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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Mt 13:44

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NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO WORK TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO GROW IN FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO HELP OTHERS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE / HOURS

Daily Mass

Tue., Thurs.-Sat.: 8:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
11:00 am
1:30 pm in Spanish

Confession

Sat.: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Sun.: 7:15-7:45 and 10:15-10:45
Or by appointment

Adoration / Exposition

Thur.: 7:00—8:00 pm
First Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Recommended to be celebrated at Sunday Mass. At least one parent must be a registered parishioner and Baptismal classes for parents are required. Contact the Pastor at least three (3) months before the desired date.

Anointing & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or unable to attend regularly scheduled Mass.

Marriage: Please do not set a date until you contact the Pastor at least six (6) months before desired wedding date to schedule marriage prep.



WELCOME

If you have newly moved to our parish, please fill out a registration form located in the alcove just before you enter the church. Forms can be placed in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office during business hours.

PARISH EVENTS

RE & YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION: Be sure to register your child for classes and youth group after Mass on the first two weekends in August. Sacramental Classes (1st Holy Communion & Confirmation) require a Baptism Certificate so contact the church to issue you a current certificate. Post Confirmation Classes will be offered simultaneously with the regular schedule Sunday RE Program.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT: Join us on Wed., Aug. 5 for Holy Mass at 6 pm followed by plenty of Pizza and Fun at the Splash Pad in Greeneville. Wednesday is a late night at the Splash Pad so parents can determine when they wish to leave. Might want to bring a change of clothes and a towel.

BOOK OF ROMANS BIBLE STUDY: The last class on Dr. Brandt Pitre, Sin and Salvation: A Bible Study on Romans will be Sat., August 15 after the 8:30 am Mass. This class is facilitated by Tyonia Burns.

*By order of the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, it is decreed that all the world is to be counted and taxed.
Therefore, let each person and family come to*

Bethlehem Marketplace

We have received a grant to launch "Bethlehem Marketplace" in December of 2026. This endeavor will require many volunteers as we turn our campus back to the time when Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem to sign the census. This family event will be open to the entire community in hopes of an ecumenical endeavor in 2027. We need volunteers for Biblical costumes, food vendor, bakery, basketmaking, pottery, games, calligraphy, metal craft, woodworking, fabric dying, games, winery, herbs & spices, small farm animals and more! Next planning meeting TBD so contact Susan at the office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. July 25	5:00pm	†	Daniel Berchin
Sun. July 26	8:00am	†	Mike Lucious
	11:00am	SI	Parishioners of Notre Dame
	1:30pm	SI	Marisol Lopez
Tue. July 28	8:30am	SI	Paul Fenter
Wed. July 29	6:00pm	†	Mike Lucious
Thu. July 30	8:30am	†	Eddin Daniel Diaz
Fri. July 31	8:30am	SI	Jeff & Joyce Hollett
Sat. Aug 1	8:30am		Fr. Zachary's Intentions
	5:00pm	†	Alberta Johnson

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. July 26: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
 Mon. July 27: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tue. July 28: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 Wed. July 29: Jer 15:10,16-21; Jn 11:19-27
 Thur. July 30: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
 Fri. July 31: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Sat. Aug 1: Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12

QR CODES IN PEW: This new way for you to contribute to the weekly offering utilizing your cell phone, take a picture of the QR code on the back of the pew in front of you. This will take you directly to Notre Dame's eCatholic page. This screen allows you to make a one-time payment or a recurring payment. It will now allow you to direct your donation to the account you wish to support. Most major credit cards are accepted but there is a 3% processing fee. The other option is to do an ACH (bank to bank transfer) which reduces the fees to 1%. You have the option to pay the fee so it's not deducted from the offering.

FIRST SATURDAY: Sat., Aug. 1 Mass is celebrated at 8:30 am followed by the Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the St. Bernadette Guild of the CCW.

FIRST SUNDAY: Incense will be used at the 11 am Mass on Sunday, August 2.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: The Reid Family will receive the chalice on Aug. 1 at the 5 pm Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

JUNE ONLINE	\$2,339.00
July 5 Collection	\$6,383.00
Building Fund Collection	\$2,741.00
July 12 Collection	\$6,257.00
Maintenance Fund Collection	\$1,418.00
July 19 Collection	\$5,935.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lisa Terry, Stephen Dolezar, Antonio Zamora, Patty Mayo, Karina Justiz, Terry Costello, Linda Halen, Susan & Danny Collins, Lauren Casale, Kate Fabio, Michael Godleski, Gary & Mary Laun, Elaine Engle, Nancy Dessez, Harry Ziegler, Michael Dolezar, Christopher McBride, Samatha Starnes, Rosana Beyer, Brian Roberts, Rich & Barbara Jones, Patterson Family, Kacey Nicholas Payson, Robert Jenkins, Michael Walter, Sandramary Evans, Robert Jones, Noah Britton, Michelle Williams Hughes, Joel Rivera, Linda LaSorsa, Elizabeth Giron, Sue Pearson, Jerry Collins, Jennifer Kusnierczyk, Myron & Elsie Smith, Julie Hocutt, Christina Russo, Matt Mazur Jr, Yvonne Killewald, Marlene Wilds, Mikey Kapalin, Bob & Clara Russo, Maggie May, Ernest & Geraldine Hampton, Roger Brault, Nathan Presnell, Ted McBride, Sharon Thompson, Annette Noble, Andrea Bernabey, John Nickett, Linda & Edwards Reynolds, Bill & Bernadette Moughamer, Ralph Williams, Rick Longworth, Mary Noe

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact the office for your name to be added to our prayer requests or request a pastoral visit by Fr. Zachary. Names are published for six (6) weeks unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Call the office to update this list.

