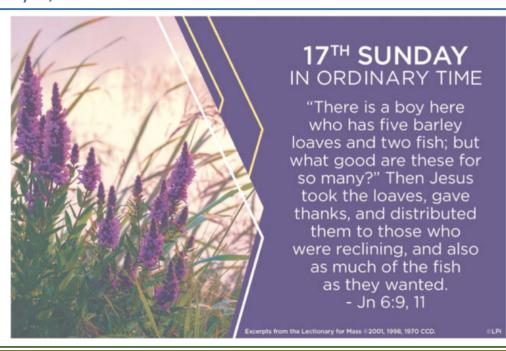


July 28, 2024

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (in church)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00 pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Trusting in the Lord, Elisha was able to feed a hundred people with just twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. Can you think of a time when you had to trust in the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the church in Ephesus to live in unity and holiness. What are some signs that a community is holy and united?

John 6:1-15

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44;

Psalm 145;

Ephesians 4:1-6;

After Jesus fed the crowds with the multiplication of loaves and fish, he withdrew to the mountain alone. When do you find the need to be alone?

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Our first reading from the second book of Kings foreshadows the multiplication of the loaves and fish in our Gospel today. The servant brings to the king, Elisha, twenty barley loaves from the first fruits of the harvest and fresh grain. Elisha gave strict commands to give it to the people to eat. The servant questioned, "how can I set this before a hundred people?" Yet Elisha stated that the Lord said, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." And we hear that it was true, people ate and still, there was food left over.

Likewise, in our Gospel Jesus asked the apostles how they were going to feed the crowd that had been following them. Philip replied that not even 200 days' worth of wages would be enough for the number of people. All they had were five barley loaves and two fish from a little boy. Yet Jesus multiplied the food so that there were baskets left over. All ate and were satisfied.

The servant and the little boy are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

As we evaluate our lives, we should ask ourselves — "how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?"

We are called to give God adequate time each day and if we don't plan it out then it is likely that He won't get any. Maybe it is the first fifteen minutes of each morning or the first fifteen when we get home from work. It could be the moment all the kids are napping or a quiet fifteen minutes on our lunch break. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a greater part of our daily lives.

An additional way we are called to spend our time is with our loved ones. We are called to give undivided time to our families—whether it is having a family meal, quality time in the evening, a family game in the back yard, praying together, or a phone call to check in on our siblings or relatives—giving our families time is a key component of living as a Christian steward.

We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. We all have countless talents that we are asked to use each day, yet sometimes we miss the opportunity to use them well. Yet the servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gift will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well. So whether we are called to go to work to provide for our family, phone a friend to just listen, or cook three meals a day for our spouse and kids, we are called to do it for the glory of God and with our whole heart.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. The servant gave to Elisha the very best of his harvest, not the scraps. It shows how important God was to that servant. And likewise, in our Gospel, the little boy shared all that he had with Jesus, not just part of it.

We are called to do the same. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our very best requires us to evaluate our priorities in life. We must ask ourselves—do my spending habits reflect that God is the top priority in my life? Do I view all of my possessions as gifts from God that can be used for His glory?

Giving God our finest gift can be a challenge. I am sure the little boy was thinking to himself, 'I just gave up my dinner!' Yet it is always worth it. When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure.

As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, 'what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

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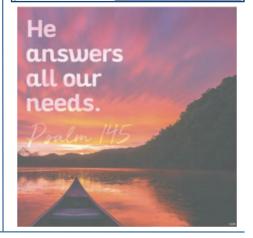
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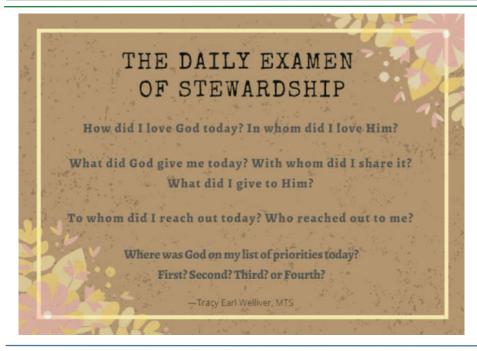
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	7/28	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15		
Mon	7/29	Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42		
Tues	7/30	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43		
Wed	7/31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46		
Thu	8/1	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53		
Fri	8/2	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58		
Sat	8/3	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12		
Sun	8/4	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35		

Mass Intentions				
Mon	7/29	8:30 am	Marge Kraljev (healing)	
Tues	7/30	8:30 am	Kathleen Deaver †	
Wed	7/31	8:30 am	John Klatt †	
Thu	8/1	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †	
Fri	8/2	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †	
Sat 8/3	9/2	8:30 am	Vincent Baxter (special intention)	
	0/3	5:00 pm	Georgina Dao Nguyen †	
Sun	8/4	9:00 am	Anna Gniewosz †	
		11:00 am	Willow Gray Patel †	
		5:00 pm	Joan Langholff (birthday)	





ACT OF SPIRITUAL Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time. Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Jesus asks Philip, testing him. And so, too, he asks us: "Where do you go when you are hungry? Afraid? Dejected? Confused?" Let us always answer: "Jesus. Jesus is where we can find what we need." **©LPi**

POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: AUGUST

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their iobs.

