality during this transition. We all appreciate his dedication and service to this parish and mission throughout his time here.

I hope and pray that the ministry that we will be sharing is enhanced and richly blessed by our God.

In Christ,
Fr. Don Ouellette



*Search me, O Lord, and try me; test my soul and my heart.
For your mercy is before my eyes, and I walk in your truth.
Psalm 26:2-3*

Throughout the old testament, God tests his follower's: He asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, allows Satan to bring disaster onto Job and asks for faithfulness from the exiles in Babylon. Such testing is intended to confirm the faithful by demonstrating how much their faith can endure while awaiting salvation by God's hand. We will also endure tests in our lives, but those who trust in the Lord should have no fear. When we fail it is an opportunity to examine our lives and ask how we might walk more closely in faith. When we succeed it is a time to rejoice and thank the Lord for his mercy.

*Lord God, help us to be prepared for whatever comes our way
and to endure all things with faith and hope.*
Jonathan F. Sullivan