



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 16, 2023



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
- Mt 13:23

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon 07/17	Re-roofing church this week—Mass not affected Bustin Barriers Camp M-F 8am-4:30pm 7pm Adult Pickleball
Tue 07/18	
Wed 07/19	9am Rosary Makers
Thur 07/20	6pm Oktoberfest Meeting 9pm Men's Basketball
Fri 07/21	9am-12pm Adoration Parish Chapel
Sat 07/22	
Sun 07/23	3pm Adult Volleyball

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed 07/19	9:15am Mass:	The Souls in Purgatory and Our Beloved Dead +
Thur 07/20	12pm Mass:	Int. Jason & Monika Tuckness ❤️
Fri 07/21	12 pm Mass:	Suffering Souls in Purgatory +
Sat 07/22	5:30pm Mass:	Int. Finn & Anders Sundholm 🎁
Sun 07/23	8:30am Mass:	Suffering Souls in Purgatory +
	10:30am Mass:	Int. People of the Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM—3:30PM

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."
— Isaiah 55:11*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next 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

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Questions of the Week

First Reading – The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

Second Reading – Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory of that awaits all believers – “For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God.” What do you imagine

earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any “corruption?”

Gospel Reading – Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus' parables of the kingdom?

STEWARDSHIP

Holy Family Parish Offertory

07/09/2023

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
July	\$ 9,773	\$ 47,357	21%
YTD	\$ 9,773	\$ 47,357	21%
Annual	\$ 9,773	\$ 564,000	2%

As we move into a new fiscal year, would you consider increasing your tithe by 5% to help offset the reality of increased costs? Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



Coffee & Donuts ~ Thank you Hoffas and Rasmussens



for hosting Coffee and Donuts this weekend...
next Coffee and Donuts July 23rd hosted by
Roepkes.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ July 22-23, 2023

	Altar Server	Greeter/Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Sacristan
Saturday 5:30pm	James Fiske Ava Kiesel	Will & Crystal Gwyn (sub req.)	Tim Dooley	Vicki Ford - Lector	Joyce Holohan-Bell
Sunday 8:30am	Eli Moran Timothy Scherler	Philip Glander Christine Glander	Patricia Markesino JoAnna Mullett Carolyn Scherler	John Parker - Lector	JoAnna Mullett
Sunday 10:30am	Aengus Fedeli Henry Perrin (sub req.)	Gene Dieringer Bob Steffen	Lisa Fideli	Gene Dieringer - Lector	



**CATHERINE
BITZ!**

HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONER—CATHERINE BITZ CELEBRATES HER 100th Birthday on July 26, 2023!

Please join us in celebrating Catherine on

Sunday— July 30th at the 10:30 Mass—

**Father will give her a special birthday blessing and there will be a
reception in Celebration Hall following Mass!**

Catherine Bitz turns 100 just a few months after her close friend and classmate, Marge Watzig, turned 100 and was celebrated here at Holy Family in April. Catherine and Marge were “best friends” throughout their years at Sacred Heart grade school and their high school years at St. Mary’s Academy. They enjoyed many playdates and sleepovers during their elementary years.

Catherine was a professed Benedictine sister for over 25 years. She worked in many of the Oregon parishes who were served by the Benedictines —best known to us would be Sacred Heart in SE Portland. She was assigned to Sacred Heart several times. As Sacred Heart Grade School was closing, she served on their staff as principal and 8th grade teacher. She lived with other Benedictine sisters in a large house near the parish school. One of her housemates was Sr. Jerome Zerr OSB, whom many of you know as THE favorite sister at Central Catholic High School.

Catherine left the order and worked at Providence Hospital for about 25 years. She volunteered at Loyola Retreat House for about 5 years and became a part of the Jesuit Family. Many of the ladies at Holy Family got to know her there. She then worked for 25 years at the main office of Loaves & Fishes/Meals on Wheels. She held an office position and acquired many skills including computers.

Catherine joined Holy Family parish sometime in the ‘80’s. One of her good friends at Holy Family was Helen Draper. Catherine attended 8:30 Mass faithfully. JoAnna Mullett and her boys, Jacob and Nate, Joy and Gary Hunt, Bob and Cindy Hefflinger, the Pat Dieringer Family and others celebrated Mass each Sunday with her. Now, Winnie Smidt takes her communion each week and Deacon Tim makes regular stops to see her as many of her other friends do also.

