

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the
wheat along with them.
Let the weeds and the
wheat grow together
until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

8:00 am (Saturday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 pm

Registration: We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please contact Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church • 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

God's Call to Us

(The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

Our Response to God's Call

(The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor. In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ. In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel. And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

Sacraments

Baptisms: We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

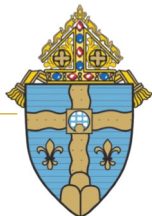
Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Sick or Homebound: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

Parish Boundaries: North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email register@sjsdg.org and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.



Diocese of Joliet Announces Appointment of New Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

July 17, 2020

JOLIET, IL-- Pope Francis today announced that he has named Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the sixth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL. Pope Francis had previously accepted the resignation of Bishop Emeritus R. Daniel Conlon and had named Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop could be appointed.

Bishop Hicks, 52, will be installed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois on September 29, 2020.



"The Diocese of Joliet is most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop Ronald Hicks as its sixth bishop," said Bishop Pates. "The bishop owns a reputation for pastoral leadership and is totally committed to the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church. He is a worthy successor to Bishop Conlon and his predecessors."

About Bishop Hicks

Bishop Hicks, a native of Harvey, IL, grew up in South Holland, IL, where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Grade School. He graduated from Quigley Seminary South in 1985. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Niles College of Loyola University Chicago in 1989 and his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2003, both from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

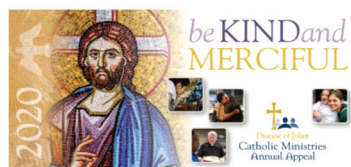
Bishop Hicks served as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago from 1994 to 1996 and then at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, Illinois, from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered at St. Joseph College Seminary as the Dean of Formation.

In July 2005, with permission from Cardinal Francis George, Bishop Hicks moved from Chicago to El Salvador to begin his five-year term as Regional Director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) in Central America. NPH is a home dedicated to caring for more than 3,400 orphaned and abandoned children in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

From 2010 to 2014, Bishop Hicks served as the Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he assisted with weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop Hicks was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese by Cardinal Cupich on January 1, 2015. On September 17, 2018 he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Stewardship



2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

A big thank you to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please continue to fulfill your pledges, as we are counting on your commitment.

Parish Goal	\$ 117,300.00
Amount Pledged	\$ 97,436.00
Amount Paid	\$ 83,306.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 14,130.00
Donor Count	355

Your support will help provide to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

A Call to Stewardship Fiscal Year Stewardship Information Sunday, July 12

Year-to-Date Goal	\$50,800.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$38,547.99
Amount Short of Needed Goal	\$12,252.01
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$25,400.00
Sunday Contributions	\$13,369.99
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,941.50
Gifts from July 12	\$15,311.49

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

St Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is located in the lower level of St. Joseph Parish Center. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 9:30—11:30 am for residents of Downers Grove, Westmont and parts of Woodridge.

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

pancake mix, chicken and beef broth, chicken noodle soup, canned beef stew, canned pineapples, fruit cocktail, juices, and paper towels.

(Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Gas Stove Needed for SVDP Client

A St. Vincent de Paul client is in need of a gas stove. Dimensions needed: height 36" x width 30" x depth 28" or 24". Please contact Bob Hoffman at 630.759.3385. Thank you!

Free Meals

If you are 60 years or older you can receive five FREE frozen meals from Downers Grove Township on Thursday, July 23. Contact Senior Services by Monday July 20 at 630-719-6670 to schedule your pick-up reservation. They will need your name, address, phone number and email address. You will be given a pick-up time between 9:00 to 11:00 am. If you are married, give the information on both persons and each will receive five meals.

The Township building is located at 4340 Prince, Downers Grove. Enter onto Sherman Street from Saratoga. **STAY IN YOUR CAR IN THE RIGHT LANE**, and pull up as far as possible. They will ask for your name, check you off their list and bring the food to your car.

Justice & Peace Ministry

The Office for Human Dignity is seeking candidates for the ministry position of Justice and Peace Ministry Associate Director. The Associate Director leads the Office in assisting Catholics of the Joliet Diocese in knowing and embracing their faith and addressing such issues as racial justice, poverty, faithful citizenship, human rights, immigration reform, domestic and international policy, peace, and care for creation. In promoting respect for human life and dignity, the Office works through programs such as justice education, formation and support for Parish Peace and Justice Committees, *Somos Iglesia en Camino*, Catholic Relief Services, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In addition, this Office resources other diocesan agencies regarding the Social Doctrine of the Church.

