

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time*

**Sunday, Jul 21, 2019**

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**Worriers have a captain**

These days, who isn't a worrier? Climate change is predicted to be irreversible very soon unless drastic changes are made across the globe. Meanwhile, oceans are rising, coastal areas are flooding, weather is erratic, and food supplies are threatened one crop at a time. If Martha were among us today, she'd be the first to lodge a complaint. Let's marshal our inner Marthas and raise our voices about the need for radical lifestyle changes. And don't neglect your inner Mary: She needs to keep on listening to Jesus. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108).* "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

**Monday, Jul 22, 2019**

**FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE**

**Call him teacher**

She turned toward the risen Lord and called him "Teacher," marking a significant pivot for human history. Mary Magdalene is first to experience the Resurrection, moving from a fear that death meant the end to a trust in ongoing life. In that moment, history moved from Jesus confined to one physical body to the universal Christ alive in the mystical body; from "head" knowledge to trusting a voice that recognizes intimate presence; from confusion to conviction—the authority of direct experience announcing the best news ever to the other disciples. Why Mary? Perhaps because she bracketed Jesus' Passion with fragrant anointing or because she waited outside the tomb, weeping but hopeful. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Song of Songs 3:1-4a or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603).* "I have seen the Lord."

**Tuesday, Jul 23, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS Drama with a twist**

Today's first reading on the parting of the sea is so important that the church includes it in the Easter Vigil during a series of readings that summarize salvation history. Our hearts leap for the Israelites who are saved. Yet some may also wonder about the Egyptian families who mourned for their loved ones "cast into the sea." The church teaches us that sin (such as enslavement of the

Israelites) cuts in many directions, often hurting the innocent—even those Egyptian soldiers who were obliged by their masters to pursue the Israelites. Can you refrain today from a bad habit, a sin, so it cannot hurt anyone, guilty or innocent?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50 (396).* "For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

**Wednesday, Jul 24, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST**

**Choose the reign of God**

Who, you may ask, was Sharbel Makhlu'f? Saint Sharbel, (sometimes spelled "Charbel") was a 19th-century Maronite monk from Lebanon, the son of a mule driver. He lived a life of solitude, austerity, and prayer. After his death at the age of 70, miracles were attributed to his intercession. He was beatified in 1965 at the close of Vatican II by Pope Paul VI. In his remarks, the pope said: "May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance, and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God." Many times a day God invites us to divest from the passing world and invest in the coming reign of God. What choices will you make today?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9.* "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!"

**Thursday, Jul 25, 2019**

**FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE**

**Best friends forever**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, certainly stand out among the 12 apostles. Jesus nicknamed them the "Sons of Thunder," and from the stories of them in scripture, the two men clearly had big, bold, fiery personalities. Jesus had to put them in their place more than once. And yet, they are also described as being in Jesus' inner circle, an experience that changed them to the core —James became the first apostle to be martyred and John came to be known as the "apostle of love." If you made Jesus your best friend, what might happen to you too?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605).* "Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant."

**Friday, Jul 26, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Treasure the stories of faith**

Saints Anne and Joachim are known to Catholics as the parents of holy Mary. But if asked how we know that, we might be stumped. The truth is there is no mention of Anne and Joachim in the Bible. Their names come to us from a second-century document called the Gospel of James. The church does not recognize that document as a reliable source, but the document's story of an angel's promised child to an aging couple has become an accepted tradition in our Catholic heritage. Say a prayer today for those couples whose yearning for children goes unfulfilled. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399).* "Honor your father and your mother."

