



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS

AND THE ELDERLY

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held
in the St. Dominic Savio Center
to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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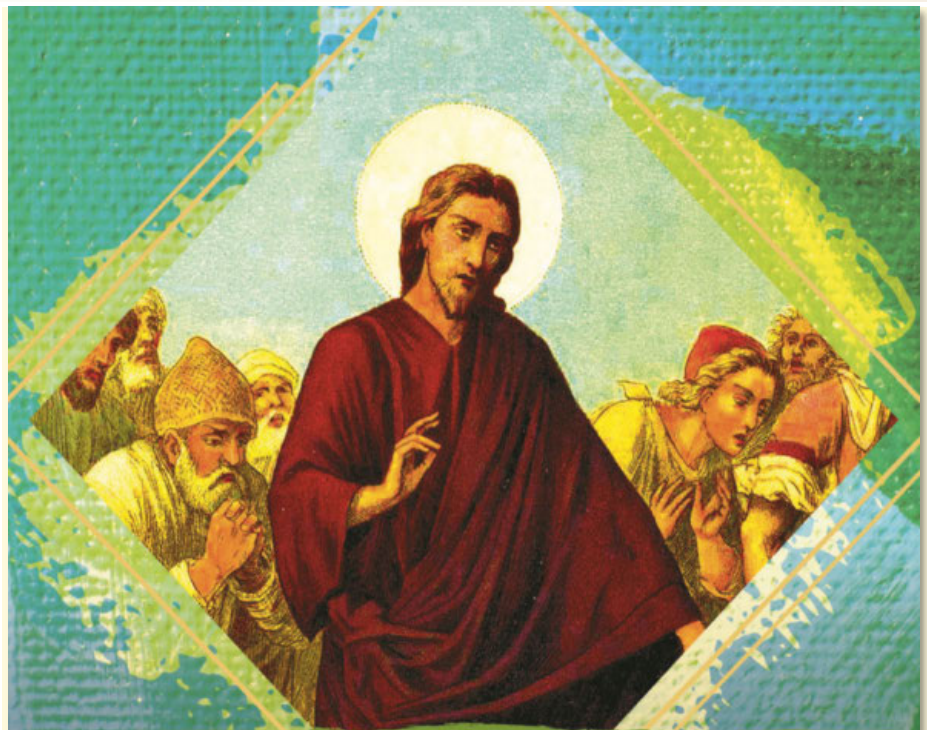
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat
along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'" - Mt 13:29-30

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 24 • St. Sharbel Makhlūf

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 25 • St. James

8:30 am Special Intention

Wednesday, July 26 • Sts. Joachim and Anne

8:30 am Englert & Donaldson Families

Thursday, July 27

8:30 am Jonathan & Karen Lanza

Friday, July 28

8:30 am Rev. Robert Cecil Nolan

Saturday, July 29 • Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Rory & Jourdan Growl, Dolly Ocmond, Lynn Hymel, Jr., Bridgette Jeansonne, Sam & Anne Miller, Special Intentions for healing, All Souls, Marilyn Torres

Sunday, July 30 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Babies' Souls, Tony & Dolores Dottolo, Jamie Mennis
10:30 am "Big T" Valure
3:00 pm (en espanol) Cesar Montufar Mariscal, Alba Nieves Espinoza, Oscar Espinoza Concha, Bella Maria Briones, Jhonny Ramos Luna
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

In Memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson,
Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In Memory of Clarence & Shirley Frost



Invite a friend to
Mass next week.

REFLECT

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

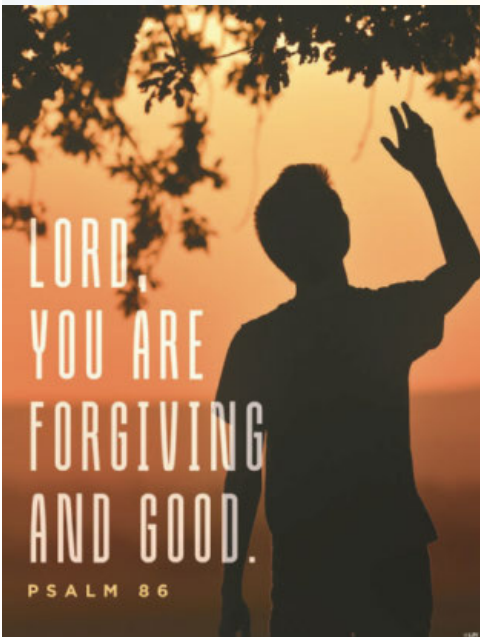
Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

Gospel

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world. How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil? ©LPi





Parish School of Religion 2023-2024 Registration Information

Registration for 2023-2024 Parish School of Religion (Grades K-12) is open. Online registration can be found at www.aolparish.org/psr. Payment can also be made online. Classes will begin with Opening Mass on September 11th. If you have any questions, please email our PSR Coordinator Mrs. Andree Gurdian at andreemgurdian@gmail.com.