THE PRIEST'S DESK

July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we will celebrate the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The manner of his conversion gave him many insights into the spiritual life. The one which has been most beneficial to my own spiritual health is a focus on the Examination of Conscience. He used this careful examen to discern spirits and to find his way to God. He was able to realize, in his broken and sinful state, that only God could satisfy in a lasting way. Even as an unrepentant sinner only the thought of righteousness left him with a sense of peace for any length of time. We need to follow his example of this ancient Christian practice. We need to experience the knowledge that we were made for God.

The Examen can also help us to live in a more exciting way. We tend to 'fall' into sin. We usually do not set out to sin but instead end up sinning by drifting away from where we should be. The examen prayer makes our life something more than just a series of things we are reacting to. When we see that the ways we failed yesterday are going to be the ways we fail tomorrow we have an opportunity to live on purpose. When we examine our conscience at the end of the day and see how we failed God we need to follow that insight up by asking God to put that moment back into our lives the next day. When we hang on to that prayer, we then look for that moment as an answer to our prayers. The next step is then to attack it. We act differently than we previously did. We experience redemption and receive our dignity back. If we continue to live on accident we will continue to sin. We must not only do the good but desire to do the good.

Fr. Zach

EL ESCRITORIO DEL SACERDOTE

26 de Julio de 2026 Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Esta semana celebraremos la fiesta de San Ignacio de Loyola. La manera en que ocurrió su conversión le brindó muchas enseñanzas sobre la vida espiritual. La que ha sido más beneficiosa para mi propia salud espiritual es el énfasis en el Examen de Conciencia. Él utilizó este examen para discernir los espíritus y encontrar su camino hacia Dios. Pudo darse cuenta, en su estado de fragilidad y pecado, de que solo Dios podía satisfacerlo de manera duradera. Incluso siendo un pecador impenitente, solo el pensamiento de la justicia le dejaba una sensación de paz durante algún tiempo. Necesitamos seguir su ejemplo en esta antigua práctica cristiana. Necesitamos experimentar el conocimiento de que fuimos creados para Dios.

El Examen también puede ayudarnos a vivir de una manera más emocionante. Tendemos a «caer» en el pecado. Por lo general, no nos proponemos pecar, sino que terminamos pecando al alejarnos poco a poco de donde deberíamos estar. La oración examen hace que nuestra vida sea algo más que una simple serie de cosas ante las que reaccionamos. Cuando vemos que las maneras en que fallamos ayer serán las mismas en que fallaremos mañana, tenemos la oportunidad de vivir con propósito. Cuando examinamos nuestra conciencia al final del día y vemos cómo le fallamos a Dios, necesitamos dar el siguiente paso y pedirle a Dios que vuelva a poner ese momento en nuestra vida. Cuando nos aferramos a esa oración, entonces buscamos ese momento como una respuesta a nuestras oraciones. El siguiente paso es afrontarlo. Actuamos de manera diferente a como lo hicimos antes. Experimentamos la redención y recuperamos nuestra dignidad. Si seguimos viviendo por accidente, seguiremos pecando. No solo debemos hacer el bien, sino también desear hacer el bien.

Fr. Zach

PARISH INFORMATION

CATECHISTS WANTED: What better way to learn about the faith than to teach it. Our Religious Education Program and Youth Group Core Team have very good catechist guides. We are also blessed with many experienced catechists. Our classes start after Labor Day and run until Mothers Day. RE is Sunday morning between the morning Masses and Youth Group is Wed. evening after the 6 pm Mass. We can always could use extra help especially as assistants and substitutes. Safe Haven compliance does apply. Franciscan Online is a great resource for catechists and to assist in the certification process. If interested contact Susan at the parish office. Our Catechist Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 26 after evening Mass.

FOOD BANK: The commodity item for August is Peanut Butter. Our donation barrel is located in the alcove before you enter the church. Thank you for your generosity.

FALL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS—Sat., Sept. 19:

- Raffle Tickets on sale for only \$2 each for 3 chances to win \$500 cash. Consider taking some to sell to friends.
- Vendor / Display Forms available in Narthex
- Committee Sign Up Sheets available in Narthex
- Are you going on vacation? Consider bringing back an item or two for our International Silent Auction.
- Large & small prizes needed for the Games Prize Tent.
- Clean items are wanted. No electronics. Drop off on Wed. from 10 am -12 pm. Clothes on hangers accepted.

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Contact the Triple chairs if you are willing and able to assist: DJ Dalton 423-588-0150; Andrea Pletsch 423-823-7165; or Susan Collins 423-470-2560. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday each month. Next meeting is Aug. 10 at 6 pm.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

MINISTRIES DAY 2026: Registration now open for Ministry Day on Sat., Aug. 15 at All Saints Church, Knoxville. The day will be filled with talks, resources, and trainings for DREs, OCIA leaders, youth leaders, and anyone in ministry. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9 a.m. Ministries Day activities begin at 10:15 a.m. More info on www.dioknox.org

JOB OPENING: The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a Software Implementation Coordinator as the primary guide, partner, and champion for parishes transitioning to Ministry Platform. This role will build relationships, understand unique ministry goals, and guide parish staff through operational changes. The Software Implementation Coordinator will be a trusted advisor, helping ministries leverage technology to better shepherd their congregations and streamline daily operations. The role ensures delivery of a seamless experience for staff and users. This position is a 2–3-year contract position. Please visit the Diocese of Knoxville website at <https://dioknox.org/employment> for a full job description. Submit resumes to Maura Lentz, HR Director at mlentz@dioknox.org

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