For additional information and/or to apply, visit <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php> or call Human Resources at 815.221.6197.



from the Pastor



THE RICHES OF THE WORD OF GOD

In the Lectionary readings, proclaimed at Sunday and weekday Masses, we find a wealth of inspiring Good News, for God himself is its Author. Were he not, would it be at all accurate to refer to the scriptures as God's Word? No, the scriptures would be the work of a series of merely human authors over many hundreds of years. The Holy Spirit, as the Church teaches, is the Divine Author. Having worked through each human author in such a way that only what he desired to impart to all generations would be made known, the Church recognizes the great treasure received in the written Word of God. The Holy Spirit's abiding presence in the Church guided the Fathers of the early Church individually and collectively in decisive Church councils to determine the final number of books that make up the old and new testaments. This was not a matter of some kind of "divine dictation" whereby the human involvement is in any way less than completely free. From Moses, author of the Pentateuch (i.e., the old testament books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) and the prophets, to the four Gospels and letters of Sts. Peter, Paul, James, John and others, all of these authors exercised a cooperation with the will of God that completely respected their free will. Simultaneously these human authors *chose* to exercise that very will by seeking God's will in what they wrote, and in what they left out, for that matter. We too, must seek God's will humbly, as we seek to know what he wants us to do in order to keep his commands and serve him unreservedly. The hearing of the Word of God, especially in the celebration of the Mass, must not be passive. The message of God's Word is for the whole world and for you and me, to the very depths of our souls. Pray that more and more of God's holy Word will find a welcome home there, putting down deep, deep roots to fortify our faith with knowledge. Knowledge of how God has acted in the past, tells us about him and tells us about our need for him, and how we can find him. Consider the prophet Isaiah, who announces an invitation and a warning. The message of Isaiah is open to either interpretation. Isaiah says: "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call to him while he is still near" (Isaiah 55:6). To those who humbly and sincerely seek the Lord, this is an invitation. To those who ignore the grace of God which seeks to inspire them to seek him, these same words contain an implicit warning: Seek the Lord now, while he may be found. Don't put it off. For there may come a day when he can no longer be found. Call to the Lord while he is near, for there may come a day when he will no longer be near. The choice is ours. We have God's Word on that.



MARRIAGE

Ultimately, same-sex marriage is only one symptom of a broader change in how marriage is viewed—its purpose regarding children, the understanding of monogamy and the value of its permanence. For the sake of the common good, Catholics must not give up the struggle in defense of traditional marriage. For the sake of sacramental marriage, the Church must mobilize its resources for a much broader catechesis as it prepares those who remain in its fold to be a minority once again — strangers in a strange land.

- OSV Editorial July 14, 2013

Sincerely,

Fr. Albert

STEWARDSHIP AUTOMATIC DEBIT AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT



St. Joseph Parish

I (We) hereby authorize St. Joseph Parish and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. The authority will remain in effect until I notify St. Joseph Parish at 4824 Highland, Downers Grove, IL 60515 in writing to cancel the entries. I understand I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution three (3) business days before my account is charged.

I have attached a voided check to this form.

Financial Institution Name:

Financial Institution Routing #:

Account #:

____ Checking OR ____ Savings

Day of the month for Charge: ____ 1st OR ____ 15th

Sunday collection \$ _____ monthly

Signature:

Print name:

Cell Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

May God Bless You for your Generosity and Stewardship

Stewardship



This time of uncertainty really has our personal “worlds” turned upside down. Schedules are no longer the same. Planning has gone awry. Calendars look like a mess. And the rhythm of our days has met a new “abnormal.” Many of us have neither the time nor the resources for a vacation, but all of us can resonate with the need to really “get away” from the stress of our daily grind. Good stewardship of our bodies, minds and souls obliges us to get away on a regular basis (see Luke 5:16).

As Christian stewards, we aren’t just encouraged but obligated to consider how we approach our stewardship of leisure time. Stewards are aware of their need to be busy doing God’s work, but often forget that down time is equally important to spiritual growth. Leisure time, whether it’s our evenings, our weekends, or our vacation, provides spiritual, physical, mental and emotional recharging. Leisure is necessary for human wholeness. Leisure reconnects us to the wider mysteries of our world and our God. It helps us daydream, imagine, pray. It refreshes our spirit.

July offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of God and nature.

Today, connectivity has become almost an obsession. People check their emails, their messages and calls with alarming repetitiveness. Accidents, both pedestrian and automobile, happen because people can’t put down their phones. Employers expect their workers to be available for evening emails. The lines between work and free time increasingly blur, as do the lines between solitude and always being present “online.” We can’t imagine putting aside screens for a two-week vacation. But we must give ourselves time to renew and recharge, not just two weeks of the year, but each day and each week.

July offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of God and nature. We need to take time off from screens and phones, and practice giving undivided attention to the things before us. When we pray, we commit time and silence. When we enjoy time with our friends and family, we practice being totally present. When we sit on the patio or at the beach, we give ourselves wholly to the wind or the waves. Be a good steward of your body, mind and soul. Don’t overschedule your time off. Listen to the quiet whisper of God encouraging you to relax.

Dear Parishioners,

We have resumed weekend Masses with the following interim schedule: Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass and Sunday, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. While it is very important for us to gather again in prayer, please understand that we must exercise caution. We believe everyone’s health safety is our utmost priority.

Online reservations are required for Sunday Masses. Maximum seating capacity in church is 100 for any service. Please register at <https://www.stjosephdg.org/reopening>. For those who do not have access to a computer or need assistance with this process, please contact us at 630.964.0216.

Please review the [Tips for Worshipers Tri-Fold](#) from the Diocese of Joliet and our Reference Guide for Worshipers and Health Questionnaire at <https://www.stjosephdg.org/reopening>.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended. No one is required to attend Mass. If you are ill due to any reason, vulnerable to COVID-19 or anxious about possible exposure, you are encouraged to remain at home and participate in Masses via the internet. (Visit www.stjosephdg.org for a list of livestreaming Masses.)

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we honor both our longing for the Eucharist and our responsibility to keep our members, volunteers, and clergy safe and healthy. We are confident that if we are willing to make these minor adjustments, we will be able to worship together as a community while ensuring the health and safety of all present. Let us pray for an end to this pandemic soon, for all impacted so adversely, and all health care professionals, first responders and other essential workers.

We have missed you, and we now look forward to seeing each of you at Sunday Mass.

Sincerely,

Fr. Al, Parish Staff and the Re-opening Leadership Team



St. Joseph Parish

Stewardship

Your Giving Matters and is Greatly Appreciated! Over 85% of our operating budget comes from your donations. We need your support.

For many of you, your weekly donations traveled with you as you attended Sunday Mass. We encourage you to either mail in your weekly donation, drop it through the mail slot at the Parish Center front door, or better yet, visit www.stjosephdgd.org to sign-up for recurring giving through direct debit or online. I realize we live in difficult times, however, I ask you to continue your generous support of St. Joseph Parish.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today to support your Church. Always remember—You are the Church. You are the Body of Christ.

With profound gratitude,

Fr. Al

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

- Luke 6:38



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.

- Wisdom 12:19

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

All scheduled Sunday Mass intentions will be honored and mentioned at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses.

Daily Mass Intentions will be fulfilled by Father Al and Father James.

SUNDAY, July 19 9:00 & 11:00 AM

People of the Parish
Francesca Opre
Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet
Art Palumbo

MONDAY, July 20

7:00 AM Marianne Elizabeth Battista

TUESDAY, July 21

7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, July 22

7:00 AM

THURSDAY, July 23

7:00 AM Dominic Spinnaze

FRIDAY, July 24

7:00 AM

SATURDAY, July 25

8:00 AM Irene Paluchniak

5:00 PM Sabina & Stanley Miskiewicz

SUNDAY, July 26 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Geri Wroblewski

People of the Parish

Sarah Paradise

Adrienne & Tim Mueller

One Year Wedding Anniversary



JULY 23RD, 2020
"HIDDEN RACISM"
FEATURING
ALLISON HEARD,
ANDREW LYKE, &
SR. ROSEMARY FONCK

JULY 30TH, 2020
"A NEW VISION"
FEATURING
ALLISON HEARD,
KC CRINO, &
SR. LOIS PREBIL

JUSTICE ON TAP

The Beloved
Community:
If Not Now,
When?

Join us on **Thursday** nights at
7:00 PM for a **virtual**
summer series focused on
anti-racism.

FOR QUESTIONS AND REGISTRATION
CONTACT KAYLA JACOBS AT
KJACOBS@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG.
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE
INFORMATION **@PAXJOLIET**

Co-sponsors: Young Adult Ministry, Justice & Peace Ministry, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate
Anti-Racism Committee (ARC)

Teacher Assistant Needed

We are looking for a responsible and vivacious teacher's aide to join our team at St. Joseph School. As a teacher's aide, you will work with students and perform additional tasks to support teachers in providing a comprehensive educational program. Our ideal candidate is industrious, cooperative, and knowledgeable about educational best practices and child development. Teaching credentials are not required.