PRAYER GOD TO WORK

Dear Jesus,

You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces - small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that. Two fish and five loaves can feed 5,000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord. Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Herb Robbins; Zachary Schroeder; Tony Baldi; John Dowling; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Angela Ficarra-Filsram; Marcos Del Mercado; Eileen Mitchekk; Andy Nagorski; Mary Anne Van Dalsem; Deloise Ann Jordan; Suzzane Klein Lewis; Mary Andrusky;

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

Stewardship of TALENT



Parish choirs are on summer break from June - September. Cantors and small ensembles usually sing during the summer months.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary!

We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in Hofmann Center.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Sign up to receive our newsletter at https://forms.gle/BpUjPwTBkCJZ2bTKA

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

SUMMER GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday - July 31st, August 7th, 14th 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070 Open to all who have lost a loved one.

RSVP: Nancy Crowley, T: 408-209-6118 OR Carolyn Orasin, 408-867-3634, c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org

Stewardship of TREASURE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for July is \$85,000.00

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	July 1 to 14, 2024
Budget	\$ 42,500.00
Actual	\$ 32,572.00
Difference	- \$ 9,928.00

SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING THIS SUMMER

Did you know church staff and volunteers spend approximately 8-9 hours processing checks and cash contributions every week, but it only takes less than an hour to upload your online gift contributions? ParishSOFT Giving is secure and easy for you to use. *Help us save a little extra time this summer by switching from giving via envelope to giving online*. It takes much less time for us to process online gifts. Instructions can be found at

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INSTITUE OF LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

Do you have a call to the ministry of leadership within the Catholic Community?

Do you currently participate in some form of pastoral ministry? Do you want to learn more and get skills to serve better your community?



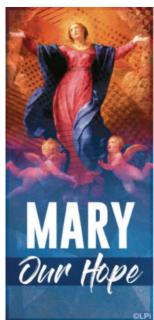
Explore to attend the ILM this year. The ILM is accepting nominations for the academic year 2024-2025, classes begin September 2024.

Please find more information application forms on the <u>ILM webpage</u> - <u>dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership-in-ministry/ilm-admissions/</u>

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MARIAN FEASTS - WHY DOES MARY HAVE SO MANY FEAST DAYS AND NAMES?

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an



opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and reechoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).



WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE? WHY DO PEOPLE GO ON THEM?

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE LETTERS THAT PROFESSED RELIGIOUS HAVE AFTER THEIR NAMES?

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post -nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

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SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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THE COUGAR CONNECTION

The first edition of Cougar Connection is here. Dive into the magazine to relive the highlights of the 2023-24 school year.

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THE COUGAR CONNECTION



Prayer for Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places; we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of takes the laughter of children at play, people suffices in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and

the more time to spend with family and friends.

Is we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of rature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.

Are laboring to keep all in existence.

Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation

- Marquette University -

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES - Diocesan Virtual Marriage Preparation Retreat Dates for 2024-2025 can be found at www.dsj.org/marriage-preparation. This site also includes information on the Marriage Process in the Catholic Church. For in person retreats please visit www.dsj.org/marriage-preparation or

- English: 8/3/2024 10/19/2024 1/11/2025
- Spanish: 9/14/2023 11/16/2024 2/8/2025

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION AND THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY (ILM) - Pastoral Ministry

Formation: an <u>18-session</u> foundational theology formation series for all parish ministers. Upon completion, ministers will receive the "Pastoral Ministry Certificate" issued by the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. The 18-session course takes place from October 2024 to March 2025. Visit <u>www.dsj.org/pmf</u> for more information and registration, select preferred language.

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY Are you between the ages of 18 and 35, married or single, with or without children? The Diocese of San José wants to hear about your experiences, hopes, and needs through our new, confidential, online survey for young adults! Your voice matters and can significantly impact how the Church responds to the needs of young adults. We encourage everyone to share this survey with any Catholics - active or inactive - between 18 and 35 in Santa Clara County.

www.dsj.org/about-us/pastoral-planning/young-adult-assembly/

RETREAT TO Nature



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