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The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmono

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OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 2:00PM

ST. MARY'S SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Adoration 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15PM
Tues., Wed., and Thurs. After the 6:00PM Mass

LITURGY SCHEDULE

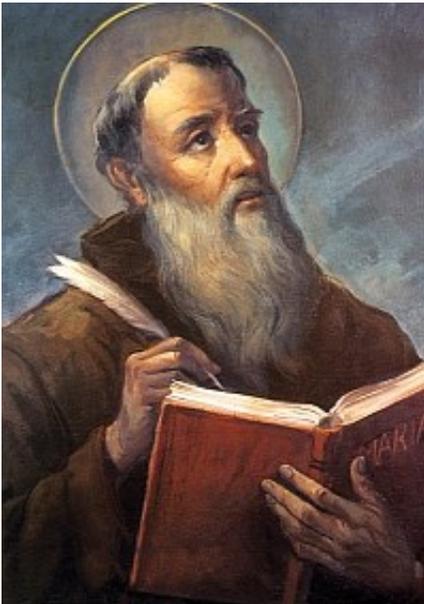
Saturday 5:30PM St. Mary's Church
Sunday 9:00AM St. Joseph's Church
Sunday 11:00AM St. Mary's Church

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 6:00PM
Friday 12:10PM (except First Friday)
First Friday Mass 6:00PM
First Saturday 8:00AM

SAINTS CORNER

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



St. Lawrence was born at Brindisi, in the kingdom of Naples, Italy, on July 22, 1559 and named Caesar de Rossi. He took the name Lawrence when he became a Capuchin Franciscan at the age of 16. After his ordination, St. Lawrence became a popular preacher and delivered many powerful homilies. Because he could speak Hebrew, he worked for the conversion of the Jews living in Rome. In 1596, he became a high-ranking superior in the order, and five years later was sent to Germany with

Blessed Benedict of Urbino. They founded several priories throughout Europe. Lawrence also helped to raise an army to combat the Turks in Hungary, where he won a battle against them by leading the troops into battle with only a crucifix to protect himself.

In 1602, St. Lawrence became the master general of his order. He worked, preached and wrote to spread the Good News. He went on important peace missions to Munich, Germany, and Madrid, Spain. The rulers of those places listened to him and the missions were successful. But St. Lawrence became very ill. He had been tired out by the hard traveling and the strain of his tasks. He died on his birthday, July 22, in 1619. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope Leo XIII in 1881. He was honored as "apostolic doctor" by Pope John XXIII in 1959.

St. Lawrence was the first Capuchin to be honored as a Doctor of the Church. St. Lawrence, like his spiritual father St. Francis of Assisi, had an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God. He was the first to write on all aspects of theology that concern the Blessed Virgin.

In the practice of the religious virtues St. Lawrence equals the greatest saints. He had the gift of contemplation and often fell into ecstasy when he celebrated Holy Mass. He had a great devotion to the Rosary and the Office of the Blessed Virgin.

His written works included some controversial pieces against the Lutherans and a commentary on Genesis, but his main contributions are in the nine volumes of his sermons.

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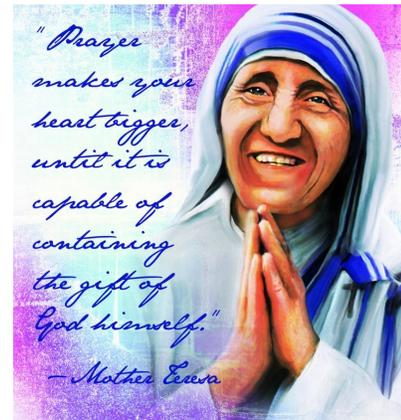
"God is love, and all his operations proceed from love. Once he wills to manifest that goodness by sharing his love outside himself, then the Incarnation becomes the supreme manifestation of his goodness and love and glory. So, Christ was intended before all other creatures and for his own sake. For him all things were created and to him all things must be subject, and God loves all creatures in and because of Christ. Christ is the first-born of every creature, and the whole of humanity as well as the created world finds its foundation and meaning in him. Moreover, this would have been the case even if Adam had not sinned.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/
Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the upcoming Religious Education year 2021-2022 are available in the office and online at the St. Mary's website www.stmaryhartsville.org. It is important your child's registration form be returned **this week** so that we have sufficient materials for each age group. As of this bulletin we only have 14 registrations, The new Religious Education year will begin August 15th.



ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

Have you visited the parish website lately? When you have a moment spend some time exploring all our website has to offer.

The website offers many tools to enhance your spiritual journey. Just a few examples:

Links to:

"In Conversation With God",

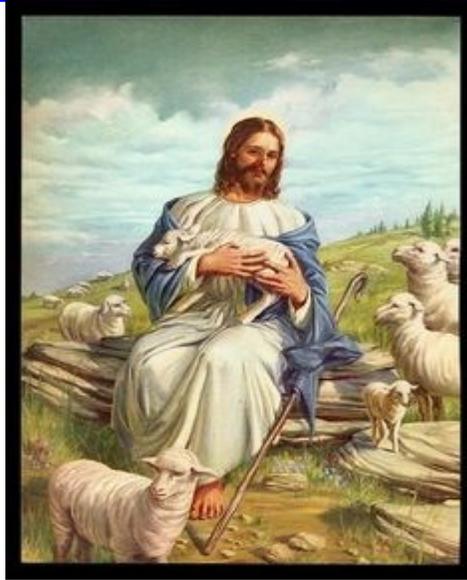
"The Bible in a Year",

The daily Mass readings,

The Saint of the Day,

Our Masses at St. Mary's are also live streamed on the website and our Facebook page.