JOB SUMMARY: This position is responsible for assisting the teacher in a variety of semi-instructional tasks; to work primarily in a general educational setting providing support to a student or students within the classroom and around the building; must be able to assist with communication, scheduling, and modifications of curriculum.

The Instructional Aide will be responsible for assisting the teacher in an elementary classroom through clerical support, planning assistance, and student engagement and providing direct student supervision during school recess and lunch periods.

Please contact Rita Stasi at rstasi@sjsdg.org or 630.969.4306.

Extended Care Aide

St. Joseph School offers a vibrant extended day program that runs from 2:30 – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. We are looking for warm, caring, and flexible staff who would enjoy engaging with our students during the extended care time.

Come join our team. This is an ideal position for candidates who love working with children, bring a great deal of enthusiasm and energy, enjoy sharing special interests with children, are self-motivated, take initiative and consider themselves to be extremely reliable. Candidates are available to work 3-5 days per week. After school hours are 2:30 – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. You do not need experience to apply, but preference will be given to those who have the following qualifications: 1. Previous childcare, camp or teaching experience. 2. Strong interpersonal and communication skills. 3. Must be 18 years or older. 4. The physical stamina for when outside or in the gym.

Please contact Rita Stasi at rstasi@sjsdg.org or 630.969.4306.

Needed: Volunteer Nurse or Part-time Nurse

St. Joseph School is currently looking for a volunteer nurse to provide nursing and school related health care needs to the students of St. Joseph School. This position is for one day per week.

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in nursing;
- Pediatric experience is desired, not required; and
- School-based experience is preferred, not required.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Manage and provide consultation and assistance regarding specific health needs;
- Administer medications as prescribed;
- First aid and caring for ill students and staff; and
- To provide assessment, screening, intervention, and/or referrals concerning the health and medical needs of students for the purpose of minimizing absences due to illness.



To apply, please email your updated resume directly to rstasi@sjsdg.org or call 630.969.4306



DUPAGE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

*Preparing students from low-income households
in DuPage County for a successful new school year!*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2020
11:00AM - 6:00PM**

**DUPAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
2015 MANCHESTER ROAD, WHEATON**

IMPORTANT CHANGES THIS YEAR:

- **Participants will drive thru to receive school supplies** (to comply with social distancing).
- **Online pre-registration is required at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.** Registrants will receive a ticket and a specific time to attend the Fair.



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



A Day of "Flowering" a la Mary's Garden & the Divine Gardener

~ THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED ONLINE ~

A retreat day of spiritual care for widows and widowers reflecting on the joys, sorrows, glorious, and luminous mysteries experienced in this garden of life. Several models to promote self-care, healing, creativity, spiritual well-being and holistic health will be discussed. The day of "flowering" will include the creation of a spiritual bouquet of spiritual practices to promote an abundant, blooming life.

EVENT: A DAY OF "FLOWERING" FOR THE WIDOWED

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Pre-registration is required by July 22.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1> (Virtual Invite/Link to follow upon Registration)

For more information, contact The Office of Family Ministry at 815.838.5334.

WOMEN OF THE WAY

Catholic Women's Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet



Sunday, July 26th
7:00 pm

Resting In Hope



Where do we go when the
world is falling apart?

A Facebook LIVE prayer experience with
Women of the Way.

Join us at www.facebook.com/WomenoftheWayDOJ/



Praying from Sunday to Sunday

Gospel Reading for Sunday, July 26 Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

St. Joseph Parish Community would like to recognize and remember in prayer, ALL ACTIVE DUTY military personnel serving our country here and throughout the world.

Lt. Julia M. Anderson
PO2 Emily C. Behrel
1 Lt Ian Correll
Cpt Thomas Correll
Sailor Steven Derdzinski
Matt Dickey
Lynnea K. Jensen
Austin Kus, US Navy
Sheila Perazal Kus, Air Force
Jack McGuire, US Navy
Maeve McGuire, US Navy
S Sgt Ian A. Nogle
Lt. Bruce Penny
Pvt Brandon Skenandore
Vincent Wrobleski

To include/remove a name, contact Julie Visher at 630.964.0216 ext. 1202 or jvisher@sjpdg.org.

Today's Readings

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

*"God never tires
of forgiving us; we are
the ones who tire
of seeking his mercy."*

—Pope Francis

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

EVERY Tuesday
6:00 to 7:30 pm
St. Joseph Church

Pray for the Sick

Julia Altemas, Sam Buonauro, Michelle Denier, Nora Fox, Brian Kenah, and Martin Safstrom.



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