ACTS Men's Retreat August 24 - 27, 2023 Lumen Christi Retreat Center

Men of Ascension of Our Lord are invited to join in an extraordinary weekend! This experience will take place August 24-27, 2023 at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. Visit our Parish Website for information and registration forms. Or you may contact one of the retreat directors:
DIRECTOR: Ray Riviere 504-512-5918
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Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us, and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



THANK YOU!

Thank you from Erin and Deacon Julius

Greatest heartfelt thanks goes out to Christine Torres and her committee for the wonderful celebration of my Ordination Anniversary. Thanks also goes out to all who donated to the event. I really appreciate the 2 volumes of the Word On Fire Bible I received from the parish.

I can never thank all parishioners enough for the blessings and prayers you have shared with Erin and me. I will always be grateful to y'all for lifting us up in prayer and encouraging me in my ministry.

Love in Christ,

Deacon Julius and Erin Laurent



ENRICH YOUR RETIREMENT

ENRICH THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Are you retired or finished raising your family? Do you want to give back, enrich your spiritual life and build community with other mature adults? Then consider joining the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) here in New Orleans. At IVC we believe the life experience, wisdom, and skills of 50+ women and men, rooted in Gospel values, can bring justice, and transform the world. For more details, visit our website at www.ivcusa.org/NewOrleans, or contact Becky Goff (Regional Director) at bgoff@ivcusa.org.



Blood Drive

Sunday, July 30th

8:30am - 12:30pm

Don Bosco Hall

Light up someone's life.

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Please visit www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/48512 to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

The Blood Center strongly suggests all donors visit www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane on the day of your scheduled appointment to answer your Medical/Travel questions.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 29 • Team 3

Sunday, July 30 • Team 3

8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive - Don Bosco Hall



**PERPETUAL
ADORATION
CHAPEL**



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

**Adoration has resumed in
the Chapel every day from
9:00am to 9:00pm.**



Parish Office
Mon-Thurs: 9am - 4pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm

School Office
Mon-Thurs: 9am-12noon

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Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help my love and faith
to grow strong.

Mission for the Week

Help your parents in
the garden. Watch how
carefully weeds need to be
pulled, so you don't pull up
the good plants, too.

Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you
are the wheat in God's
field. As you love and
trust God more, your
faith will grow. You
will see others around
you who love God, too.
God will be happy to
see you growing up in
God's love. As you grow
taller and stronger, you
will also notice others
around you who ignore
or hate God. God will
get rid of those weeds.
Then he will bring you
into heaven.

**Now color
the picture!**



Find the matching shadow.



**"So you could not
keep watch with me
for one hour?"**



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars
are held on the first Tuesday of
each month in the Parish Office
at 7:00pm. Please call the
Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must
contact the priest at least six
months prior to the preferred
date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK:
Please call the Parish Office at
985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE
HOMEBOUND:** To be added to
the list, please call the Parish
Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make
arrangements with the priest
prior to making final arrange-
ments with the funeral home.



SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. José Luis Sánchez del Río

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma to farmers. The eldest of four siblings, he discerned

the call to priesthood while in high school and, upon graduating, studied locally at the St. John Seminary. Due to his trouble with learning Latin, though, he struggled academically and had to transfer to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and then to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland before he finally was able to complete his studies and graduate. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 in the diocese of Oklahoma City.

Following his ordination, Rother served as an associate parish priest at four different parishes in the area before requesting to be sent on mission to Guatemala. He started his service at the diocese's mission to the Tz'utujil people of Santiago Atitlán in Southwest Guatemala in 1968.

Despite his difficulties with learning Latin, Father Rother committed to learning both Spanish and the Tz'utujil native language. While living among the Tz'utujil people, he supported a local radio station that transmitted language and math lessons, preached in both Spanish and Tz'utujil, and even founded a local hospital. He was well loved by those he lived among. His community lived in abject poverty, and he made no concessions for himself, living alongside those he served in the same manner as they lived.

Violence in Guatemala became prevalent and escalated significantly in the 1980's. Before his death, Fr. Rother experienced the destruction of his radio station, and friends going missing, being tortured, and murdered by right-wing guerilla forces. His own life was threatened by those perpetuating the violence and he became accustomed to constantly being watched and targeted. Despite all of this, he continued to serve and live alongside his community of Tz'utujil people stating, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."

On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, three Spanish-speaking non-indigenous men snuck into the rectory of the mission looking for blood. After seizing the teenaged brother of the associate pastor, they threatened to kill him if he didn't take them to Fr. Rother, the senior pastor. Once at his room's door, the young captive called out a warning and, despite this, Fr. Rother decided to let his would-be assailants into the room in an effort to save the teenager. They quickly let the youth go and apprehended Fr. Rother instead. In an effort to protect everyone else on the premises, including the nine sisters in the convent across the patio, he chose to fight the men instead of to allow them to simply take him captive and, possibly, also have an opportunity to hurt or kidnap any of the others. During the altercation, the men shot him in the head, murdering him, and then ran from the premises.

His community greatly mourned his loss and requested that his heart remain enshrined in Guatemala, where it can be found to this day. He was officially recognized as a martyr for the faith by Pope Francis in 2016 — the first U.S.-born priest to be martyred and, as of 2017, the first to be beatified. ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I *live for* a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. *But.*

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday:	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

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