

July 16 & 17, 2022 The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

<u>Week of July 16 & 17</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	For the health and wellbeing of Louise Noonan
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Sister Catherine Cesnik
Monday	6:30 pm	NO Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	NO Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	NO Mass
Thursday	****	
Friday	8:00 am	NO Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Week of July 23 & 24</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.



Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

Vermont Catholic Magazine: This weekend’s second collection, for the Vermont Catholic Magazine, helps St. Mary’s defray our share of the cost (\$684/yr) to produce this magazine Diocesan wide. This is a mandatory fee based on the number of parishioners in our parish. Free copies of the quarterly magazine are made available to the parish for those who are unable to pledge a minimum of \$25 to the Bishop’s Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Did you know that all of our diocesan schools and several parishes received a total of \$1million in grants from the diocese to address immediate capital needs. Many of these were immediate needs that had to be addressed to avoid additional damage and expense. To learn more or to make a gift visit: bishopsappealvt.org

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 18
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23
Mt 12:38-42

July 19
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Mt 12:46-50

July 20
Jer 1:1, 4-10
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17
Mt 13:1-9

July 21
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Ps 36:6-7AB, 8-9, 10-11
Mt 13:10-17

July 22
Sgs 3:1-4b
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

July 23
Jer 7:1-11
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11
Mt 13:24-30

July 24
Gn 18:20-32
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Marthacized Marys

I and other priests will often mention that one of the most humbling experiences we have is celebrating the sacrament of penance. People come and seek forgiveness for their sins, and the priest acts as the intermediary with God for them. At the same time, the priest cannot help but admire the people’s determination to live the faith to its fullest. What is humbling for us priest are the questions of how often and how well we pray every day. Priests have an obligation to pray for you, our people. Many priests will say, “I’m so busy. I say my daily office, the Liturgy of the Hours. That is required. But I have a hard time for much more.” Well, if a priest can give that excuse, how much more can a mother or father do with little children at home and, for at least one of them, a job to maintain to support the family?

And, yet, the Lord says in today’s Gospel, “Martha, you are busy about many things. Mary has chosen the better part.” Let’s take a little deeper look at that Gospel passage. We can understand Martha’s frustration. Jesus shows up with at least twelve disciples. They will all need to eat. The food is not going to prepare itself, and Mary is being no help. What we need to do is not separate the work of Martha and the prayers of Mary, but combine them. We should become Marthacized Marys.

If you can make a bit of a prayer schedule for yourself, do so, and keep it. If you can’t, then at least make the morning offering. When you wake up and wash up give God your day and ask Him to walk with you through all the developments of the day. When we walk alone in the world, we don’t do so well. But when we walk with the Lord, well, I, we, can do all things in Him who strengthens us. The morning offering helps us make the entire day a prayer.

But why? Why do we need to pray every day? We are dependent on God to give meaning and purpose to our lives. We recognize that the only real peace we have in our lives is the peace that comes from Him and flows back to Him, the Peace that only He can give. We need to pray because we need to adore Him. We need to pray because we need to thank Him for His many gifts. We need to pray because we always need to seek His Forgiveness. And we need to make our petitions to the Lord: prayers for our family, our marriages in your case, priesthood in my case, prayers for the sick we know. We need to pray for the struggles we have in our jobs and for the struggles our children have. We need to pray for those in our families who have left the nest and now must make their own way in the world. There is much for which we need to pray.

The Lord is one of us. He shares our human nature. He understands how we can get so tied up by the demands of the day. He also knows how much we need to spend time with Him. If we can find time to be alone in silent prayer, we should treasure this time. But if we can’t, we shouldn’t give up on daily prayer. After all, we don’t have to choose between being Marthas or Marys. We can be Marthacized Marys, people who pray through the events of our day.

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Denis Guillemette Funeral: Sadly Denis passed in March of this year while in Florida. His funeral will be held on Friday, July 22nd at 1 pm here at St. Mary’s. Father Micale will be celebrating the Mass.

Natural Family Planning: For more information contact Sharon Trani MSN; APRN /Nurse Practitioner-NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!

Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

Offertory Receipts for 7/9-7/10
FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,050

Last Week	= \$	1370.00
YTD Actual	= \$	3148.00
YTD Budget	= \$	2100.00
Over (Under)	= \$	1048.00

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