Catherine lives at **The Springs at Clackamas Woods** located on Webster Road. She loves to have visitors—and loves to share her stories. If you are unable to join us to celebrate her 100 years of “awesomeness”, please drop off a card with Winnie Smidt, Vicki Ford or the Parish Office.

When asked how she thinks she made it to 100 years-old, her reply was this -

**“I was always busy—I had jobs to go to and
so I knew God must still have some plans for me!”**



WE'RE HIRING!

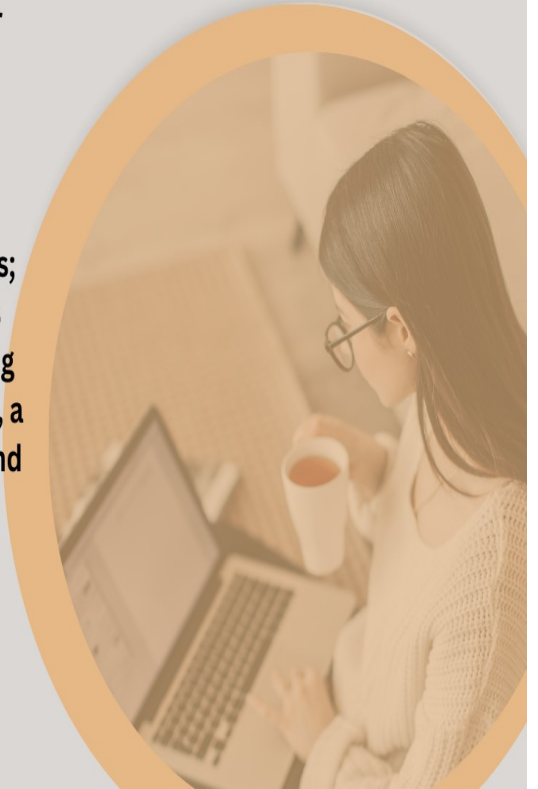
Holy Family is looking to fill a temporary secretarial position to assist with the upcoming Capital Campaign. The position will run from September 2023 to March 2024, approximately 10 to 20 hours per week.

Duties include assisting with campaign communications; organizing various meetings and events; tracking enlistment and gift gathering assignments and results, campaign commitments, income and expenses; maintenance of campaign records and files; and production of various reports. Qualified candidates must be computer savvy and have working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, Access and Publisher), a pleasing and positive personality and excellent communication skills, and should be willing to work a flexible schedule with some evening and weekend work required.

Qualified candidates should send cover letter and resume to:

Fr. Rodel at fatherrodel@holyfamilyportland.com by July 14, 2023.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience.



The roof of the church will be replaced July 17-28. Mass will not be disrupted - it will be in the church as usual.

Save the Date!



Saturday, September 23rd
Holy Family Catholic Church



GOSPEL MEDI- TATION

July 16,
2023
15th Sun-
day in Or-
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Time

It's not
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we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

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Holy Family



**Postponed until
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night

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Movie: Rio

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Elena de Mesa	Katie Lawrence	All special intentions
Doree D'Angelo	Marioris Oliverio	All grieving loss of loved ones
Mary DeSousa	Sabas Quiray	Mental Health of all HF Parishioners
Tim Evens	Matt Rast	Ukraine
Jean Goerl	Anne Templeton	Barb Regan for healing
Per-Olof Jarnberg	Marilyn Walstrom	Mary deSousa for healing
Sam Johnson	Leasa Wiebke	Doug Sinclair for healing
Kathy Kaopuiki	Patricia McEvoy	
Bonnie Kilwein	Julie Reiersgaard	
	David Hart	

For prayer support, contact
Kathy McMahon at
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	cyoholymfamily@gmail.com	
Christian Service	Joyce Holohan-Bell	775-5767
Eucharistic Adoration	Parish Office	774-1428
Hospitality	Krisi Christensen	774-1428 x3
JOY Ministry	Vic & Terri Cozzoli	788-2073
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Young Ladies Institute	Lynda Taylor	



Parish Office Summer Hours
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am-12 noon
From June 20th to September 1st

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Thursdays and Fridays at 12 noon

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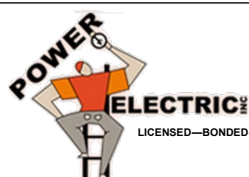
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