**Saturday, Jul 27, 2019**

**The harvest is plentiful**

Jesus talked a lot about farming in parables to teach his followers. So why don't Catholics have a harvest feast of some kind? Some folk traditions have popped up over the centuries: In Hungary, the Feast of the Assumption includes thanks for the harvest, and in Poland, harvest wreaths are blessed by priests. The Feast of Saint Martin of Tours on November 11 was celebrated in Europe in the Middle Ages much the same way Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day today. But notwithstanding, the answer is, we don't need one. Every Mass is the offering of sacrifice to God. You're welcome to celebrate thanksgiving every day! **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400).* "Collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jul 28, 2019**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Teach and learn as you go**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111).* "When he had finished [praying], one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'"

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**  
**July 20-21, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings focus on hospitality: the welcome of Abraham and Sarah toward the travelers, who were God's messengers, and the hospitality of Mary and Martha, especially Mary's openness to listen to God's word. In the midst of our busy lives do we make room for hospitality? Who is the angel that God is sending us and do we make room to welcome them? Do we take time to listen to God's word and allow it to help

us to welcome the stranger in our midst? Do we recognize and welcome Jesus in his distressing disguise as poor?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY JULY 20, VIGIL MASS**

Please pray for all our sick and shut in, and our Deceased Parishioners.

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 8:00AM**

Happy Birthday to, Eva Marie Mosby, on her birthday in Heaven, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Requested by Bernadette Cay

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Lieutenant Andy Michel, and travel Grace for his parents Marc and Pierrette Michel who flew down for Maryland, Archdiocese of DC, to be with him on this day.

*Hosted By:  
The Knights of Peter Claver  
Ladies Auxiliary and Junior  
Daughters  
Holy Cross Court #284*

**DEBT RETIREMENT  
COLLECTION 2ND SUNDAYS**  
Please support our Debt Retirement Collection every 2nd Sunday of the Month to pay down our Diocesan Loan for the FLC. Our monthly target is \$4000.00

**FINANCE REPORT UPDATE**  
Our Finance Report Update to the Parish will be in all Masses this weekend.

**ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION**  
Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> is our 2019 Annual Family Appreciation Day. Please save the date. If you have any suggestion on how we can celebrate this year's event, see the office.

**HOUSE KEEPING**  
1. On the first Sunday of each month Father blesses all birthdays. If you want a special blessing for your birthday, anniversary, child's birthday or any other blessing, please get the request **into the office**, by noon, the Tuesday before the requested blessing.

2. In order to respect the privacy of all Parishioners, please call or have a **family member** call the church office, if you or a family member are hospitalized, and in need of a priest.

3. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have check with the church office and please make sure when you leave, the FLC is clean and ready for the next meeting.

**TRAVELING CHALICE**  
Thank you to those families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes. If you are interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.

**BACK TO SHOOL DRIVE**  
Our back to school drive for our neighboring school, **Blackshear Elementary Fine Arts Academy**, begins July 21<sup>st</sup>, and ends August 15th, a box will be in Weber hall to place you items, see bulletin insert or bulletin board, for a list of items needed. List is by grades Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup>, please indicated which grade your donation is for.

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER**  
"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

**EIM WORKSHOP**  
Holy Cross is hosting an EIM Workshop August 11, 2019 at 12 noon. All Ministry members who are in the presence of vulnerable youth and vulnerable elders are required to obtained EIM compliance. Pre-registration is required. Additional information will be in the bulletin next week.  
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**IGBO MASS July 28, 2019**  
Next IGBO Mass is Sunday, July 28, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome.

**HOLY LAND  
PILGRIMAGE 2019**  
Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> to  
Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Consider joining us for a spiritual experience

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
DORSEY'S**  
On Tuesday night, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Johnnie and Dean Dorsey were presented the 2019 Lumen Gentium Award by Bishop Joe Vasquez.

**SUNDAY JULY 21, 2019**

Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

**Weekend JULY 13/14, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	20
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	47
	10:00 AM	218

**Weekend JULY 13/14, 2019**

OFFERTORY	\$4327.00
Children	13.00
E-GIVING	2321.88
SVDP (E-GIVING)	130.00
SVDP	175.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	258.00
DR	940.00
MSP (E-GIVING)	25.00
MSP	75.00
Gift Store	40.00

**ANNUAL MOTHER  
DAUGHTER TEA**  
*A Teacup Overflowing  
with Blessings!*



*Sunday, August 18, 2019  
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Donation: \$20/\$25 at the door*

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