You can also find our weekly bulletins on the website. Check the website often you never know where God will lead you. www.stmaryhartsville.org



THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Today's first reading follows a section of oracles presumably delivered by Jeremiah against the kings of Judah during the reign of King Zedekiah, when Judah and Jerusalem were destroyed by the Babylonians (597-586BC). It is followed by another series of messages against false prophets who were associated with the priests of Jerusalem. This is the context for Jeremiah's oracle of consolation about God as the shepherd who will gather the remnant of those who have been taken into exile and bring them back to the land. This God, we are told, will also appoint other shepherds who will guide God's chosen to safety. The metaphor of shepherding was widely used in the ancient world to describe the responsibility of kings and leaders toward their people; Jeremiah 34 is another such example.

Jeremiah goes on to write about the restoration of David's kingly dynasty (cf 2 Samuel 7). In contrast to the kings with whom Jeremiah had been dealing, this future king will be a righteous branch from David's line. He will be just, or right in conduct and in character, and his name will be "the Lord our justice." The Hebrew word is *tsaddiq*. We can reasonably consider this prophecy to be a critique against Zedekiah, who was a puppet king set up by the Babylonian authorities. Consider the irony that his name, *Tsidqiyah* in Hebrew means "God is righteous." Later, Christians understand this messianic prophecy to refer to Jesus.

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:13-18

Today's second reading, from the letter to the Ephesians, teaches on a similar theme of messianic expectation. Prior to the excerpt chosen for the lectionary reading, the author writes about a time when the uncircumcised were separated from the community of Israel and the covenants of the promise. Although the vocabulary is different, this topic of whether Gentiles could be included among the Jesus followers is common in Paul's authentic writings (for example, Romans 1:16, Galatians 3:12). Therefore, it is not surprising to see the same topic appearing in the letter to the Ephesians.

Where we see the pronouns "you" and "we" in the Letter to the Ephesians, biblical scholars have questioned to whom the author is referring, but we can be fairly certain that "you who once were far off" refers to the recipients of the letter who were gentiles (non-Jewish) Christians. Here, too, we see many allusions to Pauline theology, though using different vocabulary. Christ is described as the one who reconciles Jews and Gentiles in his one body, an allusion to Paul's notion of the Church as the body of Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 5:12-17). Paul also talks about Jesus as the one who effects reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:11-21). However, the beautiful imagery of Christ as our peace is not found in Paul's authentic letters. The Greek word *eirene*, meaning "peace, harmony or tranquility" but also "safety and security" in a sense of a promise of salvation that will indeed be fulfilled.

THE GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34

Today's Gospel returns to the theme of shepherding, which we saw in the first reading. This reading is also the second half of the story we encountered in last week's Gospel, the sending out of the Twelve (Mark 6:6b-13). In several places in Mark's Gospel, the author uses a literary technique, which some biblical scholars call a "Markan sandwich." The technical term is "intercalation." Briefly, an intercalation is when one story is inserted within another, such that the inner story informs the outer story. Here, the outer story is the sending out of the Twelve and their return from missionary activity. The inner story is the murder of John the Baptist by Herod Antipas, who wondered whether Jesus was John raised from the dead (Mark 6:14-29). It is important to note that the story of the murder of John the Baptist contains a number of clues that suggest Mark intends it to be a preview of Jesus' death and burial.

Thus, we hear in today's Gospel that Jesus welcomes the Twelve back from their missionary journey and listens to their reports of all they have done. But the crowds that gathered around Jesus and the Twelve were overwhelming! Recognizing that they were exhausted from their journey, he takes them away by boat—they were near the Sea of Galilee—to find a deserted place where they can rest. But the crowds follow them and arrive even before they can disembark from the boat. This is when the narrator identifies Jesus as the compassionate shepherd of the lost sheep. But Mark's inner story reminds us that this shepherd compassion will reach its fullness when he lays down his life for the sheep.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

—Jn 10:27



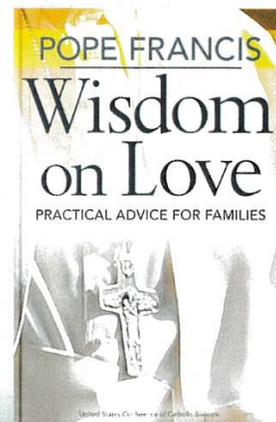
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The Year of Amoris Laetitia Continues!

We continue to celebrate the Year of the Family, focusing on familial relationships. Pope Francis brings to life the path of love in families in *Wisdom on Love*. Read a tip a day. Read it together with your family. And put into practice today the helpful advice that corresponds to your heart!

Check out www.foryourmarriage.org for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. **#MarriageWeek**



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